SUMMER HOMESTAY EXPERIENCE
SELECT COMMUNITIES IN CANADA

AGES 15-18 • JUL 03 - AUG 21, 2025

2025

Your home away from home this summer

SESSION LENGTH
July 03 - August 21, 2025
2 to 4 weeks

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:
Student has a flexible schedule with the host family

HOMESTAY

Experience family life in Canada this summer! Students 15 – 18 years old are invited to join our Summer Homestay Experience programme. A homestay programme that gives youth the opportunity to truly integrate into Canadian culture, while living with a caring host family. Students join everyday activities and practice their English in a friendly, supportive, and safe home environment. They are encouraged to immerse themselves in the community and experience the local culture. Homestay is the ideal way to learn what life in Canada is all about!

IDEAL CANDIDATE

- Students who are independent and confident about meeting new people and exploring new places
- Students who are comfortable with having limited supervision during the day
- Students seeking to embrace new experiences and cultures

✈ GATEWAY OPTIONS

WEST

VICTORIA, BC - YYJ
- Greater Victoria

VANCOUVER, BC - YVR
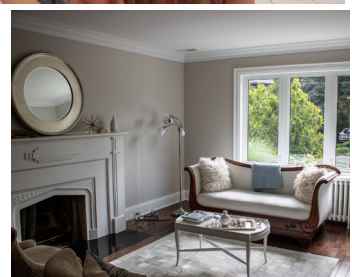- Abbotsford
- Surrey
- Langley

EAST

TORONTO, ON - YYZ
- London

OTTAWA, ON - YOW
(VIA YUL RECOMMENDED)
- Ottawa

COMMUNITIES

Depending on the chosen arrival gateway, our expert homestay team will place students with a family in one of the location options. We are proud to feature a range of communities that each offer their own unique charm, from picturesque landscapes and local festivals to friendly neighbours and welcoming host families. Chosen communities allow student to appreciate "traditional Canada", while being close enough to large urban centres for more social and cultural amenities.

OUR HOST FAMILIES

- Host families are carefully screened and selected.
- Host families have a sincere desire to welcome an international student into their home.
- Our host families represent a range of family types including retired couples, single-parent families and families with no children.

ACCOMMODATION

- Families live in a variety of homes including detached houses, townhomes, bungalows, and apartments.
- Students have a private bedroom in the host family home
- Bedrooms typically include a bed, dresser and closet.
- Bed linens, blankets, pillows are provided by the family.
- Students have use of the laundry facilities in the home.
- Other areas in the home are for common use by the student and family

MEALS (FULLBOARD)

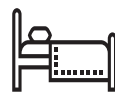- 3 meals are provided daily (Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner)

PROGRAMME PACKAGE INCLUDES:

- Welcome Package upon arrival
- Homestay recruitment, inspection, and placement
- Homestay Accommodation including Private bedroom and 3 meals daily (breakfast, lunch and dinner)
- Custodianship (for students under age 18)
- Airport meet and greet on arrival and departure
- Return airport transfers
- Student monitoring
- Local coordinator support
- 24 hour emergency support line
- All applicable taxes

MAIN FEATURES

Full Board: Breakfast, Lunch and Dinner   **Private bedroom**   **24/7 Emergency Support**   **Supportive, caring hosts**

PROGRAMME DETAILS

DAILY LIFE

The summer holiday in Canada takes place during July and August, so Canadian students do not attend school during this time. Summer in Canada is a busy time of year and there is always something to do!

Visiting students can expect to spend time with their host family or new friends, visiting interesting places in their community, shopping, going to movies etc. While there is no set programme structure, host parents will involve the visiting student in whatever activities they have planned as a family.

ARRIVALS

Upon arrival students are met at the airport by a CISS/MLI representative who will assist with pre-arranged transportation from the airport to their community and homestay.

DEPARTURES

On their final departure day, students are transferred from the host community to the airport and assisted with airport check in by a CISS/MLI representative.

TIPS FOR SUCCESS

- Be open-minded and do your best to integrate with your host family whenever possible. Your host family will do many things differently from what you're used to at home. These are learning opportunities! Try to understand not just how they do things differently, but why.
- Make the most of every day. The programme offers the perfect opportunity to appreciate and learn new things, whether it's new vocabulary or interesting facts about Canadian culture. Remember, you are in charge of your own learning and growth.
- Ask questions. Your host family will be curious about you, and will ask a lot of questions. Don't just respond; remember to ask questions back to them. This will show you're interested in them too, and help you create a bond.
- Keep a journal. Not only is this a great way to reflect on your unique experience, but it can also help with your language acquisition. Writing down new words and expressions is proven to help you remember the new vocabulary better.

PROGRAMME CONDITIONS

- Applications must be submitted a minimum of two months prior to start date. Subject to availability.
- Arrivals/Departures must be arranged on Tuesday, Thursday, or Sunday (with the exception of August 5th - no arrivals or departures on this day).
- Host family profile will be provided 1 week prior to start date.
- Food allergies or special diet requests cannot be accommodated.
- Proof of emergency health and dental insurance must be provided with flight details prior to arrival.
- WiFi is available in the home but students must supply own laptops, wireless devices, and accessories.

PROGRAMME EXCLUSIONS

- Programming prior to and following homestay programme.
- Excursions/outings outside of those offered by host family.
- Entrance fees or other costs associated with excursions, attractions, games or activities.
- Emergency health and dental insurance. It is mandatory for students to have their own overseas insurance. CISS can arrange insurance upon request.

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