

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

Homestay Overview

CEA homestays usually have a local host who enjoys to have international students around. Staying in a homestay is a great way to complement your classroom study, as you have the opportunity to practice your Spanish and learn about the Argentine culture.

All homestays are located throughout the city between the areas of downtown, Recoleta, Palermo or Belgrano. Typical commute time between apartments and the CEA Buenos Aires Center or University of Belgrano will be up to 30 min approx. by public transport depending on location.

Local Rules & Regulations

As you are coming to a new culture with different customs, it will be helpful for you to know some basic rules and guidelines that we expect you to respect for a good coexistence with your Argentine family. Please read them carefully. However, as every family is different, we recommend you talk about it with local hosts.

CEA Housing Agreements

- I understand that I am a guest in this country and I am willing to learn about the cultural differences and respect them. I am aware that local habits might be different to what I am used to.
- I am committed to being respectful of my roommates and their belongings. I understand that a part of this studying abroad experience has to do with living with others and with embracing their differences. I understand that if I were not able to solve a housing problem with a roommate -within a reasonable period of time- a CEA Staff may take part and act to remedy the situation, including a possible housing change. Moreover, I am aware this decision might have a cost to me.
- I am committed to being respectful and take care of the apartment where I am living, the furniture, and any appliances it may have.
- I understand that I have to be respectful with my neighbors from the building. I will be discrete, and won't make loud noises if it is past 10 pm. In Argentina, it is against the law to make loud noises from 10 pm until 6 am.
- I understand that as a CEA student and as a US Citizen, I have to act with respect towards my host country
- I will not smoke in my housing, use any illegal substances nor abuse alcohol.
- I understand that it is forbidden to have overnight guests.
- I agree not to bring pets of any kind into the housing

- 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

Meals will be provided within the time frame and if the students are at the homestay. Meals can't be storage for other day/later. Students should keep in mind that meals in Argentina are different from what they are accustomed to in the US. Comparing to yours, argentine breakfast is typically very light, consisting on fruit or toast with jam and coffee, milk or tea. Lunch is not included but you can have cheap menus at delis and restaurants around CEA Buenos Aires Center and University of Belgrano. Lunch is a meal of the day usually eaten between 12:30

– 1:30 pm. Dinner is the largest meal of the day and is usually eaten between 8:00 – 9:00 pm. Students will be expected to eat at the times designated by their family and Students will have a space in the fridge, and kitchen areas to store their food. They won't be allowed to cook as they are provided with a meal plan. In addition, students are expected to notify out of respect of their host if they will be arriving late for or missing any meals.

Phone & Internet

Students will be responsible for any outgoing calls by using a local pay phone. Students must be careful not to block the family phone for too long. CEA requires that students have a local service phone number available to staff for emergency contact purposes. Relying on Wi-Fi 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 The must come with an unlocked phone. Electronics will be more expensive in BA than in US.

At 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. During Orientation Day, Students will have a local cell phone number provided by CEA.

Linens

Students will be provided with all bed linens, including sheets and a comforter. Students will also be provided towels.

Laundry

There are laundry mats in the same block. Students are responsible for doing their own laundry and the related costs (please refer to student budget). This service is convenient and not expensive.

Smoking

Smoking is not allowed in any CEA Housing.

Amenities

Each student's room is fully furnished including a bed, and a closet or dresser. In most cases, students will share a bathroom and living area with their homestay host. Students are encouraged to ask before using items in the home, since they are guests in the homestay. Students will receive weekly cleaning service: This will be coordinated with your local host.

- There will be a time frame defined for it.
- Please mind your belongings on this day.
- If you're unsure of the time frame and day, please feel free to ask.
- It will be re-scheduled if there is a national holiday, strike or big demonstration. This will be informed by the local host.

Guests

Only CEA guests are allowed in homestays – with prior approval by hosts. Please note that it is not mandatory for hosts to accept other CEA students in their houses.

Curfew

There is no curfew for students staying with a homestay family. It is requested, however, that residents are not loud after 10pm and early in the morning during working days. Homestay hosts do request however that students call ahead if coming home late out of respect.

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. A fee will be deducted from the program security deposit for each set of keys not returned upon completion of the program.

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. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.

Housing Changes and Discipline

CEA commits to providing suitable student housing. Once housing is assigned by CEA, there are only limited or special circumstances in which CEA will make changes to a student's housing assignment. Such changes will be made at CEA's discretion and will require a payment of \$ 300 that will be billed through your MyCEA account (Change of Housing Fee) and all additional associated costs incurred as a result of the change. In the exceptional circumstances that a change of student housing assignment is deemed necessary, CEA reserves the right to relocate student/s to any vacant CEA accommodation spots at any time during the program. Existing tenants affected by such a change will be given a minimum of 48 hours' notice prior to the inclusion of a new flat mate into their apartment.

For academic year and double semester students, changes to housing preferences for the second semester must be made no later than the application closure date for the second semester.

If the student is asked to leave the housing assignment due to their misconduct (as determined by the host family, landlord, dormitory director or CEA; see CEA Code of Conduct for further details), and is allowed to remain on the program at the discretion of CEA, the student will forfeit their \$300 security deposit. The student will not be offered a new CEA housing assignment, and no refunds will be available. In addition, CEA staff will not assist students in finding new independent housing. Please note misconduct may result in immediate expulsion from CEA housing and/or the CEA program. Once the decision of eviction has been made, the student/s will be informed immediately and will be expected to leave their housing within a period of 3 to 7 business days depending on the specific circumstances.