



# HOMESTAY

## Factsheet 2024

### DESCRIPTION

Homestay accommodation gives students the opportunity to experience the everyday life and customs of a local Spanish home. A homestay is the best option for those who want to practice their Spanish as much as possible since students will share two daily meals with their hosts and will have plenty of opportunities to speak. Students can choose between a shared bathroom or private bathroom in the homestay option.

### QUICKFACTS

- Single or double rooms in homestays in accordance with special diets, allergies, and non-smoking preferences.
- Homes located in Centro, Soho, Malagueta, La Victoria, Conde Ureña, Perchel Sur, Plaza de Toros Vieja, Parque Ayala, Cruz de Humilladero, La Aurora, Limonar, and Pedregalejo, with a maximum commute of 35 minutes to the school.
- Shared bathroom (up to 4 people per bathroom) or private bathroom
- Half board (breakfast and dinner) every day.
- Wi-Fi, bed linens, towels, and weekly cleaning included
- Access to laundry machine (students responsible for doing own laundry at home, dryers are not guaranteed)

### STANDARD VERSUS COMFORT HOMESTAY

Students looking for more privacy and comfort can choose the Comfort Homestay, which means they will have their own private bathroom (may or may not be en-suite).

**WE RECOMMEND THIS OPTION FOR THOSE WHO...**

- Want to practice Spanish at home as much as possible
- Look to immerse themselves in Spanish culture
- Want to live with a Spanish host
- Willing to adapt to household rules and meal schedules

**HOMESTAY PHOTOS****LOCATION OF HOMESTAYS**

Our homestays are located in the best and safest neighborhoods in the city and they will always be within a maximum commute of 35 minutes from the school. Example neighborhoods are Centro, Soho, Malagueta, La Victoria, Conde Ureña, Perchel Sur, Plaza de Toros Vieja, Parque Ayala, Cruz de Humilladero, La Aurora, Limonar, and Pedregalejo. They will always be within 5 blocks of public transportation (bus) that comes close to the school to make your daily commute as easy as possible.

**MATCHING STUDENTS TO A HOST**

When students book a program with us we will ask if they object to living with smokers or house pets and if they have any special needs like dietary restrictions or allergies. We can always guarantee these minds, and we will use them to assign students to a homestay. Students are more than welcome to include other special requests, like living in a specific neighborhood, and we will do our best to accommodate but cannot 100% guarantee them.

**WHO WILL STUDENTS LIVE WITH?**

Students will live with a local Spanish family, which could be a couple or a single host, with or without children. In homestays, students will have someone at home to help them adjust to Spain, share meals, and practice Spanish. Some host more than one student at a time, which means students could live with one or more other students as well.

**CHECK-IN AND CHECK-OUT**

- Check-in on Sundays after 12 pm (noon)
- Check-out on Saturdays before 12 pm (noon)

\*Students may not arrive at their housing before 8 am without booking the room from the day before. If students arrive before check-in time, they may not be able to move into their room until after 12 pm.

**NOTES**

- Students must inform the school of any dietary restrictions or allergies upon booking a homestay.
- Special dietary requirements may be accommodated and are subject to availability for a fee of €40 per week. This applies to vegan, gluten-free, halal, and kosher diets only.
- Students will receive a key to the home upon arrival.
- Housing assignments are sent out 2 weeks before arrival.