



San Francisco Homestay

Description of Local Area

San Francisco is a vibrant and diverse city of 800,000 inhabitants. People of many different ethnicities live in the Bay Area, and our host families reflect this diversity. Host families can include single people, couples, single-parent families, and families with multiple generations living in one home. Many of our host families are of Filipino descent, and their family-oriented culture means that they treat the students they host as part of their own family. All host families are English speaking and are eager to share the diversity of San Francisco with international visitors.

Host families can be located in the residential neighborhoods in the southwestern part of San Francisco, but most are located in the adjacent towns of Daly City, South San Francisco, and Pacifica. Some of the San Francisco neighborhoods where host families live include: Glen Park, Mission Terrace, Excelsior, Bernal Heights, Portola, the Outer Mission, the Outer Richmond, and the Outer Sunset.






Description of Accommodation

Staying with a local family is a great way to immerse oneself into American culture. This interaction with a family helps students communicate and practice their English in a more relaxed environment whilst also exposing themselves to new experiences – be it lifestyle, local food or simple day to day routines.

Most homes are single family or 2 family homes. The latter is usually two floors with one home on one floor and one on the other. Students are placed in a single or twin room. Each room is furnished with a bed, desk, dresser and closet, while some rooms have TVs and other amenities. It is important that rooms and living areas are kept neat and tidy. Students also have access to a shared bathroom.

Bed linen and towels are provided by the host family. Some San Francisco families do not have a washing machine in their home and use the services of a laundromat – this information will be included in the host family profile. In cases where families have a washing machine, students can use the laundry facilities although the number of washes per week remains at the discretion of each family.

Accommodation Features

		
BED LINEN PROVIDED	PHONE *INCOMING CALLS ONLY	INTERNET ACCESS AVAILABLE
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TYPE OF ROOM	BATHROOM TYPE	BOARD STATUS
		
SINGLE / TWIN	STANDARD: SHARED	B&B OR HALF BOARD

Emergency Number

1-424-428-8866

Available

Year round

Arrival and departure

Saturday/Saturday

Journey to school

The typical commute from a homestay to school is 45 – 60 minutes by public transportation. **Times are approximate.** San Francisco’s transport system is run by MUNI, which operates in San Francisco only, and BART, which is regional. If students are staying in South San Francisco, Daly City, or Pacifica they will need to pay regular BART fares as well as fares for other local buses. There isn’t a monthly BART pass available for outside San Francisco. Students should expect to pay between \$60-\$200/month for public transit (price depends on where host family is located; students may or may not qualify for the monthly discounted transit pass). In many host family locations, public transportation may not be available after 8 or 9 pm.

Host Family Locations

Host families are located either in the city limits of San Francisco or in the adjacent towns of Daly City and South San Francisco. Some of the typical neighborhoods where host families live are: Bernal Heights, Glen Park, Inner and Outer Richmond, Inner and Outer Sunset, St. Francis Wood, Excelsior, Castro and Mission.

Airport Pickup

IF YOU BOOKED AN AIRPORT TRANSFER:

- **Before you depart:** Please contact the driver at **+1 415-350-9944** you depart to make direct contact with them regarding your airport transfer pickup (you can contact them via WhatsApp by text).
- **When you arrive:** Call the driver at: **+1 415-350-9944** using WhatsApp to meet them curbside.
- If you have trouble using your phone, please use the **white courtesy phone** in the airport terminal and ask an Airport employee for help.

EC San Francisco emergency phone number at +1 424 428 8866.
EC San Francisco School Telephone +1 415 362 3300.

House Rules

- No smoking is permitted
- Families might have pets
- Students might be given a house key though alternative arrangements might be sought
- Possibility of no kitchen use
- 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 one-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.

Gallery

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