

Live the Experience: Be Part of a Spanish Family

Living with a Spanish Host Family is at the heart of your experience in Spain. It is your chance to discover the country from the inside: through traditions, home-cooked meals, and daily life shared with people who welcome you.

Host Families are connected to the school and appointed by its principal. They host you because they are interested in cultural exchange and want to learn about your language and culture, not simply offer a room.

You will become part of their family. That means sharing meals, joining conversations, and taking part in everyday life. Of course, you will have your own free time to travel, meet friends, or relax, but it's important to find a balance. You are now part of their family and will need to adapt to their routines and lifestyle.

If you happen to be teaching for less than 23 weekly hours at school, there are two possible scenarios. You may have your teaching hours spread out over four weekdays — these days might not be consecutive. Alternatively, your schedule could include teaching hours on five weekday mornings, leaving your afternoons free.



Language and *Activities* Use of Your Native Language

It is a true two-way exchange. They learn

from you, and you learn from them. As part of your daily routine, you'll use your native language for at least 50% of the time you spend together, giving the family a chance to practice and learn. How this works can vary: you might speak Spanish with the parents and your own language with the kids, spend some days in Spanish and others in your language, or find another arrangement that works for everyone. Feel free to speak Spanish and improve your

own skills during the rest of the time. Other languages may be spoken at home. If you would like to practice your Spanish, let the family know in order for them to adjust.



language, both of you will schedule six

hours of activities each week, ideally fun and playful. You might play games, cook together, or help the kids with their language homework. We recommend agreeing on routines from day one and setting activities in advance so your Host Family can plan accordingly. Communication is key. If something is not working, speak up, talk openly with your family. They cannot help if they do not know.

For a better experience and included in that

50% of the time together in your native

You can also reach out to your Program Coordinator if needed. Living Together

routines and schedules, while also fulfilling your internship responsibilities at school. Out of respect for the family, the

• Sunday to Thursday: 11:00 p.m. Friday and Saturday: no curfew Being part of a family also means contributing like any other member:

Keep in mind that you are joining a family, following their

· Keep your space clean and help with small daily

is not a hotel, it is a shared experience.

following curfew applies:

rules.

Do not invite guests without permission. Be a positive role model for the children; your

· Respect family routines, mealtimes, and house

Families open their homes because they want to experience cultural exchange. They expect the same

curiosity, kindness, and respect in return. Remember, this

behavior matters inside and outside the home.

flexibility and cooperation regarding small additional household tasks are highly appreciated. **Tasks**

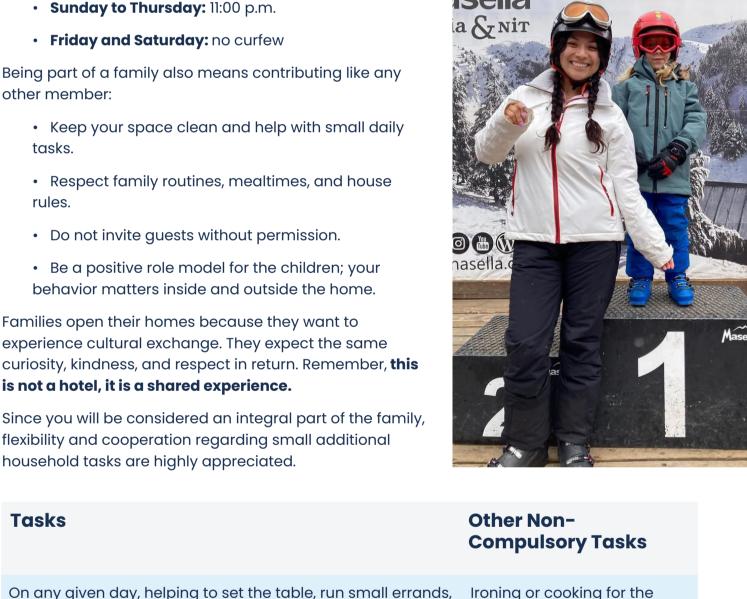
On any given day, helping to set the table, run small errands, go grocery shopping with the parents, and/or help them

understanding, crafting, doing art projects, or completing language homework. Planned activities outside the home can include going with the parents and children to play games outside or going on an excursion while speaking your language.

cook. Planned activities at home: playing with the children (Pictionary, football, guessing games, etc.), watching films

in your language and providing explanations for better

What the Host Family *Provides* Your Host Family will: · Meet you upon arrival at the city's airport, train, or



Teaching or helping host siblings with other school subjects.

family. Babysitting at night while the parents are out.

Taking the children to the park or for a walk without parental supervision.

Provide lodging during the entire program period, including school holidays such as Christmas, Easter, and long weekends.

 Cover all meals, except those provided by the school or when you choose to eat out.

your tutor in advance.

bus station.

bedroom and study area. Respect your privacy and personal property.

Provide an individual room for your use as a

- Only if the host school is 2 km or further from the home of the Host Family and you are unable
- to use the school bus due to your schedule or route issues, and the transportation to and from the school entails an additional cost, then this expense will be covered by the school. This only

agreement, the school may end the placement.

covers buses or metro. If this happens to be your case, it is essential that you discuss it with

A Shared *Commitment*

participate in family life. If serious issues arise, such as disrespectful behavior or breaking the

When you choose a placement with a Host Family, you agree to live respectfully and





