



Classic City Homestay

CAMBRIDGE

Homestay provides a warm and comfortable home for students during their stay in Cambridge and offers exposure to the English language, culture and way of life. EC's accommodation staff visit all homes before they are accepted to host students, and follow up with regular home visits to ensure the comfort and safety of our students.

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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DATES AVAILABLE

15 Jun - 17 Aug 2019

AGES

13 - 17 years

ARRIVAL DAY

Saturday

DEPARTURE DAY

Saturday

GENERAL ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTION

Living in a homestay in Cambridge is a wonderful experience. Students will have the unique opportunity to share the day to day life of the homestay providers, as well as the diversity of British culture. EC staff members are available at all times to help students adjust to life in a new environment, and to serve as a liaison between them and their homestay provider.

EC's homestay providers can be found in the Cherry Hinton, Arbury, Chesterton & New Chesterton areas of Cambridge.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- 20 lessons per week (15 hours)
 - Assistance and supervision from the EC Team
 - End of Course Certificate
 - Full board
 - Course materials
 - Max. 15 students per class
 - Supervised activity programme (per week):
 - 5 half-day activities
 - 5 evening activities
 - 1 full-day activities*
- *excluding departure week

MINIMUM COURSE DURATION

1 week

ACCOMMODATION

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

- All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make phone calls they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be found in many local stores.
- International Leaders accompanying groups are accommodated in twin rooms shared with another International Leader. If International Leaders request a single room, a single room supplement will be charged at the time of booking and reserved based on availability.
- Students will also be provided with access to living areas during acceptable hours.

ACCOMMODATION RULES

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy, including making their own bed every morning.
- Curfew times must be respected by all students. If students know they are coming home late, they should let their homestay provider know.
- Students should ask their homestay provider before using their kitchen.
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages to the homestay provider's property or possessions.
- Students must ask for the homestay providers permission before bringing any guests home.
- Students must make sure that they do not lose the house key (if they are given a key), and never lend it to anyone.
- Students must ask if they may use the telephone and pay immediately if they do for any calls they make.
- Smoking is NOT allowed at any time.

TYPE OF ROOM

Twin room with shared bathroom

CLEANING

Bedrooms and bathrooms will be cleaned once a week by the homestay provider.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities will be provided by the family once a week.

ROOMS INCLUDE

- Desk/table where students can do their homework (if not in the room, a place for studying will be provided in a common area)
- Storage space

LINEN/TOWELS

Bed linen is provided, but students should bring their own towels. Linen and towels will be cleaned once a week by the homestay provider.

MEALS

BOARD STATUS

Full board

BREAKFAST

Students receive a continental breakfast at their homestay.

LUNCH

Lunch is either delivered to School or provided in various outlets in Cambridge city centre. These may include British, Italian, French, Asian and American cuisine. Activity Leaders supervise all meals.

DINNER

A hot meal will be provided each evening at the homestay (e.g., pasta, chicken, beef, pork, pizza, or hamburgers).

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

Special dietary requirements may be accommodated subject to availability and a weekly fee.

- Vegetarian – will be provided at no supplement
- Halal - will be provided at no supplement
- Lactose intolerant & Vegan - will be provided at a supplement of £45 per week
- Celiac & Gluten free - will be provided at a supplement of £45 per week

EC must be informed of specific dietary requirements at the time of the booking. While EC endeavours to accommodate special requests such as Dietary requirements, this will have to be confirmed at booking stage by the accommodation department.

WIFI

Wifi is available at the homestay and the Learning Centre.

LEARNING CENTRE

EC Cambridge,
Gibson House,
57 - 61 Burleigh Street,
Cambridge

During the peak weeks (**Monday 8 July to Friday 26 July**) classes will also be held at:

EC Cambridge, Guildhall Chambers or an alternate site.

Course: Project Based learning

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours)

1 lesson = 45 minutes

- The course will help improve English Language skills by encouraging the students to work and communicate together toward completing a weekly Project, emphasis is placed on communication and developing life skills.
- Lessons are engaging and designed especially for young learners. Teachers aim to satisfy any interest, with a focus on communication to boost students' confidence when using English in practical situations.
- Our dedicated and professional teaching staff provide feedback and support, and help students build confidence to speak English.
- All lessons and activities work together. Each week covers a different theme and what's learnt in class is linked with activities outside of the classroom. That means learners get to use and practice their skills every single day.

Academic Timetable

Following the placement test Academic staff will place students in the relevant group for their ability. When the school is busy, EC will utilise a Double Banking timetable. Put simply, students attend morning sessions of classes one week; the next week they attend afternoon sessions.

Morning lesson timetable:

08:30-10:00 Lesson

10:00-10:15 Break

10:15-11:45 Lesson

Afternoon lesson timetable:

13:15-14:45 Lesson

14:45-15:00 Break

15:00-16:30 Lesson

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE

15 students

ATTENDANCE

All students must attend school and activities on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example). In the case of a student falling ill, an EC member of staff will accompany the student to a doctor or A&E.

