



EC San Francisco: Homestay

DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL AREA

San Francisco is a vibrant and diverse city of 800,000 inhabitants. People of many different ethnicities live in the Bay Area, and our host families reflect this diversity. Host families can include single people, couples, single-parent families, and families with multiple generations living in one home. Many of our host families are of Filipino descent, and their family-oriented culture means that they treat the students they host as part of their own family. All host families are English speaking and are eager to share the diversity of San Francisco with international visitors.

Host families can be located in the residential neighborhoods in the southwestern part of San Francisco, but most are located in the adjacent towns of Daly City, South San Francisco, and Pacifica. Some of the San Francisco neighborhoods where host families live include: Glen Park, Mission Terrace, Excelsior, Bernal Heights, Portola, the Outer Mission, the Outer Richmond, and the Outer Sunset.

ACCOMMODATION ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAY

- **Arrival Day:** Saturday
- **Departure Day:** Saturday

BOARD STATUS

Half Board (Breakfast and Evening meal)

TYPE OF ROOMS

Single / Twin

SCHOOL

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EMERGENCY NUMBER

+1 (0) 415 734 8040

AVAILABLE

Throughout the year

ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES

- Phone
- Bed linen provided
- Internet access available
- Telephone access is restricted to incoming calls only



DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMMODATION

Staying with a local family is a great way to immerse oneself into American culture. This interaction with a family helps students communicate and practice their English in a more relaxed environment whilst also exposing themselves to new experiences - be it lifestyle, local food or simple day to day routines.

Most homes are single family or 2 family homes. The latter is usually two floors with one home on one floor and one on the other. Students are placed in a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, dresser and closet. Some rooms have TVs and other amenities. It is important that rooms and living areas are kept neat and tidy. Students also have access to a shared bathroom.

Bed linen and towels are provided by the host family. Some San Francisco families do not have a washing machine in their home and use the services of a laundromat – this information will be included in the host family profile. In cases where families have a washing machine, students can use the laundry facilities although the number of washes per week remains at the discretion of each family.

NOTES

- No smoking is permitted
- Families might have pets
- Students might be given a house key though alternative arrangements might be sought

JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

The typical commute from a homestay to school is 45 - 60 minutes by public transportation. San Francisco's transport system is run by MUNI, which operates in San Francisco only, and BART, which is regional. If students are staying in South San Francisco, Daly City, or Pacifica they will need to pay regular BART fares as well as fares for other local buses. There isn't a monthly BART pass available for outside San Francisco. Students should expect to pay between \$60-\$200/month for public transit (price depends on where host family is located; students may or may not qualify for the monthly discounted transit pass). In many host family locations, public transportation may not be available after 8 or 9 pm.

