

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 one host mom -or a couple - who loves 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 your family at the beginning of your stay.

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

Students will be provided with breakfast and dinner from Sunday to Thursday and breakfast from Monday to Saturday. 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 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. 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 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 Buenos Aires. 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.

Linens

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

Laundry

Students will not have access to laundry facilities in the homestay. There are many laundromats, where starting from \$10 per load, complete laundry service is provided.

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 family. Students are encouraged to ask before using items in the home, since they are guests in the homestay.

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 families do request however that students call ahead if 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. 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.

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.