

EF is dedicated to promoting international student exchange, and has been providing exciting language adventures abroad for over 40 years.

We know that today's world is a global one, and we understand how important it is for young people to expand their horizons.



EF Educational Homestay Programs (EHP) is a non-profit organization which allows students ages 12 to 18 to explore another language and culture during programs lasting from two to four weeks. In these escorted group travel programs, daily language lessons are combined with afternoon activities including sport tournaments, sightseeing excursions, and visits to local attractions.

What is EHP all about?

Accommodations

EF provides homestay and residential programs, but most students traveling with us choose to live in host family accommodations. And we take great pride in our host families. Our carefully screened volunteer host families share a commitment to international students and a genuine interest in cultural exchange. They open their homes and their hearts, providing students with full room and board in a warm and caring environment. We match our host families with students who have similar interests and values.

Method

Our language programs are based on immersion learning. We know that learning doesn't end when classes do, and that students will continue to practice their language skills while having breakfast with their host family, asking for directions to the museum, or calling out plays on the football field.

"It was a very good chance for speaking English every day. Thank you for giving me one of the very best experiences of my life!"
- Victoria, Denmark

EHP Course Types

The General Program

Students take structured language and cultural courses taught by qualified ESL instructors who use EF's own textbooks, designed to meet the needs of our students while maintaining the high standards we set for our programs. Daily lessons focus on building confidence in pronunciation and conversation skills through comprehension and vocabulary activities. Learning continues outside the classroom with field trips, group discussions, and organized afternoon activities - and also at home with their host families.

The Immersion Program

Like the General Program, this program places students with our top-quality host families. However, students in the Immersion Program do not participate in structured courses or planned activities. They spend most of their time exploring the local culture with their host families, quickly developing their English skills while forming strong bonds with family members.

The International Program

This program brings students from many countries into one geographical area, typically near a major city, to stay with host families. Classes are held in a centralized location, generally in the academic buildings of a local university or college. After class, students participate in various activities and excursions. In this environment it is easy for students to use their language skills to meet new international friends.