

Classic Vancouver Homestay



Learn English in one of the world's most stunning cities. Classic Vancouver Homestay offers an effective language course combined with an adventure in Canadian culture and lifestyle surrounded by a nature lover's paradise.



WHAT'S INCLUDED

- English course
- Course materials
- End of course certificate
- Accommodation on full board
- Supervised activity programme:
 - 5 half-day activities and 1 evening activity per week
 - 1 full-day activity for students staying 2 weeks minimum
- Return airport transfers
- Public transport to and from school and activities
- Medical insurance

DATES AVAILABLE

29 June - 17 August 2013

AGES

13 - 17 years

EMERGENCY NUMBERS

+1 604 773 0488 (For use outside of office hours only)

Homestay provides students with the opportunity to use English in real life situations and to get a first hand look at the way Canadians live. Vancouver is rated as one of the top three places in the world to live - surrounded by the Pacific Ocean and the Coastal Mountain Range.

TRAVEL TIME FROM AIRPORT

Vancouver International Airport: approx. 40 min

GETTING TO SCHOOL & ACTIVITIES

Journey to school/city centre - approx 40 min by public transport

ARRIVAL DAY

Saturday

ADDRESS

570 Dunsmuir Street
Suite 200
Vancouver
BC V6B 1Y1
Canada



WHAT TO PACK?

Bathing suit and towel
Shorts and t-shirt/tank tops (it's hot in July and August)
Jeans, sport pants
Dress shoes (comfortable for dancing)
Sun tan lotion

Sweater/Jacket

Water bottle
Hat/Cap
Canadian currency (Banks are not open on the weekend)
Pictures, coins, musical instruments or any other memorabilia to describe your country or show off your talent

Camera
Sport shoes
Rain clothing
Clothes for going out at night (not jeans)
School bag

Combination lock for the gym or beach
Prescription drugs
Toothbrush/Toothpaste and other toiletries
Dictionary, pens, pencils, erasers, notepad

Meals

Hosts serve three meals daily: breakfast, a packed lunch and dinner. They include the four basic food groups: protein (meat, fish), carbohydrates (bread, pasta, rice), dairy products (milk, cheese, eggs), fruit and vegetables.

BREAKFAST

Juice and/or milk, cereal and/or muffins, toast/bagels.

LUNCH

Sandwich (ex. sliced turkey, cheese, tomato and lettuce), fruit and vegetables (ex. apple, orange, banana, carrot and celery sticks) and juice box.

DINNER

Sample meal may include pasta, salad, bread and cheese, dessert and/or fruit (optional).

Or

Roast chicken and potatoes, cooked vegetables, dessert and/or fruit (optional).

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS

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

Accommodation

TYPE OF ROOM

Single room

BATHROOMS

Shared bathroom

BOARD STATUS

Full board (Breakfast, packed lunch and dinner).

ROOMS INCLUDE

- Desk/table where students can do their homework (if not in the room, a place for studying will be provided in a common area)
- Storage space

LINEN/TOWELS

Linen and towels are provided by the homestay host and are cleaned weekly.

LAUNDRY

Laundry facilities are available to the student.

MEDICAL

EC must be advised upon booking of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be administered to students.

Students are covered by medical insurance to a maximum \$2,000,000 CDN

Learning Centre

Lessons are held at EC Vancouver, a bright, newly renovated school in downtown Vancouver. The school is located in a landmark building in the centre of this incredibly picturesque city, with large, airy classrooms offering lots of natural light.

- Students attending the Classic Vancouver programme will attend a General English course - 20 lessons (45 mins each) per week. The course will help improve English language skills by focusing on the key areas: reading, writing, speaking and listening. A strong focus is placed on speech and using the language confidently and fluently.
- International classes
- Activities are led by and closely supervised by EC Monitors

Academic Rules

- Attendance in class is required. If students are sick they must notify the school immediately.
- Punctuality is required
- All classes begin promptly at 9.00am
- English is the only language spoken at school and in the classes
- Students must respect their fellow students' cultural and ethnic background. Intolerance, harassment or discrimination is not tolerated.
- Food and drink is not permitted in the classroom or in the computer room.

