# **Homestay**



## MONTRFAL

Homestay provides students with the opportunity to use English or French in real life situations. Students get a first hand experience of the way Canadians live. Our largest concentration of English/French homestays are in LaSalle, Notre-Dame-de Grace, Rosemont and Ville St-Laurent. In Canada it's normal that homestay providers go to work during the day. Classic Homestay students are responsible for getting to school and returning to their homestay by themselves, using the travel pass provided.





#### **MINIMUM COURSE DURATION**

1 week

#### WHAT'S INCLUDED

- General English / General French / Both English and French course\*
- Course materials
- End of course certificate
- Full board accommodation
- Supervised activity programme (per week):
  - 5 half-day activities and 1 evening activity
  - 1 full-day excursion (for students staying 2 weeks minimum)
- Return airport transfers
- Travel pass (public transport to and from school and activities)
- Medical insurance
- International classes
- \*At the time of booking, students should specify their language option; English, French, or a combination of both.

## TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

**Pierre Elliott Trudeau Airport:** Approx. 20 min

#### **DATES AVAILABLE**

25 June - 13 August 2016

## **AGES**

12 - 17 years

#### **EMERGENCY NUMBERS**

001 514 947 1030

## GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

- Journey to school/city centre approx 35 min by public transport
- The homestay provider is responsible for showing the student how to get to school on the first day.

#### **DEPARTURE DAY**

Saturday

#### **ARRIVAL DAY**

Saturday

## **Accommodation**

#### **BOARD STATUS**

Full board (Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner)

#### **MEDICAL**

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be administered to students.

Medical insurance is included for students on our young learner programmes in Canada. We have created a special insurance policy with trusted insurance provider *guard.me* to ensure that students are covered while studying abroad, and for parents to feel confident that their children are protected and secure. This insurance will cover students for accidents and emergency illness up to a maximum of \$2,000,000 CDN.This policy covers students without excesses or co-insurance.

It is extremely important that upon booking, a contact email address is provided. Within 24 hours the student will receive confirmation of the policy and within 48 hours a card will arrive via email. This should be printed out and carried with the student as proof of insurance protection. A mobile phone app is also available for students to have easy access to their policy at all times. For further details plus Terms and Conditions, please visit: www.guard.me

The average costs of doctor's fees in Montreal are \$60 for a visit to the clinic and \$200 for the hospital.

## LINEN/TOWELS

Linen and towels are provided by the homestay provider and are cleaned weekly

#### **TYPE OF ROOM**

Single room

#### **BATHROOMS**

Shared bathroom

## WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to receive calls. If students would like to make international phone calls they will be asked to purchase a calling card

#### WIFI

WiFi is available at the homestay.

#### **LAUNDRY**

Laundry facilities are available to the student at their homestay. Some families prefer to do the laundry for the student themselves.

#### **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





## Meals

#### **BREAKFAST**

Juice and/or milk, fruit, cereal and/or muffins, toast/bagels

#### LUNCH

Sandwich (e.g sliced turkey, cheese, tomato and lettuce), fruit and vegetables (e.g. apple, orange, banana, carrot and celery sticks), juice box, snacks (e.g. pretzels, nuts, crackers)

#### **DINNER**

Pasta, salad, bread and cheese, dessert and/or fruit (optional) Or

Roast chicken and potatoes, cooked vegetables, dessert and/or fruit (optional)

### **DIETARY REQUIREMENTS**

If students have specific diet requirements (e.g. Gluten free / vegetarian / Halal), EC must be informed of this prior to the student's arrival.

*Please note:* For gluten-free meals a supplement may apply.

#### **MEALS**

Hosts serve three meals daily: breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner. They include the four basic food groups: protein (meat, fish), carbohydrates (bread, pasta, rice), dairy products (milk, cheese, eggs). fruit and vegetables











#### **MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE**

15 students

## **Learning Centre**

#### Address:

Dawson College 4001 de Maisonneuve Blvd. W. Montreal

#### **Course Options:**

- General English

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours)

1 lesson = 45 minutes

#### - General French

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours)

1 lesson = 45 minutes

## - Bilingual Experience

Students on this programme may also choose from the following bilingual options:

- 1. General English + French-speaking homestay
- 2. General French + English-speaking homestay
- 3. General English and General French courses (students take the first few weeks studying one language and the following weeks another) + a bilingual homestay

#### **About courses:**

- Classes begin on the second day.
- 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/French in practical situations. Regular tests and conversation classes help to ensure that students improve their language skills as much as possible.
- The course will help improve English/French language skills by focusing on the key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening. A strong focus is placed on speech and using the language confidently and fluently.
- Our dedicated and professional teaching staff will provide feedback and support and help students build confidence to speak English or French.
- Lessons are always held in the morning
- Free Wi-Fi is available. Wireless internet is password protected.

#### **Academic Rules**

- Attendance in class is required. If students are sick they must notify the school immediately
- Punctuality is required
- All classes begin promptly at 9am
- English or French are the only languages spoken at school and in the classes
- Students must respect their fellow students' cultural and ethnic background. Intolerance, harassment or discrimination is not tolerated
- Food and drink is not permitted in the classroom or in the computer room
- Students will be required to pay for any damages

#### **EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS**

Educational materials are provided. Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.

