# Boston Homestay

**Room type**

Single and Twin

**Bathroom**

Shared

**Board status**

Bed & Breakfast or Half Board

**Available**

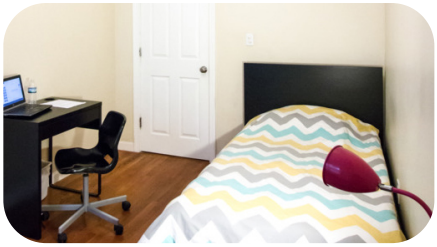
Year-round

**Arrival and departure**

Saturday/Saturday

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

Boston homestays offer a unique opportunity to immerse yourself in the culture and daily life of one of America's oldest cities. Staying with a local host family provides a comfortable and welcoming environment, allowing students to practice their English in real-life settings. With homes located throughout the Greater Boston area, students can enjoy diverse neighbourhoods, share meals with their host families, and experience Boston's rich traditions and culture firsthand.



### Your Neighbourhood

Boston is one of the oldest cities in the US and is also known as 'America's Walking City' with quaint neighbourhoods and most desirable locations. Bostonians come from all over the US and the rest of the world, but all of them are Americans and call Boston home. Our host families reflect this diversity and include single people, couples, parents with children, and single-parent families.

### Your Accommodation

Staying with a local family is both exciting and rewarding. Host families provide the best insight into how an American family leads their life. This interaction with a family helps students communicate better, faster and allows them to pick up words and nuances used in daily situations.

**Housing**

There is no typical homestay in Boston. Some homes are single-story homes, apartments, or multifamily homes.

### Arrival and Departure

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

### Contact

**Emergency number:** +1 202 909 5873

**Room Options**

Students are placed in a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, closet and wastepaper basket. It is important that rooms and living areas are kept neat and tidy. Students also have access to a shared bathroom.

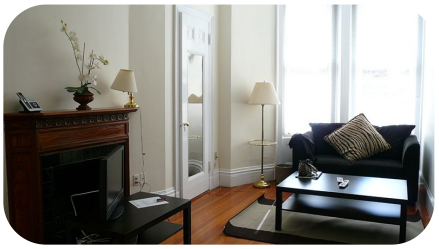
**Laundry**

Bed linen and towels are provided by the host family. In general, students can use the laundry facilities, though the number of washes per week remains at the discretion of the family, for example, a specific laundry day.

**WiFi**

Internet access is included, and phone usage is restricted to incoming calls only.

## Meal Description



A variety of food is provided, each one packed with nutritional value. Host families try 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 eating options upon booking so this can be shared with families prior to arrival.

**Breakfast**

Breakfast varies from family to family. It is usually self-service and includes bread, coffee and cereal. Hosts are encouraged to offer students whatever is typical for their home. 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**

Dinners are usually quite early in the USA, but families will inform the students 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.

## Arrangement and Transport

**Journey to school**

Our homestays are typically 45 minutes to 1 hour from the EC Boston Center in Faneuil Hall. **Times are approximate.** Students utilize public transportation- train, subway, and/or bus to get to school. The closest T stations to the school are Park Street, Downtown Crossing, or South Station (Red Line), Haymarket or State (Orange Line), Aquarium or State (Blue Line), and Haymarket (Green Line).

- Weekly unlimited bus and subway pass: **$19**
- Monthly unlimited bus and subway pass: **$75**
- Monthly local bus pass: **$50**
- Monthly Express bus pass: **$115-$168**
- Commuter Train pass: price depends on the station's zone.
- Check fares and passes or your host family profile for up-to-date rates.

**Host Family Locations**

Our host families are located all over the Greater Boston area. Every homestay is visited and approved by an EC Boston staff member. EC Boston strives to place students in the safest and most convenient areas of Boston as possible. To the Northeast, we have families in East Boston, Revere, Winthrop, Swampscott, Malden, Medford, Everett, Saugus, Somerville, Cambridge, and Chelsea. South or West of Boston, we have host families in Brookline, Newton, Quincy, Wellesley, West Roxbury, Jamaica Plain, and the Ashmont neighbourhood of Dorchester.

## House Rules

- Internet access available
- No smoking
- Families might have pets. Students should state whether they suffer from any allergies upon booking
- Students will be given a house key.
- 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.