



Homestay

Homestay provides a warm and comfortable home for students during their stay in Cambridge and offers exposure to the English language, culture and way of life. EC's accommodation staff visit all homes before they are accepted to host students and then follow up with regular home visits to ensure the comfort and safety of our students.

GENERAL ACCOMMODATION DESCRIPTION

Living in a homestay in Cambridge is a new and wonderful experience. Students will have the unique opportunity to share the day to day life of the homestay providers as well as all the diversity of British culture. EC staff members are available at all times to help students adjust to life in a new environment, and to serve as a liaison between them and their homestay provider.

EC's homestay providers can be found in the Cherry Hinton, Arbury, Chesterton & New Chesterton areas of Cambridge.

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- General English course - 20 lessons per week (1 lesson = 45 minutes)
- International classes
- End of course certificate
- Full board accommodation
- Supervised activity programme (per week):
 - 5 half-day activities and 4 evening activities
 - 1 full-day excursion (for students staying 2 weeks minimum)
- Welcome pack

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

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DATES AVAILABLE

18 June - 20 August, 2016

AGES

13 - 17 years

ARRIVAL DAY

Saturday

DEPARTURE DAY

Saturday

MINIMUM COURSE DURATION

1 week

Accommodation

TYPE OF ROOM

Twin room - students are placed in a twin room with other students of the same gender but different nationality.

BATHROOMS

Shared bathroom

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

LINEN/TOWELS

Bed linen is provided, but students should bring their own towels. Linen and towels will be cleaned once a week by the homestay provider.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities will be provided by the family once a week.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE ACCOMMODATION

- All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make phone calls they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be found in many local stores.
- International Leaders accompanying groups are accommodated in twin rooms shared with another International Leader. If International Leaders request a single room, a single room supplement will be charged at the time of booking and reserved based on availability.
- Students will also be provided with access to living areas during acceptable hours

With advance notice EC can accommodate special requests. E.g. non-smoking family, no pets, allergies, special dietary requirements etc. Students should bear in mind that this may not always be possible.

Valid reasons must accompany a request for a homestay provider change, and each request is considered on its own merits. Such changes are also subject to availability. Students must pay for all costs incurred including transport, additional accommodation charges and cancellation fees (where applicable). The additional charges must be paid in full prior to the move. EC is happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation changes.

Meals

BOARD STATUS

Full board

BREAKFAST

Students receive a continental breakfast at their host family.

LUNCH

Lunch is provided in various outlets in the city centre. These may include restaurants such as British, Italian, Chinese and American, offering a variety of cuisines. Social Leaders will accompany students to pre-arranged restaurants each day. Packed lunches will be provided by the students' homestay provider at the weekend.

DINNER

A hot meal will be provided each evening at the Homestay. E.g. Pasta, chicken, beef, pork, pizza, or hamburgers.

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.

SUPERVISION

Please note that there will be times during the programme when the students won't be supervised.

MEDICAL

At the time of booking EC must be advised of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be taken by students. EC will endeavour to find a homestay provider that can accept students with medical conditions. However if we are not advised of this in advance, EC cannot take responsibility if the homestay provider refuses to accept the student in their home.

European students travelling with an European Health Insurance Card (EHIC) are entitled to free public healthcare. All other students are required to pay approximately £60 to see a doctor, which students must pay at the time of their visit.

Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes which must be acquired prior to their arrival.

Learning Centre

Gibson House
57-61 Burleigh Street
Cambridge
CB1 1DJ

COURSE: GENERAL ENGLISH

20 lessons per week (a total of 15 hours)

1 lesson = 45 minutes

- The course will help improve English 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.
- 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 in practical situations. Regular tests and conversation classes help to ensure that students improve their English as much as possible.
- Our dedicated and professional teaching staff provide feedback and support and help students build confidence to speak English.
- If the school is busy, EC will utilise a Double Banking timetable. Put simply, students attend morning class sessions one week, whilst the next week they attend afternoon sessions.

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE

15 students

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.

FIRST DAY

On the first day, all students sit for a placement test, allowing academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability. In the afternoon students will be given an Orientation tour.

Students will receive a Welcome Pack, containing general information about their programme. This will be given to students at their homestay.

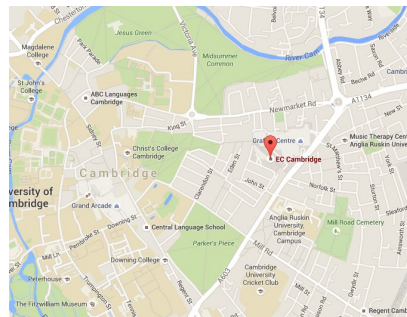
Any student unable to attend their first day on Sunday should arrive at the learning centre on Monday by 08:30.

- 08:45-09:00 Welcome talk
- 09:00-10:30 Placement test
- 10:45-12:15 Lessons
- 14:30 Orientation tour
- 19:30 Join fellow students for film night

Please view a **3 week sample programme** [here](#).

WIFI

Wifi is available at the learning centre.



ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Any EC student on the Junior Programme caught consuming alcohol during their stay will be expelled from the school and repatriated to their home country. No alcohol consumption is permitted during the programme regardless of age.

DRUGS

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student and the possible intervention of the police.

SMOKING

Smoking is NOT allowed at any time during the programme.

CUSTOMER COMPLAINTS

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is dissatisfied 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 sent an Initial on-line 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 on-line 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. Students will receive their certificate on the last day of school.

DISCIPLINE

In order to manage student behaviour, EC staff may issue a formal warning, notify parents, ban students from an activity or withhold the End of course certificate, if the student misbehaves.

DAMAGES

Students are liable for any damages/breakages caused to school property. Payment for damages must be effected immediately and the residence staff will not allow the students to leave the residence unless payment has been made. A damage deposit form must be completed on the first day of school. If students do not have a credit/debit card of their own, it is important that they bring details of a relative's/friend's credit/debit card, with a letter of authority to use this card.

CURFEW TIMES

- Ages 13-15: 10pm
- Ages 16-17: 11pm

ACCOMMODATION RULES

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy, including making their own bed every morning
- Curfew times must be respected by all students - if students know they are coming home late they should let their homestay provider know
- Students should ask their homestay provider before using their kitchen
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages to the homestay provider's property or possessions
- Students must ask for the family's permission before bringing any guests home
- Students must make sure that they do not lose the house key (if they are given a key), and never lend it to anyone
- Students must ask if they may use the telephone and pay immediately if they do, for any calls they make
- Smoking is NOT allowed at any time

EXPULSION

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the following reasons:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- Drinking or bringing alcohol on to any EC premises
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is a danger to his/her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking English law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons and/or social activities

In any of the above circumstances the student is informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked at the student's expense and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.

ATTENDANCE

All students must attend school on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example). In the case of a student falling ill an EC member of staff will accompany the student to a doctor or A&E.