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Chez Nous Homestay Ireland – Student Exchange

Irish Exchange Students

Our student exchange programmes abroad offer participants the opportunity to familiarize themselves with the many facets of life and culture of their host country. They allow an opportunity to learn a language by total immersion and provide a rich intercultural experience, while having fun. Home stay placements are available for students aged 12 years and older. At the moment, we provide two-way exchanges between Ireland and France, Germany, Spain and Italy.

These are cultural and linguistic exchanges between families and children who live in different countries and speak different languages.

Our exchange programmes are individually tailored.

HOW TO BOOK A TWO-WAY EXCHANGE ABROAD

1. For a two-way exchange please complete and return a [student exchange application form](#).
2. On receipt of completed forms we will issue an invoice for the exchange.
3. An application fee of €100 must be paid to begin processing the application.
4. When a potential suitable exchange family is identified their family profile will be sent to you for review.
5. When both families agree to progress the exchange, the balance of the invoice must be paid.
6. You will then receive full contact details of your exchange family.
7. Exchange families arrange reciprocal exchange dates directly between themselves and book their own flights and insurances.
8. Host families / exchange families must be Garda vetted, we are registered to arrange this service for you.
9. Notify us of the agreed exchange dates. We will send contact details to you of your local coordinator abroad.
10. All airport transfers, meals activities and accommodation agreed and provided directly by each family.

Documents required for each student exchange application

- The completed application form for Chez Nous Homestay + photographic ID of the student. All signatures i.e. Parent/s (or legal guardian/s) and the participant's signature are required to confirm the booking.
- An application fee of €100, payment details will be in the invoice.
- In two-way exchanges we require photographs your home and a family photograph as well as the student ID photograph.
- A letter to the host family, in your target language and starting with "Dear Family"
- A letter of reference from your school addressed to us. This should be from either your language teacher or school principle. If attending school abroad the latest school reports may be required by the receiving school.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF BOOKING AND SALE

Short stays (during school holidays)

* By completing our application form exchange families and exchange students agree to these 'Terms & Conditions'

* Participants undertake to respect the physical assets and the cultural and religious differences of their host family and country.

* Participants undertake throughout their stay to abide by the laws of your host country, to obey the rules set by the host family and to contact the local coordinator during their stay if any difficulty or problem occurs.

* In a two way exchange each family agrees to host the child of their exchange family for an agreed length of



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time. We will check general availability for requested dates. The exact dates of travel are agreed directly between the families and notified to us.

* All travel expenses and all other expenses associated with or arising from the exchange/s are borne by the exchange families themselves.

* We will do our best to study and deliver specific requests, without guarantee.

* The exchange student will adapt to the habits and customs of the host family and not vice versa although host families strive to be as accommodating as possible of their guest.

* A non-refundable application fee must be submitted with each exchange application. This fee is deducted from the total cost of the exchange.

* Health and travel / repatriation insurance must be in place for the exchange

* Additional documentation may be required after booking and must be returned promptly to Chez Nous Homestay.

* Irish exchange families must not share any data relating to their foreign exchange family with other families or third parties.

* Your family details and profile images will be shared with your potential exchange family and our partner company/companies for the purpose of securing a suitable exchange family for your child. On acceptance by you of a proposed exchange your full contact details will also be shared with the partner company and proposed exchange family.

* By completing and submitting our application form you accept our terms and conditions.

* Chez Nous Homestay reserves the right to amend its terms and conditions.

Exchange Families:

- Families for exchange students will provide all meals, laundry, and food required by the exchange student, as well as providing a secure and welcoming home environment and emotional support for the student. The host family will respect the difference in cultural background, religion, privacy and individuality of their exchange student but will treat the student as if he/ she was a member of their family.
- If the student does not have a mobile phone please allow them 1 short courtesy call home on arrival.
- The student must be provided with shower facilities, clothes should be washed weekly by the host family, towels and bed linen is supplied by the host family and washed weekly.
- Airport pick up and transfers will be provided by the exchange family.
- Exchange students under 18 years of age will be under the supervision and guardianship of the host family at all times and will not be left alone without suitable arrangements in place for their safety and wellbeing.
- Exchange families agree to facilitate consecutive exchanges for their respective children at a time agreed.
- An individual application is required for every exchange student.
- Host and exchange families should have an operational travel insurance, home insurance policy or other applicable policy. Chez Nous Homestay will not be liable for any damages, losses injuries or accidents caused by the student in your home during their stay.

