



# EC Vancouver: Homestay

## DESCRIPTION OF ACCOMMODATION

Students choose Homestay for a first-hand experience of Canadian culture, where they can practise their English language skills in a comfortable and natural environment. All homestays are different and unique, some Canadians live in apartments or condos and others live in the suburbs in family homes. Some homestay providers are single and live alone, others are married couples or large families

Students are responsible for their own laundry and laundry supplies such as detergent etc. However, homestays are required to give students access to the laundry facilities and show them how to use the machines. Hosts must provide and wash students' towels and linens.

Students studying in EC Vancouver have the option of choosing a single room or a twin room. Each room has a bed (with linen and towels provided by the host family), a desk, a lamp and a cupboard. All rooms must also have a window at eye level.

Students have the option of using a shared bathroom or a private bathroom. Students who opt for a shared bathroom usually share the bathroom either with one other student or with the rest of the homestay members. Students who pay for a private bathroom are guaranteed the sole use of a private bathroom within the homestay however it is not guaranteed that the bathroom is ensuite. It is the responsibility of the homestay host to clean the bathroom once per week. All bathrooms must be equipped with a toilet, sink and shower/bath.

## ACCOMMODATION INCLUDES

Bed linen provided  
Free Wifi facilities

## EMERGENCY NUMBER

+1 (0) 604 773 0488

## PHONE NUMBER

+1 (0) 604 683 1199

## TYPE OF ROOMS

Single or Twin room, shared or private bathroom

## CANCELLATION PRIOR TO ARRIVAL

Cancelling accommodation on a short-notice or less than 14 days prior to arrival, will carry cancellation fees in accordance to EC Terms and Conditions.

Students must provide written notification a minimum of 4 full weeks in advance in order to qualify for a refund of unused accommodation fees.

## BOARD STATUS

Half Board (breakfast & dinner)

## AVAILABLE

Year round

## JOURNEY TO SCHOOL

All our homestays live within 60 minutes from EC Vancouver, which is conveniently located in downtown Vancouver. The nearest subway station is Granville Station. It is common for students to travel between 40-50 minutes from their homestay to school using different modes of transport such as the bus or the Skytrain (Vancouver's train system). Hosts are expected to show students how to get to and from their house on their first day. We also encourage hosts to provide their students with a map from their house to the school with the following listed: Homestay address; telephone number; Closest main intersection to the home; The number of the bus or train that they must take. For students staying 4 weeks, we recommend the monthly ticket (which gives students access to all bus/skytrain routes and is unlimited).

## AIRPORT PICK-UP

Students who request airport pick up are advised to wait for their transfer in the arrivals hall at YVR airport Vancouver. Before arrival, they are given our 24 hours emergency mobile number and also the number of the transfer service we use. If students have missed their flights or connecting flights are delayed, they must ring either number and notify us so we can contact the transfer service. We always advise the family when their students have paid for this service. In case of non-calling it might end up in a transfer cancellation.

## NOTES

- Homestay families are generally aware of any allergies that students may have, such as pet allergies, food allergies, or any special dietary requirements. It is the student's responsibility to remind the hosts about it on their first day.
- If students request a homestay without pets then EC Vancouver will not place that student in a family that has pets.
- Homestay families are encouraged to give students keys to their home and to also show students how to use any alarm systems they may have.

## MEAL DESCRIPTION

Breakfast and dinner are provided daily, according to your booking. Lunch is not included.

The host will provide room in the fridge and pantry to store any food that students may purchase.

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 and students are encouraged to self-serve for breakfast.

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 6:30 pm, 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 programme.

## DESCRIPTION OF LOCAL AREA

Vancouver is a beautiful and vibrant city on the West coast of Canada with stunning beaches, large parks and surrounded by large mountains. Vancouver is a very diverse and multi-cultural city with many different neighbourhoods such as Downtown, Gastown, Chinatown and Granville Island, to name a few.

## ACCOMMODATION ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE DAY

Arrival/Departure is booked Saturday to Saturday.

Room check-out: 11:00 am

Courses start every Monday with the exception of bank holidays.