

# Montreal Homestay



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

A homestay in Montreal is a great way to discover the city's unique blend of cultures while improving your language skills. Montreal is one of the largest bilingual cities in the world; it offers a unique environment where you can use both English and French. Staying with a local host family, you can experience daily life in this lively, vibrant, multicultural city while benefiting from personalised language practice. A Montreal homestay can connect you deeply to the city's interesting people and culture.

# Your Neighbourhood

Montreal is a multicultural and lively city that offers everything you could want from a cosmopolitan city. You'll find an abundance of fun nightlife, beautiful architecture, great museums, galleries, and much more.

# **Your Accommodation**

Staying with a local family is both exciting and rewarding. Host families provide the best insight into Canadian families' 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.

# Housing

There is no typical homestay in Montreal. Some homes are single-story; others can be apartments, townhouses, or multifamily dwellings. Living with a family will give you a great view of all the different cultures and ethnicities the city offers.

# Room type

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

#### **Bathroom**

Shared

#### **Board status**

Full Board, 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

Phone number: <u>+1 514 939 9911</u> Emergency number: <u>+1 514 947</u>

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# Laundry

The host family provides bed linen and towels. The family will be happy to launder the sheets and towels once a week. You are responsible for doing your own personal laundry. Students must purchase their own laundry detergent. It is very common for families to have a designated laundry day.

#### **Room Options**

You can choose between a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, and closet. Rooms and living areas must be kept neat and tidy. You will also have access to a shared bathroom. Private bathrooms are also an option, upon request and availability.

#### WiFi

Internet access is available upon request, and telephone access is dependent on the host family.

# **Meal Description**

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

Breakfast and dinner are provided daily by the homestay host, who will be happy to prepare both meals. 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 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. Students are encouraged to participate in family activities or outings.

# Dinner

Dinner time is usually around 6 to 7 pm, but families will inform the students of the time when they eat. Not all families will sit down and have dinner together every night. The student must inform 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.

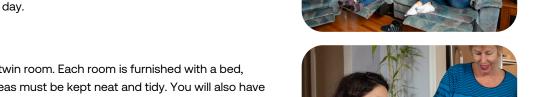
# **Arrangement and Transport**

# Journey to school

Montreal is a huge city with a very simple and efficient transit system. Our homestays all live within 90 minutes of travel time to EC Montreal, averaging 45 – 55 minutes. EC Montreal at 1610 St Catherine Street West. The closest subway station is Guy-Concordia Station on the green subway line.

STM transit fare:

- \$3.75 for one trip
- \$7 for two trips
- \$30 for one week (Monday to Sunday)
- \$97 for one month





All of our homestays are close to a bus or subway station. It is usual to take a few different modes of transportation to get to your destination (such as a bus and subway). Our homestay hosts are happy to assist the students to the school during 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 must supply their own toiletries and laundry detergent
- 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 students' safety upon arrival.
- Students are required to follow the <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 <a href="EC accommodation">EC accommodation</a> 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 four 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 four-week notice period is not provided, a cancellation fee equal to four weeks of the accommodation cost will apply.