FIRST DAY

On the first day, all students will take a placement test, allowing academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability. In the afternoon, students will be given an Orientation tour.

Students will receive a Welcome Pack, containing general information about their programme. This will be given to students at their homestay.

EC Cambridge Homestay Programme - Sunday:

09:45 Arrival at the learning centre

10:00-10:15 Welcome talk

10:15-11:45 Testing

11:45-13:00 Lunch break (packed lunch provided by your host family)

13:00-15:00 City orientation

15:00 Spend the rest of your day with your host family

Any student unable to attend their first day on Sunday should arrive at the learning centre on Monday by 08:30.

- 08:45-09:00 Welcome talk
- 09:00-10:30 Placement test
- 10:45-12:15 Lessons
- 14:30 Orientation tour
- 19:30 Join fellow students for film night

SUPERVISION

Please note that there will be times during the programme when the students won't be supervised.

TRANSFER DETAILS

Airport transfers are compulsory unless students are accompanied by a guardian.

TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

Heathrow: approx 1.5 hours

Stansted: approx 45 mins

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Students will be given a notepad, a folder and pens as part of their Welcome Pack.

Please view the programme for each week [here](#)

SAMPLE PROGRAMME

	Morning		Afternoon		Evening
S	Arrivals				
S	Welcome Talk & Placement Test		Orientation Tour		Free evening with host family
M	Themed Lessons	🌀	Punting on River Cam		Film Night
T	Themed Lessons	🌀	Football/Ultimate Frisbee/Cricket/Arts and Crafts		Treasure Hunt
W	Themed Lessons	🌀	Bowling		Talent Show
T	Themed Lessons	🌀	King's College Visit		Free evening with host family
F	Themed Lessons & Project Work		EC Mini Olympics		EC Neon Themed Disco Night
S	Full Day Trip to London				

Please note: This is a sample programme and changes may occur.

PREMIUM PROGRAMMES:



EC's unique set of Premium Programmes are designed to help you build your language skills while increasing and enhancing your capabilities in other areas. These programmes allow you to enjoy an even more personalised experience while setting you on a path to academic and professional success. To view the relevant programme calendar, please click the corresponding link below:

[Exam Preparation](#)

GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

- Students travel to school by public bus and they will be shown the way to school by their homestay provider.
- Our families are situated within reach of the school by bus.
- A weekly bus pass costs up to £25 per week and can be purchased on the bus (price is subject to change).
- The average travel time to school by bus is 45 minutes, but this varies depending on the location of the homestay.

MEDICAL

Optional Student Insurance is now being offered in all destinations.

At the time of booking, EC must be advised of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be taken by students. EC will endeavour to find a homestay provider that can accept students with medical conditions. However, if we are not advised of this in advance, EC cannot take responsibility if the homestay provider refuses to accept the student in their home.

European students travelling with a European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to free public healthcare. All other students are required to pay approximately £60 to see a doctor, which students must pay at the time of their visit.

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes. The insurance must be acquired prior to their arrival.

WELFARE, RULES AND DISCIPLINARY ACTION

DRUGS

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student and the possible intervention of the police.

EXPULSION

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the following reasons:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- Drinking or bringing alcohol on to any EC premises
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is a danger to his/her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking English law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons and/or social activities

In any of the above circumstances, the student is informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously, EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked at the student's expense and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action, EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme with EC, we ask that they inform us immediately. Most problems are small and can be quickly resolved by our staff members. During the first week of school, all students are given an initial Course Evaluation form, in which they are asked to evaluate various aspects of their stay. The form also allows students to bring to our attention anything that is not to their satisfaction should they feel unable to speak to us directly. Solutions to any issues will be provided and all necessary parties will be notified when applicable. Students are also requested to complete an online End of Course Evaluation form at the end of their stay so that they have the opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home countries.

CURFEW TIMES

- Ages 13-15: 10pm
- Ages 16-17: 11pm

SMOKING

Smoking is NOT allowed at any time during the programme.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Any EC student on the Young Learners Programme caught consuming alcohol during their stay will be expelled from the school and repatriated to their home country. No alcohol consumption is permitted during the programme regardless of age.

Course Certificate

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate. Students will receive their certificate on the last day of school.

Discipline

In order to manage student behaviour, EC staff may issue a formal warning, notify parents, ban students from an activity or withhold the End of Course Certificate, if the student misbehaves.

Damages

Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused to school property or the host family house. The Payment for damages must be effected immediately.

Note

EC may, from time to time, make an exception and allow students outside the stated age range to participate in one or more of the Young Learner programmes. For more information, please speak with your EC contact.

With advance notice EC can accommodate special requests (e.g., non-smoking family, no pets, allergies, special dietary requirements, etc.) Students should bear in mind that this may not always be possible.

Valid reasons must accompany a request for a homestay provider change, and each request is considered on its own merits. Such changes are also subject to availability. Students must pay for all costs incurred, including transport, additional accommodation charges and cancellation fees (where applicable). The additional charges must be paid in full prior to the move. EC is happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation changes.