

# Housing in Barcelona

This program is a [residential](#) program rather than a travelling program. You will be living with a family or señora in Barcelona for the ultimate in immersion into the culture. The host families are truly interested in foreign students and are all very welcoming.

This is a great way to understand the host country on an individual and deeper level plus to make life-long friends in Spain. Past students on these programs say this is one of the most valuable parts of the program. This summer program, like other residential programs, is designed to give you the extreme in immersion, independence, and intellectual stimulation while on a summer study abroad program. You will be **living in Europe not just passing through** for a few days on a travel agenda. Outside of class and planned excursions, you are responsible for your agenda to explore, learn, and soak up even more of Europe. [See more here about the benefits of a residential study abroad program.](#)

These "home stays" are arranged by IES based on their long experience with study abroad. Typically the host family provides you with a key, and you are free to come and go as you like. With some advance notice to the family of when you plan to return, there should be little problem. If there is an "incompatibility," IES stands ready to make another family available.

The homes will be about a 30 minute commute (possibly on the "metro") from the IES Center where classes will be held. The cost of housing during the program in Barcelona is **included** in the program fee.

Your host family provides you with two meals a day.