

### CEA Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies. This information was provided to students as part of the application process and in their pre-departure materials and can also be found on our website: <https://www.ceastudyabroad.com/student-policy/cea-policies#housing-policies>.

#### Description

Students may find themselves living not in a traditional family unit, but with a single individual and one or more family members. Retired single individuals frequently enjoy hosting students; therefore, students should expect neither a traditional French nuclear family unit, nor the dynamics that one might otherwise experience in a traditional family. Generally, the families do not speak English. Students may need to accept some limits on their independence. Students living in homestays may have a 15 to 40 minute walk or ten to fifteen minute bus ride to their classes and downtown.

### Local Rules & Regulations

#### CEA Housing Agreements

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 enjoy daily breakfast and dinner five days a week with their homestay. Students will share the homestay's typical meals. Students are not allowed to take any food outside of meal times, since they are guests in someone's home.

### **Phone and Internet**

WIFI will be available in the homestays. Students should either get an international plan before leaving the US or buy a cheap burner phone and French SIM card on arrival, or just a French SIM card if the phone is unlocked to receive and make calls, as well as to communicate with their family and friends.

### **Linens**

Students will be provided with all bed linens, including sheets, pillow, pillow case, comforter and comforter cover. Students must provide their own towels.

### **Laundry**

Homestays will do one loads of laundry a week, if students need more laundry done they should go to the laudromat. The day of the week for laundry will be determined with homestay.

### **Smoking**

There is no smoking allowed in the homestay. Students may smoke outside.

### **Amenities**

Each student's room is fully furnished. In most cases, students will have a single room but will share a bathroom and living area with their homestay family. There may be other international students staying in the homestay. Students are encouraged to ask before using items in the home, since they are guests in the homestay.

### **Guests**

Daytime guests are not allowed without previous agreement from the homestay family. CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in CEA housing. Overnight guests are not permitted in any housing assignment.

### **Curfew**

There is no curfew for students staying with a homestay family, however students are asked to be quiet if coming home late at night.

### **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. A minimum fee of \$50 will be deducted from the program damage deposit for each set of keys not returned upon completion of the program. In addition, students are required to follow any additional security procedures as dictated by their specific housing assignment/facility.

### **Housing Problems**

In case of housing problems, students must contact the CEA onsite staff immediately. The Onsite staff will work with the family and the student to facilitate communication and try to resolve any problem that may arise.

### **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 is very expensive in countries outside the US. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity in their host country, 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. Please note, if excessive cleaning and/or trash removal is required at the end of the program, students will be responsible for all additional costs incurred. In addition, CEA will, without liability, dispose of any personal items left in CEA housing at the end of this contract term. If the program damage deposit does not cover all charges, the student will be billed accordingly. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts..