



# Accommodations

## HOST FAMILY FACTS

- Host families are middle class by local standards
- Students are given the option of a private or shared room and study area. Note: Check with us to see which options are available for the school you are considering
- Laundry services are provided at many of the locations. For those that don't, you will find inexpensive places to wash your clothing nearby.
- One to three meals a day
- Usually located at a maximum of 30 minutes of the school. Many are located much closer.
- Students are provided with a key to the house and are free to come and go as they please.
- All families are approved and overseen by the corresponding language school.

## STUDENT RESIDENCES OR APARTMENTS

- Most residences are actually furnished apartments that you will share with other students. Bedrooms are either private or shared (your choice) and the common areas are available to all room-mates.
- Apartments are basic but functional.
- Most apartments tend to be within 10-20 minutes from the school.
- Some schools offer residences that have more of a dorm or basic hotel feel to them. In these cases you have a private or shared room. On the first floor you will find a kitchen, TV room, etc.
- At a few select schools students can also opt for a private studio. These options are perfect for someone who wants complete privacy.
- Final note about apartments and residences. Each school offers something slightly different. The descriptions above are designed to give you a basic idea about the various options. Check with us for specific options related to specific schools.

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A major reason why Spanish immersion programs are so effective relates to the fact that you have the opportunity to live with a host family. All host families (and other accommodations) are located, approved and overseen by each respective language school.

When staying with a host family, you will have the chance to practice the Spanish you learned in class in a natural family setting. Because of their interest in your progress, you will find that staying with a host family is a nonthreatening environment where you can practice and improve your Spanish. As your relationship with the family grows so will your confidence and motivation to learn.

Another great benefit with host family accommodations, relates to the fact that in many cases, you will find yourself participating in family activities. As a former student stated: "In my immersion program, the host family I had was great! They took me to restaurants, local markets, professional soccer matches, and on various trips within the city and its surrounding areas. Thanks to my host family, my Spanish rapidly improved."

## OTHER ACCOMMODATION OPTIONS

In Spain, students have the option to arrange a variety of different accommodations. In addition to the standard host family option, our schools offer residence, apartment, and flat sharing arrangements. These accommodation options offer more independence than the host family arrangement. **Note: Meals may not be included with any of these options.**

Despite the benefits of staying with a host family, many people would still prefer some type of other accommodation. In both Latin America and Spain, Spanish Abroad can help you make hotel reservations.

