

## I would like to live with a host, but I have some question

### How long does it take to find a host ?

Between two weeks (very rare!) and several months. Your profile and expectancies need to match those of the host. Most tandems are set up in June/August for the first semester, and then again in December/January for the second semester. As hosts get inscribed continuously over the year, it is important to keep in touch with us regularly if you wish an accommodation. We will continue to share your file with potential hosts over the year.

### How many hours a week is help due?

From three to six hours a week, depending on the size of the room and what is requested by the host. If you have an individual bathroom, its surface is added to that of the room.



### What kind of help is requested?

The tasks vary : help with the cleaning, grocery shopping, dog walking, giving lessons to a kid, cooking a meal etc. It all depends on the host's requirements and what you can help with. Health care and personal care are not within the boundaries of the program and not requested.

### What does my participation to running costs cover?

It covers electricity, heating, as well as access to Wifi and the TV tax. The amount is of 100 francs a month for a room under 16 square meters, 120 francs as of 16 square meters.

### Are there any other costs?

You need to take a civil liability insurance (60 to 120 francs a year) and lay down a 500 francs deposit that will be restituted at the end of your stay.

### Is the room furnished?

Yes. There is a bed, a space for putting away your clothes, a desk and a chair in all rooms. Blankets, sheets and pillow cases are generally provided for by the hosts.

## **Will I have internet access?**

Yes. If your host did not have internet before your arrival, he/she will get it installed and you shall cover for the subscription.

## **Is the bathroom a shared space?**

Often. You need to ensure the bathroom is clean after use.

## **Can I eat in the kitchen ?**

In most cases, yes. If there is an exception, it will be specified in the housing agreement. You have a space in the fridge and the kitchen cupboard for your private items.

## **Do I have to eat with my host? Does he/she prepare the meals?**

No. You are responsible for your own meals.

Sometimes a host may request help to prepare a meal; this is specified in the housing agreement. If you wish to share a meal with your host, and help prepare it, this is of course possible. It all depends on what you wish for and the quality of the relationship you develop with your host.

## **Can I access the living room?**

Not always. This depends on your host. You shall always have access to the kitchen and a bathroom.



## **Am I allowed to invite friends over?**

This depends on your host and the indications in the housing agreement. It also depends on the relationship you have with your host. It is always best to talk to your host before inviting someone over.

## **May I leave during the academic year?**

In principle, no. With the housing convention you have signed up for a year, or a semester. You are allowed to 3 weeks of holidays between September and June.

## **If the tandem is not working out, what can I do?**

You can contact our office anytime. We will listen and help you find a solution. In case of important difficulties, the housing convention can be terminated.