



HOMESTAY

A homestay is the ideal solution for rapid progress in French while immersing themselves in the lifestyle to the French!

CHARTER OF QUALITY FOR HOST FAMILIES

France Langue recommends all students to stay in a host family in France for a more authentic experience.

Staying in a host family means living in a furnished room, for a short or long-stay. You can also book additional services on top of your accommodation (vary on the city): Transfer, meals, visits, linguistic exchanges. You will be welcome by a French family. This type of accommodation requires both the family and the student to follow specific rules.

Choosing to stay in a host family means:

- *Speaking French outside the classroom*
- *Discovering the cultural heritage of France by immersing yourself in the French way of life*
- *Sharing and accepting the rules of living together with a French family*
- *Minimize your travel expenses*

I- Profile of our families

Our host families are carefully selected according to the specific requirements listed below:

✓ **Essential qualities:**

- Open minded
- Welcoming
- Willing to help and support the students
- Clean and tidy
- Proactive with suggestions to improve our accommodation service and how we welcome our students

✓ **Motivation of the host families:**

- Discover new cultures and share their experience
- Be supervised and helped by the accommodation team at the school
- Be a part of the France Langue families' community
- Get an extra income

✓ **Location:**

- 35 to 40 minutes maximum from the school by public transportation and close to a subway station.

✓ **Type of accommodation:**

- We don't have any specific requirement regarding the place. It can be an apartment, a house, a loft or even a studio, especially for students willing to be more independent.

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2- Recruitment of our families:

When a family meets all the requirements listed above and wants to join our community, we contact them to schedule a visit.

This meeting allows our team to check how the family will welcome our students and identify the motivations of the hosts.

A complete check-list is completed during the visit with a description of the family members and a presentation of the place and the room available for the students, this document will be given to all students booking a room with a host family.

All our host families sign a partnership agreement that states the rules that needs to be followed by the host and the school. This agreement is valid for 1 year and will be renewed automatically at the anniversary date.

We organize a visit to our host families at least once every 2 years.

With more than 35 years hosting language students in France, we are one of the biggest placement agencies in France.

3- What we expect from our host families?

The family

Welcome	Authentic experience	Assistance
<p>Whether it is a single-parent, a remarried, or a traditional family, all our hosts will provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere.</p> <p>The family will make sure to be there when the student arrives; or will at least ask someone to let the student in to drop his/her luggage on arrival until the family members arrive.</p> <p>The family will inform the student of the rules of conduct in the house and the mutual commitments.</p>	<p>The family will speak in French with the student every day, mostly during the meals.</p> <p>The family will be enthusiastic about discovering new cultures and sharing experiences with the students. None of our families will discriminate against certain cultures.</p> <p>The family will enjoy sharing good tips about its neighborhood, its city and its region.</p>	<p>The family will provide information about the daily life (transportation, useful addresses, cultural events etc.).</p> <p>The family will help the student in case there is a problem and will give him/her the numbers to call in case of an emergency.</p>



The room

Furniture	Condition	Sanitary
<p>The room is at least 10 square meters.</p> <p>The room is comfortable et furnished with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A bed - A bedside table - A desk - A storage place <p>The bed is made of a bed frame and a mattress; 90 x 190 cm for a twin bed and 120 x 190 cm for a double bed.</p> <p>Sofa beds are accepted and clearly mentioned on the description when they are offering at least the same space as a normal bed.</p> <p>The room has WI-FI.</p>	<p>The room is comfortable.</p> <p>Bed linen: the cover, the pillows are in perfect conditions.</p> <p>Bed sheets are provided and changed each time a new student arrives, and then once a week.</p> <p>The family cleans the room once a week.</p>	<p>The bathroom is shared with the family, or private if requested (standard vs superior room).</p> <p>The bathroom has at least a sink, a bathtub or a shower.</p> <p>Towels are provided and changed each time a new student arrives, and then once a week.</p> <p>The family cleans the sanitary, the bathroom and the toilets are kept clean.</p>

The meals

Varied diet	Quality products	Conviviality
<p>The typical French breakfast is made of a tea, coffee or hot chocolate, milk, fresh bread, butter and jam.</p> <p>Diner is made of a starter, a main course and a desert.</p>	<p>The products are fresh.</p> <p>The family prepares traditional French cuisine.</p>	<p>Dinner is taken with the family and is the best occasion to share a privileged moment together.</p>

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OUR DIFFERENT OPTIONS :

Options	Description
Room only	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 weeks minimum. - Meals are not included - The family provides the student with specific spaces to store his supplies (refrigerator and cupboard). - The student has access to the kitchen to warm a dish (at French meal times).
Bed and Breakfast	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French breakfast including at least: tea, coffee or chocolate, milk, fresh bread, butter and jams. - For dinner, the student has access to the kitchen between 6:30 pm and 8:30 pm to warm a dish.
Half Board - 3 or 5 dinners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French breakfast every morning including at least: tea, coffee or chocolate, milk, fresh bread, butter and jams. - 3 or 5 dinners to be arranged with the family generally including an entrée, a dish and a dessert.
Half Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - French breakfast including at least: tea, coffee or chocolate, milk, fresh bread, butter and jams. - Dinners with family each evening usually including a starter, a main course and a dessert.

Arrivals are ideally on Sundays between 6pm and 8pm, departures are on Saturdays.

For any arrival before 3pm, a fee of 30 € will be charged. In all cases, the student must inform as soon as possible the family or the accommodation service of his arrival time.

Special requests:

- Private bathroom: availability not guaranteed on the high season (July and the Christmas period from 23/12 to 06/01). Please, contact us.
- Extra charge:
 - During the period from 23/12 to 06/01: on all formulas
 - School proximity: the student will be placed at maximum 20 minutes by public transportation
 - Special diets: please contact us for more details.

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