

HOST FAMILY OPTION

Placement and contact information will be distributed by the program coordinator in the weeks before departure.

Staying with a family is a great way to really get to know French language and customs. Host families have been carefully selected and reside in safe, residential districts of Paris. The families are eager to ensure that their paying guests feel at home, safe and secure. The housing questionnaire in your online account will help us find the most suitable family for each student. Please be aware that by choosing to live with a host family you are also agreeing to reasonable rules and responsibilities. Living with a family is not the same as living in a residence hall or hotel. You are expected to be a part of the family, share meals when provided, and be courteous and respectful of your hosts. At the same time, they are expected to include you in the life of the household as much as possible, and to respect your reasonable requests and needs. Host family placement is only available to men and women age 28 or younger.

Quick Facts

- Usually single room, possibility a roommate from the program will be assigned
- Host family provides bed linens, towels, blankets, weekly room cleaning and weekly washing of laundry and linens
- Students are expected to keep their rooms orderly
- Kitchen access, but students must purchase their own food/beverages beyond what is provided
- Host family provides continental breakfast (usually coffee/tea/cocoa with bread/toast/jam) and 1 dinner per week
- Not the option for students who plan to be "out all night and sleeping all day"
- You will be given a key to your home
- Be mindful that utilities in France are expensive and try to limit electricity and water usage

Bon appetit!

The weekly dinners will be scheduled in advance by you and your host family. They will do their best to introduce you to traditional and typical French food and customs. Part of living with a host family will include trying foods that you have not eaten before. The French take great pride in their diet, so be prepared for good, wholesome food – but keep an open mind. It is expected that you eat with the family at specified times. It will be your responsibility to contact the family, in advance, if you will not be eating at home. If you miss or skip a meal for any reason, you won't be reimbursed.

You will be given a key to your home. It is important to remember that you are a guest and your host family will have habits you must respect.

At the same time, they know that you are a student abroad and will likely want to travel and see the city. It is important to discuss the reasonable routines the host family has and will ask you to comply with. If you plan be "out all night and sleep all day" – do not choose the host family option. The most important thing to do is to clearly discuss the rules and responsibilities expected of you with your host family from the beginning.

Summer 2024 Housing Information

(includes breakfast, 1 dinner/week,
and insurance)