

HOMESTAY



A homestay is a safe and convenient place for an international student to live in with a local family while studying abroad. Whether you join your host family for dinner, family events, activities, or get their support to answer questions or practice your language skills, being part of a local family gives an authentic living experience like no other.

HOMESTAY POLICIES

EMBRACE DIVERSITY

Canada is a multicultural country. Because of this, your homestay family might have a foreign background. Please be open to embrace different cultures.

PET-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

Canadian families are very pet friendly. Your homestay family might have pets. Please note if you requested to stay in a house with no pets, we will do our best to accommodate your request.

BEDROOMS TYPES

Please note that it is quite common in Canada to have a bedroom in the basement. Your bedroom will be located either in the basement or above ground (main floor or second floor).

ENGLISH WILL BRING YOU TOGETHER

Your homestay family might have more international students, but no one will speak the same language as you.

SMOKE FREE SPACES

All our homestay families do not allow anyone smoke inside their houses. If you are a smoker, please let us know before your arrival.

HOUSE RULES

All homestay families have house rules. Please talk to your homestay family about their house rules on your first day and do your best to follow them.

GUESTS

Guests and overnight guests are not allowed in your homestay unless your homestay parents give you permission.

PENALTIES

You will be responsible to pay for any damage you have caused during your stay.

MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

FULL-BOARD (BREAKFAST + LUNCH + DINNER)

HALF-BOARD (BREAKFAST + DINNER)

ROOMSTAY (NO MEALS)



BREAKFAST

It is usually prepared by the students and may consist of a piece of toast with coffee and/or a bowl of cereal with milk.



LUNCH

It is usually a packed lunch and may consist of a sandwich, drink, and fruit. Ask your family whether or not you are responsible to pack your own lunch.



DINNER

It is prepared by the family and they set dinner time although it tends to be between 6–7:30 p.m. It is usually a well-balanced and full meal.

LATENESS

If you are planning to be late or skip dinner, let your homestay mother/father know about your plans in advance. It is better to give the homestay mother/father as much notice as possible so the food is not wasted.

USE OF THE KITCHEN

Full-board or Half-board

You are not allowed to use the kitchen. If you still want to use it, please ask your homestay family before using it. Please note, it is not their obligation to allow you to use the kitchen.

Roomstay

You are allowed to use the kitchen and store your food and prepare meals. It is your responsibility to clean after using the kitchen without any exception.



KEYS & FOBs

Your homestay family will give you a key and/or fob to access their house. Be responsible, lock the doors every time you leave the house. If you lose a key/fob, you will need to replace it.

SHOWER & BATHROOM

Please ask your homestay family about their shower rules. Families might limit the showers to one-per-day of 10-20 minutes per shower. It is your responsibility to clean the bathroom after use even if it is a shared bathroom.

BEDROOM & LAUNDRY

Bedroom: It is your responsibility to keep your bedroom clean and tidy.

Laundry: It is your responsibility to do your own laundry including the bed linens and towels. Ask your homestay family about the days, times and frequency that you can do your laundry.



DISTANCE TO ILSC

Est. 45-50 minutes by public transportation.



MONEY & VALUABLES

- It is not recommended to carry or display large amount of money or valuables. Most of the bedroom in homestay families don't have a lock. Please keep your valuables (including passport) in your locked luggage.
- Do not lend or borrow money from other students or homestay family members.

PAYMENTS, EXTENSIONS & CHANGES

Financial arrangements: All payment arrangements must be done through ILSC Accommodation Department. You can not discuss or pay directly to your homestay family.

Extensions: If you would like to extend your homestay, please visit us at the Accommodation Department **two-weeks prior** to your homestay end date.

Changes: If you would like to change your homestay family, you MUST give ILSC Accommodation's Department two-weeks notice and pay the replacement fee (CAD\$ 150).

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