FIRST DAY

Students should arrive at EC Vancouver by 8.30 am to begin testing and their first day information session. First day includes evaluation, registration and orientation and an activity. Students begin their programme on the first day.

Students are to bring their passport and flight ticket to school on the first day.

MINIMUM COURSE DURATION

1 week

MAXIMUM CLASS SIZE

15 students

ATTENDANCE

All students must attend classes on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example). Attendance to all pre-paid and afternoon activities is required.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS

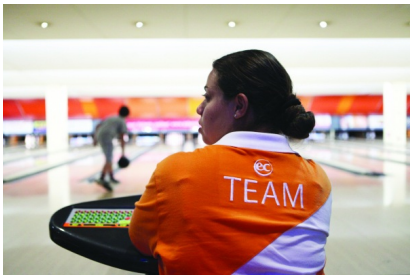
Educational materials are provided. Students should bring their own notepaper and pens.



SAMPLE PROGRAMME

	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Saturday	Arrivals		
Sunday	Free Day for Orientation		
Monday	Placement Test & Lessons	City Tour	Free Evening
Tuesday	Lessons	Queen Elizabeth Park	Free Evening
Wednesday	Lessons	Seawall Cycling in Stanley Park	Boat Cruise
Thursday	Lessons	Granville Island Tour	Free Evening
Friday	Lessons	Scavenger Hunt	Free Evening
Saturday	Whistler		
Sunday	Free Day		
Monday	Lessons	Museum of Anthropology	Free Evening
Tuesday	Lessons	Kitsilano Beach	Free Evening
Wednesday	Lessons	Capilano Bridge	Sunset Drum Circle at Second Beach
Thursday	Lessons	Bowling	Free Evening
Friday	Lessons	Vancouver Aquarium	Free Evening
Saturday	Departures		

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
- Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up.
- Lessons may be held in the morning or afternoon



Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

CURFEW TIMES

- Standard curfew time is 10 pm on weeknights
- Standard curfew time is 11 pm on weekends
- A curfew form is requested to be signed by the parents and the students.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

The legal drinking age in British Columbia is 19 years. It is illegal for all students attending this course to consume alcohol, have someone buy alcohol on their behalf or visit bars/clubs.

DRUGS

Using drugs, being under the influence of drugs or possessing drugs is illegal. Under no circumstances should students use, possess or be under the influence of drugs.

SMOKING

The legal age to buy tobacco is 19 years. It is illegal to buy tobacco or have someone buy tobacco on the student's behalf if they are under the legal smoking age.

False ID

Being in possession of false identification is illegal in Canada.

Course Certificate

Students must attend all lessons and organised activities in order to receive their End of Course Certificate

Parent's Permission

The student's parents must sign a code of conduct document with the student. Parents sign for permission to leave homestay and liability issues.

ACCOMMODATION RULES

- The student must call their homestay by 4.30pm if they are going to be late for dinner or if they are not going to join their homestay for dinner
- No overnight guests
- A phone card must be used for all long distance phone calls
- Students should lock the door when leaving the homestay
- Students must keep their room clean and tidy at all times
- Students must advise their homestay hosts of where they are going and at what time they will be home
- Homestay hosts set times for students to be home during the week and weekends. Students must obey and respect these times

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. Solutions to any issues will be provided and all necessary parties will be notified when applicable. Students are also requested to complete an End of Course Evaluation form at the end of their stay such that they have the opportunity to provide EC with general feedback before returning to their home country.

EXPULSION

Failure to follow any of the above rules will result in immediate expulsion from the TLA programme with no refund. Students' parents will be notified immediately and sent home at their own expense. Depending on the severity of the situation, breaking any of the above rules may result in a monetary fine, arrest, jail sentence or deportation by the Canadian police.