



# EC Montreal: Homestay

## DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMMODATION

Staying with a local family is both exciting and rewarding. Host families provide the best insight into how Canadian families live their day to day lives. This interaction with a family will help you communicate better, faster and allow you to pick up words and nuances used in daily situations. There is no typical homestay in Montréal. Some homes are single standing homes; others can be apartments, townhouses or multifamily homes. Montréal is a very multi-cultural city and a lot of people are originally from different countries, so families may have different backgrounds. Living with a family in Montréal will give you a great view of all the different cultures and ethnicities that Montréal has to offer.

In Montréal you can also choose between an English speaking, a French speaking or a bi-lingual host since Montréal is the biggest bi-lingual city in the world!

Choose between a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, and a closet. It is important that rooms and living areas are kept neat and tidy. You will also have access to a shared bathroom. Private bathrooms are also an option, upon request and availability.

Bed linen and towels are provided by the host family. The host family will be happy to launder the sheets and towels once a week. You are responsible for doing your own personal laundry. It is very common for families to have a designated laundry day; Internet access is available upon request and telephone access is restricted depending on the host family.

## DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL AREA

Montréal is an extremely diverse, multi-cultural, and lively city. You'll find an abundance of vibrant nightlife, stunning architecture, great museums, galleries & theatre, wonderful vintage stores, luxury shops and everything in between.

## ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES

- Bed linen provided
- Laundry Facilities

## TYPE OF ROOMS

Single/ Twin

## BOARD STATUS

Half board - Breakfast & Dinner included

## PHONE NUMBER

+1 (0) 514 939 9911

## ACCOMMODATION ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAY

Arrival/ Departure: Saturday

## AVAILABLE

Year round

## **JOURNEY TO SCHOOL**

Montréal is a very large city, with a very simple and efficient transit system. Our homestays all live within 60 minutes travel time to EC Montréal, with an average of 35 – 45 minutes. All of our homestays are close to a bus or subway station. It is very common in Montréal to take a few different modes of transportation to get to your destination (such as a bus and subway). Our homestay hosts are happy to assist the students to the school on their first few days in Montréal, to ensure a simple commute.

EC Montréal is located at 1610 St Catherine Street West. The closest subway station is Guy -Concordia Station on the green subway line.

Single fare = \$3.00 ; 2 trips= \$5.50

## **MEAL DESCRIPTION**

Breakfast and dinner are provided daily by the homestay host, who will be happy to prepare both meals. Lunch is not included in the adult homestay programme. The host will provide room in the fridge and pantry to store any food that students may purchase.

Host families make an effort to adjust the type of food offered to the tastes of the students and take religious beliefs into consideration when preparing meals. Vegetarians or people with food allergies should specify their eating options upon booking so this can be shared with families prior to arrival.

Breakfast varies from family to family. It is typical for Canadians to have a quick, on-the-go breakfast such as toast and a coffee. Hosts are encouraged to offer students whatever the family typically eats. Students will eat whatever the family eats and help set the table or clear up after dinner. Students are encouraged to participate in family activities or outings.

Dinner time is usually around 7:30pm, but families will inform the student of the time when they eat. Not all families will sit down and have dinner together every night. It is important that the student informs the host family beforehand should they be late or not having dinner. If a student misses dinner, they cannot take it for lunch the next day, since lunch is not included in the homestay program.