

# Aquarius – Homestay in France

You are a student or a young worker (18-35), you plan to be in France for a language course, a work program, an internship or on vacation. Are you looking for a place to stay? Why not consider a homestay?

Practice and improve your knowledge of French daily with your host family !



## The Formulas:

**HALF-BOARD** = BREAKFAST + DINER

Location : Paris & Province

Duration : from 1 week to 6 months

Age : 18 or older

Level of contact with host family : regular

**BED & BREAKFAST + 3 diners / week**

(days to be decided with the family)

Location : Paris & Province

Duration : from 1 week to 6 months

Age : 18 or older

Level of contact with host family : regular

**BED & BREAKFAST** = BREAKFAST every day

Location : Paris & Province

Duration : from 1 week to 6 months

Age : 18 or older

Level of contact with host family : average

**ROOM ONLY** = ROOM without meals

Location : Paris & Province

Length : from 1 week to 6 months

Age : 18 or older (very autonomous)

Level of contact with host family : low

*Note : We cannot guarantee the availability of this formula all year long, it depends on the seasons. If we have no room available for this formula, we will propose Bed & Breakfast*

## The Prices\*:

		ROOM ONLY	BED & BREAKFAST	BED & BREAKFAST + 3 DINNERS/WEEK	HALF-BOARD
<b>Paris &amp; Paris Region</b>	<i>First week</i>	245 €	300 €	308 €	384 €
	<i>Additional week</i>	180 €	235 €	276 €	312 €
<b>Province</b> (Brittany, Nantes, Loire Valley, La Rochelle)	<i>First week</i>	195 €	255 €	285 €	350 €
	<i>Additional week</i>	110 €	150 €	190 €	230 €
<b>French Riviera</b>	<i>First week</i>	250 €	300 €	350 €	370 €
	<i>Additional week</i>	145 €	210 €	240 €	275 €

\*150€ administration fee added to each reservation

# Application form – Homestay in France

Arrival date in homestay:

Last Day in homestay:

## PERSONAL INFORMATION

(PLEASE WRITE IN CAPITAL LETTERS)

Last Name

First Name

Address

Zip Code

Country

Tel  Cell

Email

Date of birth

Nationality

Studies/profession

Describe your personality

Are you independent?  Yes  No  Intermediate

Would you like to participate in family life?  Yes  No

What is the purpose of your stay in France?

How many years have you been studying French?

What is your proficiency level in French?

Other languages spoken

Do you smoke?  Yes  No  Sometimes

Do you need any medical treatment?  Yes  No

If yes, specify

Do you accept to be placed in a smoking family?

Yes  No

Do you accept to be placed in a family with pets?

Yes  No

Particular demands

Where in France would you like to stay? (city)

1<sup>st</sup> Choice

2<sup>nd</sup> Choice

3<sup>rd</sup> Choice

Which formula?

## DOCUMENTS TO HAND IN WITH YOUR INSCRIPTION

- Signed application form
- Signed housing regulations
- One passport-size photo
- Your program payment

## PAYMENT

- Registration fee 150 €
  - Accommodation fee \_\_\_\_\_ €
- (check price list on page 1)

## TOTAL

€

Credit card : Visa or Mastercard

Credit card number

Security Code (3 numbers on the back of the card)

Expiration Date (Month/Year)

Cardholder's Name

Cardholder's Signature

I have read, understood and accept the housing conditions

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Place

Date

Signature

# Housing rules – Homestay in France

Your host family is happy to welcome you and hopes you will have a fulfilling experience in France. You will encounter many cultural differences from your home country. This is what this work abroad experience in France is all about. Your host family will do its best for you to have a pleasant and learning stay. It is important for you to keep in mind that your contact with your host family depends on the type of stay you will do, probably when meals are not included a more independent relationship between you and the host family will be established.

The following items will help you better adapt to your host family and make your stay a success: as this is a family stay, you will expect some family warmth, occasional help, and plenty of occasions to speak French. In return you will have to adapt to the French way of life and especially to the family's way of life. Here are some basic rules you should follow:

- INSURANCE** - All students are required to carry a health and liability insurance. You must be able to provide proof that you are indeed insured.
- PHONE** - You do not have access to the host family's phone. We advise you to buy or rent a cell phone.
- INTERNET** - You do not have access to the host family's computer. Moreover, not all families will have Internet.
- ELECTRICITY** - Electricity is very costly in France, so we ask you to turn your heat off when opening your window in winter and to switch your lights off when you leave a room in the apartment.
- WALLS** - Please do not put anything on your bedroom walls to avoid any wholes or stains.
- TV** - If your family has a TV, it is for them to choose their programs and the hours. Please do not monopolize the TV or the TV space.
- YOUR ROOM** - if you are living in an independent *studette* you will need to lock your door when you leave. If you are staying in a room in an apartment, you must never lock the door to your bedroom. As a general rule, keep your room tidy and clean. You are not allowed to store food in your room. You will be informed the day the housekeeper comes. That day make sure not to leave anything on the floor and to tidy up your room.
- NOISE** - Be discreet when you come home at night. Do not blast your stereo!
- LAUNDRY** - Sheets and towels will be provided by your host family. Sheets will be changed every other week and towels every week. Your laundry will generally be washed in the family's apartment. However, for the "Room only" formula you will have to go to the laundromat.
- VISITS** - You cannot invite your parents, family nor your friends to sleep over at your host family's apartment.
- FRIENDS** - During the day, you need prior agreement of your host family to invite someone into your room.
- LOOSING & BREAKING** - You are responsible for anything you break or lose (including the keys) that belong to your host family and you or your insurance will have to fully reimburse your host family for it. Please be aware that losing the keys could end up being very costly since it implies in most cases the whole door lock to be replaced.
- EVERY DAY LIVING** - Your family will appreciate the fact that you keep your own bedroom clean. Simple gestures such as making the bed and keeping your room clean will be go a long way to build relations.

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- MEALS -** As a general rule, the French enjoy sitting down with their families for meals, and this is an important aspect of family life. Your host family will let you know the schedule of meals, as it would with any other family member. That is why it is important to be punctual for meals, to respect the time and the schedule of meals. On the other hand, you will need to notify the family well enough in advance, in case of your planned absence or if you're unable to attend a meal, or please contact your host family by phone if you are going to be late for a meal. In the rare event that your host family must be absent one evening, they will leave a boxed meal for you. If you arrive late for a meal without letting your family know in advance, the family is not required to serve you a sit-down dinner.
- BREAKFAST -** This meal is taken with or without the family, depending on whether your schedules match or not. You will be offered a continental breakfast, *à la française*
- DINNER -** This sit-down meal is taken with the family. You will be served a full meal which includes an appetizer, a main course, a cheese course, and a dessert. These meals are varied and complete. They will respect your preferences in case you are on a diet or are a vegetarian.
- PRACTICAL ISSUES -** Do not hesitate to address material and practical issues directly to your host family. Many details can be settled directly between the student and the family. Only in the event of difficulty will you need to appeal to your Resident Director.
- SECURITY -** If you are returning late at night, we urge you to take a taxi. You can share the cost of a taxi with another student living in the same area. Do not carry a lot of cash on you, and if at all possible, leave your passport at home and carry with you only the photocopies of your identity papers.
- CANCELLATION OF CONTRACT-** The student is legally bound to stay with a host family for a period determined in advance (either a month, a trimester or a semester), which cannot be broken, except in cases of unavoidable circumstances (diet issues, incompatibility). Outside of this clause, a homestay already begun had to be completed as stated the contract.

Please do not hesitate to ask your host family or your Resident Director for help and advice.

Have a GOOD STAY in France!