

### Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our website at [www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA\\_Policies](http://www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA_Policies).

### Description

You will be living in a homestay in Alicante. Each homestay has been carefully chosen to ensure the best possible living arrangements. Homestay may consist of a single señora (with or without children) or a traditional two-parent household. Staying with a family is a great way to complement your classroom study, as you have the opportunity to practice your language skills and learn about the Spanish culture.

All homestays are located within Alicante's city center; however, as the university is located outside of the city, you should be prepared for a 25-30 minute commute to your university classes.

### General Rules & Guidelines

1. I agree that I am a guest in my host country and am prepared to learn about and adapt to the cultural differences that I may encounter. I understand that the rules and etiquette in my assigned housing may be different than what I may be accustomed to at my home institution.
2. I agree to be respectful of my roommates and their personal items. I understand that part of my experience is learning to live with others and to respect and appreciate personal differences. I understand that if I am unable to resolve any conflict that may arise between my roommates and me within a reasonable timeframe, that CEA resident staff has the authority to intervene and take appropriate actions, which may include, but may not be limited to, a change of housing. I further understand that I will be responsible for any costs incurred as a result of such an event.
3. I agree to be respectful of all residential and building property. This includes all items within my room, shared common areas, and the building. This also includes keeping my room and/or apartment clean throughout the duration of my program. Please see Damages section below for further details regarding cleaning.
4. I agree to be respectful of my neighbors, both within my building and in the surrounding areas. This includes keeping noise levels down and being discreet and quiet in the surrounding streets when coming home late. In many countries, it is against the law to make excessive noise after 10 pm.
5. I understand that as a representative of CEA, my home university, and the US, I am expected to conduct myself in a considerate and respectful manner while in my housing.
6. I agree not to consume any illegal substance in my housing.
7. I agree to thoroughly read the guidelines included below, and I understand that I will be held responsible for adhering to them for the duration of my program.

### Meals

Students will be provided three meals per day, seven days a week. Students should keep in mind that meals in Spain are different from what they are accustomed to in the US. Breakfast is typically very light, consisting of

fruit or toast with jam and coffee. Lunch is the largest meal of the day and is usually eaten between 2:30 – 3:30. Dinner is a bit lighter and is usually eaten between 9:00 – 10:00pm. Students will be expected to eat at the times designated by their family and in most cases will not have access to the kitchen between meals. In addition, students are expected to notify their family if they will be arriving late for or missing any meals.

### **Phone**

There will be a phone in each homestay available for brief incoming calls. CEA requires that students have a local service phone number available to staff for emergency contact purposes. Relying on Wifi spots for communication is not dependable and will not ensure that CEA staff can reach you in the case of an emergency. Students may choose to acquire a cell phone prior to departure or from a local provider once they arrive in Paris. During Orientation, CEA program staff will share more information regarding local cell phone options. We encourage our program participants to research their options and choose the best provider to meet their needs. Students must communicate local cell phone numbers to CEA staff within 5 business days.

### **Internet**

Homestays are equipped with internet access. Internet is provided mainly for academic purposes. In addition, students will have access to computer labs at the University and CEA Resource Center.

### **Linens**

Students will be provided with all bed linens and towels by their host family.

### **Laundry**

Students will receive laundry service at least once per week.

### **Smoking**

Smoking may be permitted in some homestay. Each host family will provide specific details about whether or not smoking is allowed in the flat and if so, where smoking is permitted.

### **Amenities**

All rooms are furnished including a bed, desk, dresser, closet, and shared bathroom. Students will be considered a family member; however, students should always ask before using items in the home.

### **Guests**

CEA students must notify their host family in advance if they plan to bring a guest into the flat and will be responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Friends, family members, overnight and late-night guests are not permitted in any housing assignment.

### **Curfew**

There is no curfew in any homestay. However, students should be respectful of their family when coming home late.

### **Keys & Security**

Each student will be issued keys to their housing upon check-in. Under no circumstances may students make a copy of their keys. In the event that keys are lost during the program, students will be responsible for the cost of replacement. In addition, students are required to follow any additional security procedures as dictated by their specific housing assignment/facility.

### **Utilities**

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur utility charges above and beyond what is deemed reasonable by CEA will be responsible for paying the excessive charges. Please note that electricity and water are very expensive in Spain. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity and water in Spain, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be accustomed to.

**Damages**

All students must respect all furniture, property, and other items provided. All damage, even unintentional, will be billed to the student responsible. If responsibility cannot be determined, the cost will be split equally among all residents. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.