

# **Brighton Homestay**



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

Choose homestay accommodation during your English language course at EC Brighton for a truly special experience. Staying with a local host family allows you to practice English every day in natural conversations, helping you improve faster. Homestays offer a cosy and friendly environment where you can enjoy home-cooked meals and learn about British culture directly from your hosts. You'll also feel more secure and supported as part of a family. It's a great way to make meaningful connections and feel more at home while studying English in Brighton.

# Your Neighbourhood

Brighton offers students a nice mix of traditional seaside charm and artistic flair. You can explore quirky shops and artists' studios along the coast, with highlights like the Fishing Quarter, featuring a museum, a modern art trail, and the renowned Artists' Quarter. The city is packed with trendy bars and eateries, catering to every taste—from award-winning dishes and vegetarian delights to casual beachfront brunches and affordable international cuisine. Many students choose homestay accommodation for an authentic experience, giving them the chance to live like a local, immerse in British culture, and practice their English daily.

# **Your Accommodation**

Homestays are arranged by EC as well as via our accommodation partners Hosts International and Homestay Consultancy, who are registered with the British Council. Staying with local hosts in Brighton offers a unique opportunity to experience British culture first-hand. Homestays provide insight into daily life, helping you improve your communication skills while exploring the city's diverse and vibrant atmosphere. Homestays are arranged by EC and through our trusted partners—Hosts International and Homestay Consultancy, both registered with the British Council.

#### Room type

Single / Twin Rooms (available for two students booking together)

#### **Bathroom**

Shared and Private Bathrooms

#### **Board status**

Bed and Breakfast / Half Board (available for two students booking together)

### **Available**

Year-round

#### Arrival and departure

Saturday/Saturday

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Available: Year-round
Arrival day: Saturday / Sunday
Departure day: Saturday / Sunday

# Contact

Emergency number: <u>+44 (0) 7714</u>

459 205



#### Housing

Brighton homestays offer mixed-gender twin and single-room options. Communal areas such as the lounge, dining room, and kitchen are available, though kitchen use may be limited. Bathrooms are typically shared with the host family.

#### Laundry

Students receive one free clothes wash per week. Drying and ironing facilities are also available

# **Room Options**

Choose between twin or single rooms. Rooms include essential amenities, with bed linen and towels provided. Private bathrooms are available for an additional fee.

# **Meal Description**

Students can choose between half board and bed and breakfast. If a student has chosen half board, they can expect to have breakfast and an evening meal with the homestay host every day.

Breakfast can vary from one homestay to another and is usually provided on a self-service basis and will include cereals, toast, coffee and tea. Evening meals most of the time will be with the host and students will eat what the hosts plan.

Homestay providers will also prepare their meals to accommodate any specific requirements relating to religious beliefs, therefore it is important to mention this at the time of your booking.

# **Bed & Breakfast**

For those students requesting bed and breakfast, their homestay will provide breakfast only and students will at most be able to use the kettle and microwave in the kitchen and should not expect to be able to use the cooking facilities.

#### **Dietary Needs**

Some students may have allergies to food or prefer a vegetarian diet or in some cases simply do not like a particular food, therefore it is important that this information is shared, and the information made available on the booking form so that the best match can be found when allocating a student to a homestay.

# **Arrangement and Transport**

#### Journey to school

EC Brighton is based at Dolphin House in Manchester Street which is situated in the centre of Brighton. Students should be prepared to travel by bus to school with the average journey taking between 30 and 60 minutes. Times are approximate.

# **Host Family Locations**

Homestays are in different areas of the city.

# **Airport Pickup**

If you have booked an EC airport transfer, on arrival at Brighton Airport please turn on your phone and your driver will be ready to contact you either by phone or message. Your driver will direct you to the place to meet outside the arrivals lounge. Should you







have any delays or cancellations on your journey, our driver will be monitoring your flight to ensure they are ready to greet you at the correct time.

If you have problems and cannot contact your driver then please call the EC emergency number on +44 (0) 7714 459 205 (from the information desk or a mobile phone).

#### **House Rules**

- Special dietary may be accommodated subject to availability at a fee per week
- Twin Rooms only available for two students booking together
- Wi-Fi is provided in all homestays as standard
- Special requirements must be specified when booking this type of accommodation.
- Some homes may have pets. Should students be allergic or prefer not to live with a pet they should indicate this on their preferences when booking.
- Bed linen is provided
- Students may be given a house key.
- Smoking is not permitted in any of the homestays.
- 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.
- Students are required to follow <u>EC Student Code of Conduct</u>, 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.