### **FIRST DAY**

On the first day, students go to EC Montreal Adult school (1610 St. Catherine Street West, Suite 401) at 8:15am for testing and the first day information session. After evaluation, registration and orientation, students will be taken on a tour of the Classic Montreal Campus. Students begin their activities on the first day. The next day, students go directly to the campus.

Students are to bring their passport and their airline ticket to school on the first day.

#### **SAMPLE PROGRAMME**

|           | Morning  | Afternoon               | Evening                 |
|-----------|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Saturday  | Arrivals   |                         |                         |
| Sunday    | Free day to discover Montreal                          |                         |                         |
| Monday    | Placement Test & Lessons                               | City Tour               | Free Evening            |
| Tuesday   | Lessons  | Grevin Wax Museum       | Free Evening            |
| Wednesda  | Lessons  | Dance Class             | Old Montreal            |
| Thursday  | Lessons  | Kickboxing              | Free Evening            |
| Friday    | Lessons  | Ice Skating             | Free Evening            |
| Saturday  | Amusement Park   |                         |                         |
| Sunday    | Free Day   |                         |                         |
| Monday    | Lessons  | Mount Royal Hike        | Free Evening            |
| Tuesday   | Lessons  | Blodome                 | Free Evening            |
| Wednesday | y Lessons  | Contemporary Art Museum | Shakespeare in the Park |
| Thursday  | Lessons  | Bowling                 | Free Evening            |
| Friday    | Lessons  | Laser Quest             | Free Evening            |
| Satuday   | Departures / Quebec city for students staying 3+ weeks |                         |                         |

#### **ADDITIONAL DISCLAIMERS**

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
- Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up.
- Lessons take place in the morning
- Please note: Students are directly supervised by EC staff at the residence, during activities and at school. At other times assistance is always readily available from staff on site and via the emergency number.

#### **POCKET MONEY: SUGGESTED SPENDING MONEY/COST OF LIVING**

EC does not provide a pocket money service. Parents should ensure their children have sufficient pocket money for the duration of their stay. EC Montreal recommends an average budget of CAD 100 per week. Should students require more pocket money during their stay, parents are asked to transfer funds through an international transfer service.

#### **ATTENDANCE**

All students must attend classes on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example).

## Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

#### **CURFEW TIMES**

- Standard curfew time is 10pm on weeknights
- Standard curfew time is 11pm on weekends

#### **ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION**

The legal drinking age in Quebec is 18 years. It is illegal for all students attending this course to consume alcohol, have someone buy alcohol on their behalf or visit bars/clubs.

#### **DRUGS**

Using drugs, being under the influence of drugs or possessing drugs is illegal. Under no circumstances should students use, possess or be under the influence of drugs.

#### **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, such as tuition, accommodation and leisure. The form also allows students the opportunity 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 End of Course Evaluation form at the end of their stay such that they have the opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.



#### **Course Certificate**

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate.

#### False ID

Being in possession of false identification is fraud and illegal in Canada.

#### **Parent's Permission**

Parents/guardians must sign the Young Student Waiver giving emergency details, and their consent and permission for their child to receive medical treatment and attend activities.

#### **Extra Nights**

Extra nights may be available at an additional fee, all requests are subject to availability.

#### **Visa Requirements**

Students are asked to check with the Canadian embassy whether they require a visa to enter Canada before they submit their application. Further details will be provided on request.

#### **SMOKING**

The legal age to buy tobacco is 18 years. It is illegal to buy tobacco or have someone buy tobacco on the student's behalf if they are under the legal smoking age.

#### **ACCOMMODATION RULES**

- The student must call their homestay by 4:30pm if they are going to be late for dinner or if they are not going to join their homestay for dinner
- No overnight guests
- A phone card must be used for all long distance phonecalls
- Students should lock the door when leaving the homestay
- Students must keep their room clean and tidy at all times
- Students must advise their homestay hosts of where they are going and at what time they will be home
- Homestay hosts set times for students to be home during the week and weekends. Students must obey and respect these times

#### Activity Rules

Attendance to all pre-paid and afternoon activities is mandatory. Punctuality for all activities is also mandatory. If you are late for an activity that is time dependent, the activity will continue as scheduled. No refund will be issued for missed activities. English and French are the only languages spoken on all activities. Students are to respect their activity leaders, fellow students and their surroundings. Students will be taken outside the Learning Centre for their activity, therefore, it is essential that the students stay with the group at all times and follow all activity instructions carefully. Supervision is provided during all activities.

 After all afternoon activities, EC Leaders return the students to EC Montreal's Adult Centre. Students have approximately 1-2 hours to use the internet and email in the EC Montreal Student Resource Centre following afternoon activities. Alternatively they can explore the city with their friends.



#### **EXPULSION**

Failure to follow any of the above rules will result in immediate expulsion from the programme with no refund. Students' parents will be notified immediately and the student will be sent home at their own expense. Depending on the severity of the situation, breaking any of the above rules may result in a monetary fine, arrest, jail sentence or deportation by the Canadian police.

