



Cambridge Homestay



Immerse yourself in local culture and hospitality with a selected host family.

Choose homestay accommodation during your English language course at EC Cambridge for a very unique experience. Staying with a local host family allows you to practice your English daily in natural situations, helping you improve your English skills faster. Homestays are also comfortable, welcoming environments where you can directly experience British culture, enjoy some home-cooked food and learn about the local customs from your hosts. There is also the peace of mind from being part of the 'family'. Take the opportunity to build meaningful connections, gain cultural insights, and feel more at home while studying English in Cambridge.

Your Accommodation

Staying with local hosts is both exciting and rewarding. Homestay providers provide the best insight into how the British live their day-to-day lives. This interaction will help you communicate better, and faster and allow you to pick up words and nuances used in daily situations. Cambridge is a very multicultural city, and a lot of people are originally from different countries and different backgrounds. Living with hosts in Cambridge will give you a great view of all the different cultures and ethnicities that the city has to offer.

Homestays are arranged by EC as well as via our accommodation partners – Hosts International and Homestay Consultancy.

Housing

There is no typical homestay in Cambridge. Some homes are single standing homes; others can be apartments or townhouses.

Laundry

Bed linen and towels are provided. The hosts will be happy to launder the sheets and towels once a week. You are responsible for doing your own personal laundry. You will be allowed to have one free wash per week. It is very common for homes to have a designated laundry day.

Room type

Single and Twin

Bathroom

Shared bathroom

Board status

Bed & Breakfast, Half Board or Self Catering

Available

Year-round

Arrival and departure

Saturday/Saturday

Arrival and Departure

Available: Year-round

Arrival day: Saturday

Departure day: Saturday

Contact

Emergency number: [+44 \(0\) 734 203 7743](tel:+442037743203)



Room Options

Choose between either a single or double room. For students booking two persons together, you will receive half board status.

WiFi

Internet access is available upon request (and if requested, will be free of charge).

Telephone access is dependent on the hosts.

Meal Description

Breakfast and dinner are provided daily by the homestay host, who will be happy to prepare both meals, however, lunch is not included in the adult homestay programme. The host will provide room in the fridge and cupboards to store any food that students may purchase.

Hosts make an effort to adjust the type of food offered to the tastes of the students and take religious beliefs into consideration when preparing meals. Vegetarians or people with food allergies should specify their dietary restrictions upon booking so this information can be shared with families prior to arrival.

Breakfast

Breakfast varies from family to family. It is typical in a British home to have a quick, on-the-go breakfast such as toast and a coffee. Students will eat whatever the hosts eat and help set the table or clear up after dinner. Students are encouraged to participate in activities or outings.

Dinner

Dinner time is usually around 6.30pm or 7.00pm, but hosts will inform the student of the time when they eat. Not all sit down and have dinner together every night. It is important that the student informs the hosts 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 program.

Arrangement and Transport

Journey to school

Cambridge is a small city, but much of the city centre is owned by commercial companies and Colleges, with a very simple and efficient transit system. Our homestays all live within 60 minutes of travel time to EC Cambridge, with an average of 45 minutes. Times are approximate. All our homestays are close to a bus stop. Our homestay hosts are happy to assist the students with directions to the school on their first few days in Cambridge to ensure a simple commute.

Closest bus station to the school: Central Bus Station – Drummer Street

Host Family Locations

Homestays are in different areas of the city.

House Rules

- Special dietary requirements may be accommodated subject to availability at a fee per week
- Twin Rooms only available for two students booking together
- Students arriving in EC accommodation between 22.00 – 08.00 may be asked to



book alternative accommodation for their first night. This is to ensure student's safety on arrival.

- EC provides a clean-living space for all students and expects a basic level of respect from all students. For example, if something is dropped, pick it up; do not leave clothes and belongings on the floor; place rubbish and leftovers in a garbage bag
- While we promote and support diversity, we cannot guarantee language mix. However, we always encourage students to use English to communicate, be respectful and inclusive of others.
- Students are required to follow [EC Student Code of Conduct](#), failure to do so can result in termination of the accommodation.

For more accommodation terms and conditions please refer to [EC accommodation policy](#).

Cancellations

Cancellation prior to arrival

Students cancelling fewer than 14 days before arrival will be charged a two-week accommodation fee at the standard accommodation rate and accommodation placement fees.

Cancellation after arrival

Students leaving their accommodation must give notice in writing 4 weeks prior to termination. After deducting the price of accommodation used, including the required notice period, charged at standard accommodation rates, students will be refunded the remaining accommodation costs. If the 4-week notice period is not provided, a cancellation fee equal to 4 weeks of the accommodation cost will apply.

