



Young Students

EC Classic Boston

Homestay Accommodation

Available: 27 June - 15 August 2009
(no arrivals on the 4th July)

Ages: 14 - 18 years

Living with a family in America can be both a new and wonderful experience. Students will have the unique opportunity to share and experience the day to day life of an American family together with all the diversity of American culture. EC's Accommodation Department visits all host families before they are accepted to host students and then follows up with regular home visits to ensure the comfort and safety of our students. EC staff members are available at all times to help students adjust to life in an American family and to serve as a liaison between them and their host family.

What students should expect from their host family:

- Full board accommodation. Host families should provide students with breakfast and dinner every day. A variety of hot lunches will be provided at the Junior Centre's Cafeteria.
- Students are placed in a twin or triple room with other students of the same sex but different nationality, unless they request to stay with a friend in advance.
- Bed linen is provided; students should bring their own towels.

- Towels and linen are not changed by the family but the student will have access to the laundry facility.
- The host family will provide access to laundry facilities or coin operated machines. Students will be in charge of taking care of their own laundry. Some families may ask students to buy their own detergents.
- Student rooms include a bed, desk/table where students can do their homework, storage space and good lighting for studying.
- Students will also be provided with access to common rooms such as the living room, dining room and kitchen during acceptable hours.
- All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make a long distance call they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be found in many convenience stores.
- Upon arrival, families will provide students with an orientation to life with their family, the home and the neighbourhood.



Learning

Junior Centre

Classes are held at a fantastic Junior Centre in the heart of Boston, with all the attractions of the city within walking distance of the school.

EC Boston's Junior Centre has a dedicated EC Academic Coordinator. Host families are located in residential areas of the city, they live about 45-60 minutes away from the Junior Centre. Students travel by public transport to school, the cost of a travel pass is not included in the programme.

Course

At EC Boston students attend a General English course.

On the first day all students sit a placement test in order to be allocated to the most appropriate English language level. After the test students will be given a Welcome Talk followed by Orientation. During the orientation students will be provided with a map of Boston, the schedule of classes, directions to classes and directions to their host families. No lessons are held on the first day but students will have a group lunch which will be followed by an activity in the afternoon.

Classes on the second day will begin at 9.00 am and students will follow a regular time table.

Students study in a maximum class size of 15 students.

General English

This course is perfect for students who want to improve their English, whatever their level. The course will develop students' English language skills by integrating on the key areas of reading, writing, speaking and listening. Lessons are focused upon communication; our teachers will encourage students instilling confidence in their use of English in practical situations. Regular test and conversation classes help to ensure students improve their English throughout their stay in Boston.

Time Table:

- Lessons 09:00 – 12:30 with a 30 minute break (Monday – Friday)

Attendance

Attendance to school is compulsory unless there is a justified reason for absence. In the case of a student falling ill an EC staff member will provide assistance. If students are required to see a doctor a basic visit can be expensive.

Note: Students must have adequate health, accident and travel insurance while attending any of our programmes which must be acquired prior to their arrival.



After School

Meals

Upon arrival students must ask their host family when meals are served and students must respect this time. If students will not be home for dinner time they must notify their host family two hours before the time set for dinner. Host families will accommodate most dietary restrictions. Although students should be prepared to try new food, students should also communicate their food preferences to the Host families.

Students will be given a meal card on the first day of class so that they can purchase lunches during weekdays. Lost Meal Card: a \$30 replacement fee for a new meal card will apply. Students need to notify EC staff as soon as they lose their meal cards. That card will then be cancelled. Upon the cancellation of the old card, the remaining balance of the old card will be checked on the system and loaded on to the new card accordingly.

Neither EC nor the food services company is responsible for any unauthorized charges made to the card before it is cancelled

Normally meals are as follows:-

- Breakfast: tea/coffee, toast, jam and cereal with the Host Family
- Lunch: Buffet style lunch (at MassArt on week days) - sandwiches, pizza, salads, vegetarian, chicken + drink and fruit.
- Dinner: students will have dinner with the Host Families. Dinner generally includes a salad, meat or fish, pasta or rice

If students require a vegetarian diet EC must be informed of this prior to their arrival.

