



# Bristol Homestay



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

On a Bristol Homestay, you stay in the home of an English-speaking host. Homestays offer excellent value for money, making your stay in Bristol more affordable. With options like Bed & Breakfast, and Half Board (breakfast and dinner), you can find a homestay that fits your budget. Every homestay is different, and we will do our best to place you in a homestay that matches your needs as closely as possible.

### Your Neighbourhood

All homestay providers are English speaking and enjoy sharing their homes with our international students.

Students will enjoy Bristol, a vibrant university city in the Southwest of England. The city of Bristol is diverse and multicultural with a rich history in shipping and engineering. Our homestay providers reflect this diversity.

### Your Accommodation

Staying with a homestay provider is an exciting and rewarding way for students to experience British culture. Homestays provide valuable insight into everyday life in the UK, helping students improve their communication skills and pick up useful phrases in real-world situations. Homestays are arranged by EC and through our accommodation partner, Hosts International, which is registered with the British Council.

#### Housing

Homestays offer mixed-gender accommodation, with access to shared spaces such as the lounge, kitchen, and dining room. Bathrooms are typically shared with the host family.

Students will eat whatever the hosts eat, and we encourage them to set the table or clear up after dinner. Dinners are usually quite early in Britain, but hosts will inform the student of the time when they eat. It is important that the student informs the host beforehand should they be late or not having dinner.

#### Room type

Single / Twin (Half Board, only available for two students booking together)

#### Bathroom

Shared

#### 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 \(0\) 771 356 1436](tel:+44207713561436)



## Laundry

Bed linen and towels are provided by the homestay provider, and one laundry wash per week is included. Additional laundry services may be offered at the host's discretion.

## Room Options

You can choose between single or twin rooms, with rooms furnished with essentials like a bed, desk or table, chest of drawers or wardrobe, a mirror, and a wastepaper bin. Some rooms may also include a TV for added comfort.

## Internet and Phone Access

Internet access is available to all students. Telephone access is limited to incoming calls only.

## Meal Description

A variety of food is provided. Homestay providers may adjust the type of food offered when taking into consideration religious beliefs. It is important to mention this at the time of your booking. Vegetarians or people with food allergies should specify their eating options upon booking so this can be shared with their host prior to arrival.

## Breakfast

Breakfast varies from one homestay to another. It is usually self-service and includes bread, coffee and cereal. Hosts are encouraged to offer students whatever is typical for their homes.

## Dinner

## Arrangement and Transport

### Journey to school

Our homestays are typically 30 minutes to 60 minutes from the EC Bristol school. Students use public transport (bus) or walk to school. Bristol's public transport is managed by First bus. A weekly bus pass costs approximately £20 per week'. Bus Passes can be purchased at EC Bristol. Times are approximate.

### Host Family locations

Homestays in Bristol are in different areas of Bristol such as Bedminster, Southville, Brislington, St George, Redland, Bishopston and St Andrews to name but a few.

## Airport Pickup

If you have booked an EC airport transfer, on arrival at Manchester 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) 7474 460908 (from the information desk or a mobile phone).



## House Rules

- Twin Rooms are only available for two students booking together
- Students may be given a house key.
- The homestay accommodation is mixed gender.
- No smoking.
- Homestay providers might have pets. Students should state whether they suffer from any allergies upon booking
- 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 [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.

