



Classic London Homestay

Based in a beautiful independent college in London (travel zone 3), students stay in welcoming homestays in the area and experience the delights of London during their free time.

What's Included

- > English course
- > Accommodation on full board
- > Transport to all activities
- > Supervised activity programme:
 - > 5 half day activities, 3 evening activities and 2 family evenings per week
 - > 1 full day trip and 1 family day for students staying minimum 2 weeks

Dates available

- > 8 July - 25 August

Ages

- > 13 - 17 years

Phone

All students will have access to a phone and will be allowed to accept incoming calls. If students want to make phone calls they must use a calling card. Calling cards can be found in many local stores.

Living with a family in London, can be both a new and wonderful experience. Students will have the unique opportunity to share and experience the day to day life of the family together with all the diversity of English culture. EC staff members are available at all times to help students adjust to life in an English family, and to serve as a liaison between them and their homestay provider.

| | |
|---|--|
| Address | Zone 3, Catford area |
| Travel time from airport | Gatwick: approx 50 mins Heathrow: approx 45 mins Luton: approx 1 hour |
| Arrival day | Sunday |
| Departure day | Saturday |
| Getting to school & activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none">➤ Average journey to school: 10 - 20 min journey (by bus or on foot). A member of the homestay will take students to/from school daily, this could either be by public transport or the family's private car.➤ With only a 20 minute journey by train to Central London, afternoon activities take students into the city centre where they can experience the cultural Tate Modern Gallery, cool Notting Hill, and iconic Buckingham Palace and much more! A full day excursion on Saturdays and sports sessions during the week keep students busy every day! Travel pass for activities is included. |

Meals

Breakfast

Tea/coffee, toast, jam and cereal with the homestay provider.

Lunch at the school cafeteria on weekdays and homestay provider on weekends: a combination of hot and cold lunches

Dinner

Dinner at the school cafeteria and homestay provider on alternate days: a combination of hot and cold dinners

Accommodation

Room Type

Twin room - students are placed in a twin room with other students of the same gender

Bathrooms

Shared bathroom

Board status

Full board accommodation - homestay providers provide students with breakfast, lunch (on alternate days) and dinner (on alternate days).

Rooms include

- › storage space
 - › desk/table where students can do their homework (if not in the room, a place for studying will be provided in a common area)
 - › students will also be provided with access to living areas during acceptable hours.
-

With advanced notice EC can accommodate special requests eg. non smoking family, no pets, allergies, special dietary requirements etc. However students should bear in mind that this may not always be possible. At the time of booking EC must be advised of any medical conditions, allergies or medication that needs to be taken by students. EC will endeavour to find a homestay provider that can accept students with medical conditions. However if EC are not advised of this in advance, EC cannot take responsibility if the homestay provider refuses to accept the student in their home.

Linen/towels

Bed linen is provided; students should bring their own towels - linen and towels will be cleaned once a week.

Laundry

Laundry facilities will be provided by the family once a week.

Learning centre

Lessons take place at St Dunstons College, a prestigious and independent school. The school provides excellent facilities in London travel zone 3, just outside of the bustle of central London, yet just 15 minutes by train into the city centre.

- › Facilities at school include excellent classrooms, a beautiful school hall, great sports facilities, football pitches and hard tennis courts.
- › Our dedicated and professional teaching staff provide feedback and support and help students build confidence to speak English.
- › Students attending the Classic London 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
- › Students may alternate between morning and afternoon lessons
- › Sports activities take place at the school and evening activities take place on site or very nearby.

First Day

On the first day, all students sit a placement test - The placement test assesses students in listening, reading, writing and use of English allowing academic staff to place students in the relevant group for their ability.

Maximum Class Size

15

Attendance

All students must attend classes on a daily basis unless they are genuinely indisposed (due to illness, for example).

Educational materials

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

Extra Activity

- › **Tennis:**
2 week course with a qualified coach (Replaces 5 morning activities)

Sample programme

| | <u>Morning</u> | <u>Afternoon</u> | <u>Evening</u> |
|------------------|--|---|---------------------------|
| Sunday | Arrival/Experience English Life - Free Day with Homestay Family | | |
| Monday | Placement Test & Lessons | Westminster Tour & Victoria Embankment | Welcome Disco |
| Tuesday | Tate Modern Gallery | Lessons | Family Evening |
| Wednesday | Lessons | Natural History Museum | Movie Night |
| Thursday | Oxford & Regent Street Shopping | Lessons | Family Evening |
| Friday | Lessons | Sports & Games | International Dance Night |
| Saturday | Full Day Excursion to Greenwich, Royal Observatory*, Maritime Museum & Boat Trip | | |
| Sunday | Experience English Life - Free Day with Homestay Family | | |
| Monday | Buckingham Palace & Changing of the Guard* | Lessons | Movie Night |
| Tuesday | Lessons | Notting Hill & Portobello Road | Family Evening |
| Wednesday | British Museum | Lessons | International Dance Night |
| Thursday | Lessons | Trafalgar Square, Piccadilly Circus & Covent Garden | Family Evening |
| Friday | Sports & Games | Lessons | Farewell Disco Night |
| Saturday | Departures/Full Day Excursion to Oxford for students staying 3+ weeks | | |

- This is a sample programme only and changes may occur
 - *Please note entrance fees are not included. Optional entrance fee approximately £17.00 per attraction.
 - Any lessons / activities missed will not be made up.
 - Classes may be held in the morning or afternoon or a mixture of both.
-

Welfare, Rules and Disciplinary Action

Curfew times

- Students aged 13 - 15 must be back by 9 pm
 - Students aged 16+ must be home no later than 10 pm.
 - Students must provide the school with a Parental Consent letter giving authorisation to leave the School or homestay unaccompanied
-

Alcohol consumption

Any EC student on the Junior Programme caught consuming alcohol during their stay risks being expelled from the school and repatriated to their home country. No alcohol consumption is permitted during the programme regardless of age.

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.

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.

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 homestay provider know
- Students should ask their homestay provider before using their kitchen
- Students are liable for any damages/breakages to the homestay provider's property or possessions
- Students must ask for the family's permission before bringing any guests home
- Students must make sure that they do not lose the house key (if they are given a key), and never lend it to anyone
- Students must ask if they may use the telephone and pay if they do, for any calls they make immediately

Course Certificate

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

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 or bringing alcohol on to any EC premises
- 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 English law
- Repeated failure to attend academic lessons and/or social activities

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 at the student's expense 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.

Valid reasons must accompany a request for a homestay provider 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.