Activities

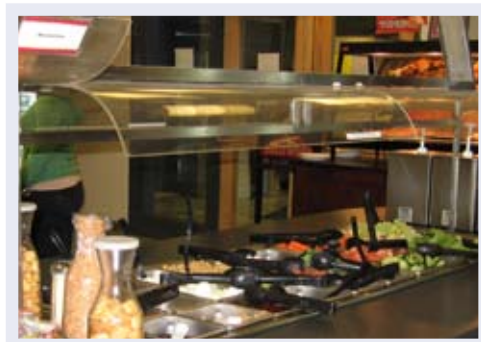
A full and varied activity programme is included in the Junior programme. There is so much to do - with a population of over half a million people, Boston really does have something for everyone.

New York Trip



Explore the Big Apple on foot, bus and ferry! Students will visit the most important sites in New York including: the Statue of Liberty, Central Park, Times Square, Fifth Avenue and much more. They will also have time to shop and explore the city with their friends.

- Entrance fees are not included.
- Scheduled dates: 11 July, 25 July & 8 August.
- New York optional activity must be booked before student arrival.



Programme	Morning	Afternoon
	SAT	Arrivals
SUN	6 Flags Theme Park	
MON	Placement Test & Lessons	Harvard Square Scavenger Hunt
TUE	Lessons	Pottery Painting
WED	Lessons	Canoeing Trip
THU	Lessons	Museum of Science
FRI	Lessons	Downtown Crossing Shopping
SAT	Free Day or Optional New York Trip	
SUN	Beach Trip	
MON	Lessons	Revere Beach
TUE	Lessons	IMAX Theatre
WED	Lessons	Hard Rock Café
THU	Lessons	Roller Skating
FRI	Lessons	Bowling and Billiards
SAT	Departures	

This is a sample programme only and changes may occur. Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up.

Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

Customer Complaints

At EC, we endeavour to provide our students with the highest possible level of service. If, however, a student is unsatisfied with any aspect of their programme with EC, we ask that they inform us immediately. Most problems are small and can be quickly resolved by our staff members. During the first week of school, all students are given an 'Initial Course Evaluation Form', in which they are asked to evaluate various aspects of their stay, such as tuition, accommodation and leisure. The form also allows students the opportunity to bring to our attention anything that is not to their satisfaction, should they feel unable to speak to us directly. An EC staff member will talk to any student who rates a service as 'poor' or 'not so good' in their Initial Course Evaluation Form. They will try to find a solution as quickly as possible. If the problem cannot be resolved immediately, an official complaint form is filled in and the student's agent will also be informed. A thorough investigation will be carried out. The Initial Course Evaluation Form is given to the students during their first few days at EC so that problems can be solved immediately and not disrupt the remainder of their time with us. There is also an End-of-Course Evaluation Form which gives the students an opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.

Accommodation Rules

- Students must keep their room neat and tidy, including making their own bed every morning
- Curfew times must be respected by all students - if students know they are coming home late they should let their host family know
- Students should ask their host family before using their kitchen
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages to the host family's property or possessions
- Students must ask for the family's permission before bringing any guests home
- Students will be given a key to the family's home which they should carry with care and use to enter at times they arranged with their family upon arrival. Students must make sure that they do not lose the house key and they should never lend it to anyone.
- Students must ask if they may use the telephone and use a phone card pay if they do
- Students should be respectful of the family's daily schedule including shower, meal, and bed times

Valid reasons must accompany a request for a host family change, and each request is considered on its own merits. Such changes are also subject to availability. Students must pay for all costs incurred including transport, additional accommodation charges and cancellation fees (where applicable). The additional charges must be paid in full prior to the move. EC are happy to assist students with arrangements for any justifiable accommodation changes.

Curfew Times

Students are expected to travel independently and to return home right after the end of their activities.

Alcohol Consumption

EC will not tolerate the consumption of alcohol by Junior students. Students who consume alcohol risk being expelled from the school and repatriated to their home country. In America the legal age to drink is 21 and the legal age to buy cigarettes is 18.

Drugs

The consumption of any illegal drugs will result in the immediate expulsion and repatriation of the student and the possible intervention of the police.

Expulsion

EC reserves the right to expel and repatriate a student at his/her own expense for any of the following reasons:

- Possession of any illegal drugs
- Drinking of alcohol
- Malicious damage to school property or place of accommodation
- If the student is a danger to his/her own safety or that of other students
- Breaking American law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons
- Violation of any EC Home Stay and School rules.

In any of the above circumstances the student is informed that their stay is going to be terminated with immediate effect. Simultaneously EC informs the student's agent of the student's behaviour and the course of action to be taken. The earliest flight available is booked and an EC staff member accompanies the student to the airport to ensure that the student leaves the country. Following such action EC will terminate all relationships with the student and will be unable to take further responsibility for the student. No refunds will be given to any students who have been expelled.