Two-way Student Exchange Prices.

A non-refundable fee of €100 must accompany all applications. Our partners will not commence a matching process unless this fee is paid.



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For a short two-way exchange, up to 4 weeks duration prices start at €350. The fee for 4- 8 weeks is €500. Exchange fee includes application fee, laundry, all food and accommodation with the host family. This price does not include flights, other transportation, insurance or other expenses. Children should bring pocket money for personal requirements.

Payment terms

One way and two way exchanges from Ireland

- * An application fee must accompany each application form.
- * We will issue an invoice, bank account details will be given in your invoice.
- * If the booking is made at least 6 weeks before departure, full payment must be made as soon as we confirm that a family is available.
- * Chez Nous Homestay Limited reserve the right to cancel a departure, if the balance has not been paid within the time expected.

Health & Insurance Requirements

- * Each student must purchase travel / repatriation insurance and carry their European Health Insurance card with them.
- * If you have private medical insurance for your child, please include a photocopy of the Insurance Company, the policy number, emergency contact details and procedures for the host family abroad. Complete a delegation of parental authority form to allow the exchange family to act in loco parentis in the event of medical emergency.
- * Neither Chez Nous Homestay nor any of its members can accept any responsibility for any problems due to an illness or accident or incident that may occur to your child, or the loss of clothing or personal items during their journey or stay abroad.
- * Parents applying to send their child on a stay abroad are confirming that there is no medical or behavioural matter which would make them unsuited to an exchange or homestay abroad. Parents /legal guardians accept full liability for all medical costs incurred through any necessary medical treatment while abroad.

Departures and Arrivals

The participants organize their own return flights.

For two way exchanges the exchange families arrange airport transfer for their exchange student.

For one way exchanges, flights should not be booked prior to confirmation by Chez Nous Homestay, that we have a host family available for you. A transfer fee will be included in your invoice.

A permission to travel form & a delegation of parental authority form, in case of emergency should be carried by the student when going abroad.

We can supply these forms to you.

Discipline and civil liability of the participant

- * Parents are responsible under their contract of personal liability, for any damage to a third party, by their child, during the stay.
- * Students will respect the rules set by the host family acting in Loco parentis.
- * Any concerns during the stay abroad should be notified to the local coordinator as soon as possible and always before the termination of the placement.

Cancellation of the program by the participant after the placement is confirmed and paid.

Two way exchanges: No refund is made after exchange family details have been supplied to you.

One way exchanges/ paid homestay abroad:

* Refunds: The deposit/ application fee is non-refundable. If cancellation occurs 6-4 weeks before departure, and full payment has been received 80% of the balance is repaid. Less than 4 weeks before departure 50% refund of the balance, less than two weeks before departure 20% of the balance repayable.

- 100% of total amount retained if the participant does not appear on the agreed day.

- Individual discretion in the event of a tragedy before departure.

There will be a loss of the application fee/ deposit if the reservation is cancelled after its reception.

* No refund is due to a participant who chooses to or must stop the program for any reason whatsoever before



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the proposed end of their stay.

* Each family agrees that if their child has already travelled abroad, and in the unavoidable event of not being able to facilitate the exchange visit, they will pay us an additional €250 / week of exchange so we can arrange a suitable paid home stay for the student who received them.

Our Two-way exchange offer:

We facilitate the introduction of two families who wish to organize a cultural and linguistic exchange for a child of each family designated by name in the registration form. This service makes introductions, it is not an obligation to ensure a particular result. We will use all means necessary to allow the connection between two families wishing to send their child to a foreign family and to receive in return a child of the foreign family.

We undertake the following actions:

- Search for families
- Review of family registration forms and references / vetting as appropriate
- Interview/meeting with applicant exchange family
- Process school references
- Connecting Families .
- Follow-up for information about the relationship between families

We do not arrange the following aspects, which are taken care of by both families for their children: -

- Relationships between families and children
- Booking and purchase of transport tickets for the child
- Organization of the agreed return journey
- Physical organization of accommodation and catering
- Organization of trips and visits during the stay
- Agreements for authorization or non-authorization of hospitalization and surgical operations
- Obtaining insurance covering the risks related to this trip and this exchange
- Consequences of physical or material damage, offences, accidents and deaths.

This list is non-exhaustive and not limiting.