



Housing Overview

Barcelona, Spain

Apartment – Shared or Single Room

CEA Housing Policies

Students should be familiar with CEA's complete housing policies and CEA housing description and regulations below before confirming their housing application. CEA Housing policies can be found on our website: www.ceaStudyAbroad.com/docs/default-source/policy-library/CEA_Policies.

Apartment Overview

Apartments are located all around the city and students should expect an average commute time on public transport of 30/40 minutes to the CEA Barcelona Center.

Students typically share an apartment building with local residents of all ages, families, elderly people, etc. The apartments may be single sex or co-ed. Males and females could be placed in the same apartment but never in the same room. Students allocated in double rooms will share a bedroom with another CEA participant. There are a small number of single rooms which will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

The apartments have an equipped kitchen and are furnished with the basic fixtures, fittings and furniture. There are usually between 2/4 bedrooms in each apartment. CEA takes a lot of care in finding housing that is suitable student accommodation to Barcelona standards. Apartments come in a variety of styles and locations - each offering its own charm and advantages. It should be noted that apartments vary in layout, size, décor and age, and students will see their accommodation differs in some aspects from that of their peers. We recommend that students who have very specific requirements regarding their housing review carefully the characteristics of CEA apartments in Barcelona in order to ensure this option is right for their specific needs.

Please note that the cost for public transportation is not included. Students should plan on budgeting accordingly for transportation. Please refer to the sample budget in your MYCEA Account for more information.

Meals

There are no meals provided with this Housing option.

Phone and Internet

There are no phones in apartments. The Barcelona Resident Staff can provide information about how to get a cell phone from local vendors.

Internet access is included in all accommodations. However, students should note that connection reliability is subject to the national network provider. Please note that Internet connectivity is not as reliable in Spain as it is in the USA and currently CEA does not provide an individualized IT service for PC/MAC configuration etc. However, CEA will try to assist students in making his/her own arrangements for any IT service assistance.

Linens, Towels and Toiletries

Students are responsible for providing their own bed linens, blankets, comforters and towels. Pillows are provided. At students' request the Barcelona Resident Staff will provide information on where to purchase these items. Most beds are twin size (90 cm/36 in).

Laundry

Washing machines are provided in all CEA apartments. Students are responsible for purchasing their own laundry detergent. There are no dryers.

Cleaning

Students will receive a cleaning service twice a month in the communal areas and will be informed of the schedule during the first week after arrival. Cleaning of bedrooms, washing dishes, and taking out the trash are considered the students' responsibilities. Each student is responsible for cleaning his/her room at least once a week and keeping it tidy throughout the duration of the program as well as keeping all common areas clean. If the apartment is deemed unhygienic (i.e. food left to rot on floors/counters/furniture, accumulated liquids from garbage staining floors, insect infestation, etc.) students will be billed for extra cleaning sessions.

Maintenance

Students will receive assistance in resolving housing maintenance issues; CEA Barcelona Housing Department will act on behalf of the students in arranging any repairs, visits from technicians etc.; a 24 hour help line is also available for truly serious cases. Minor maintenance issues like heating and plumbing are not to be considered as serious.

Staff and maintenance technicians' visits to apartments will be announced in advance whenever possible. In some cases, for example when a technician is required to solve a serious maintenance issue or a serious incident has been reported, CEA reserves the right to perform unexpected visits.

Local Rules & Regulations

Alcohol, Smoking and Drugs

Alcohol abuse or signs of drunkenness is not accepted. Smoking and drug consumption or possession is not allowed in CEA housing.

Guests

Guests are not allowed in CEA Housing **after 9 PM** and must be accompanied at all times. CEA students are responsible for the conduct of their guests while in the apartment building.

Curfew

There is no curfew for CEA students in any housing assignment. However, students should be respectful of their neighbors and roommates when coming home late.

Keys & Security

Each student will be issued keys to their housing and shown how to double lock the apartment door upon check-in. For the safety of the students and building community, it is very important that the apartment address is never with the keys, that the keys are not given to anyone else, and that students double lock the door every

time they leave the apartment. Students must inform CEA as soon as possible of any lost or stolen keys. In the event that keys are lost or stolen during the program, CEA will change the apartment door lock by the next business day. The student will be responsible for the cost of the new lock and keys.

CEA is not responsible for any lost or stolen personal items (laptops, jewelry, cell phones, cameras, bags, etc). We strongly advise students to insure their personal belongings for the time that they will be abroad. Any student who is a victim of crime should notify the onsite staff as soon as possible so that they are informed of the necessary safety protocols.

Utilities

CEA will cover all reasonable utility expenses. Students who incur utility charges above and beyond what is considered normal by local standards will be responsible for paying the excess charges. It may take up to three months for foreign utility bills to be issued; therefore, CEA reserves the right to hold program deposits until all utility bills have been reviewed. If the program damage deposit does not cover all utility charges, the student will be billed accordingly. CEA reserves the right to withhold academic transcripts for any outstanding balance on student accounts.

Please note that utility rates are typically much higher than in the US. Students are expected to be mindful of this when using electricity, water and gas in their host country, and to be more conservative than they might otherwise be.

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. 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 the program 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.

Housing Changes and Discipline

CEA provides suitable student housing based on local standards. Once housing is assigned by CEA, students may not change their housing assignments. Any changes will be made at CEA's discretion and will require a minimum payment of \$300 (Change of Housing Fee) and all additional 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 24 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 landlord, housing vendor or CEA Barcelona; 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 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 72 hours.

Conflicts

You agree to make CEA staff aware of any conflicts or significant disagreements regarding issues with roommates. Any information you share with a member of the staff can be shared with a third party if CEA considers it necessary. CEA staff has the authority to intervene and take appropriate action regarding such disputes which may include, without limitation, a change of housing assignments. You will be responsible for any costs associated with the resolution.