

Toronto Homestay



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

At EC we know how important it is to begin your language learning journey from a place where you feel comfortable—and we know that can mean different things to different students. EC Toronto provides a choice of student accommodation to suit your needs. Looking for independence and the chance to connect with other EC students? You may want a student shared apartment. Eager to immerse yourself in local culture? A Toronto homestay may be just right. Either way, you will enjoy a student accommodation in Toronto that is safe, comfortable, and welcoming—so you can get the most out of your time with us in Canada's largest and most multicultural city.

Your Neighbourhood

Toronto is an extremely diverse, multi-cultural, and lively city. You'll find an abundance of vibrant nightlife, stunning architecture, great museums, galleries & theatres, wonderful vintage stores, luxury shops and everything in between.

Your Accommodation

Staying with a local family is both exciting and rewarding. Host families provide the best insight into how Canadian families live their day-to-day lives. This interaction with a family will help you communicate better and faster, and allow you to pick up words and nuances used in daily situations. Students are encouraged to participate in family activities and outings.

Housing

There is no typical homestay in Toronto. Homes may be single standing homes, apartments or multifamily homes. Living in a homestay will give you a great view of all the different cultures and ethnicities that Toronto has to offer.

Room type

Single and Twin (only available for two students booking together)

Bathroom

Shared

Board status

Half Board

Available

Year-round

Arrival and departure

Saturday/Saturday



Arrival and Departure

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



Contact

Emergency number: +1 416 209 8331

Room Options

Choose between a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, and a closet. It is important that rooms and living areas are kept neat and tidy. You will also have access to a shared bathroom. Private bathrooms are also an option, upon availability.

Laundry

Bed linen and towels as part of the accommodation. One free laundry wash per week is provided, with additional washing services available at the host's discretion.

Wi-Fi

Internet access is available in the homestay, but usage may be limited.

Meal Description

Host families 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 and dinner are provided daily by the homestay host. Hosts will prepare dinner, but students may be responsible for preparing their own breakfasts.

Lunch is not included in the adult homestay programme. The host will provide room in the fridge and pantry to store any food that students may purchase.

Breakfast

Breakfast varies from family to family. It is typical for Canadians to have a quick, onthe-go breakfast such as toast and a coffee. Hosts are encouraged to offer students whatever the family typically eats. Students will eat whatever the family eats and help set the table or clear up after dinner.

Dinner

Dinner time is usually around 7:30 pm, but families will inform the student of the time when they eat. Not all families will sit down and have dinner together every night. It is important that the student informs the host family 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 programme.

Arrangement and Transport

Journey to school

Toronto is a very large city, with a very simple transit system. Our homestays all live within 60 minutes travel time to EC Toronto, with an average of 45 – 60 minutes (if there are any bus or subway delays or rush hours, travel time might take longer).

Times are approximate.

EC Toronto is located at 124 Eglinton Ave West. The closest subway station is Eglinton Station on the Yonge-University Subway line.

Host Family locations

All of our homestays are close to a bus or subway. It is very common to take a few different modes of transportation to get to your destination (such as a bus, subway, and streetcar). Our homestay hosts are happy to assist the students to the school on their first few days to ensure a simple commute.





House Rules

- Special dietary may be accommodated subject to availability at a fee per week
- Twin Rooms are 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.
- 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 <u>EC accommodation</u> 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.

