



EC Cape Town reception area

BEAUTIFUL SCHOOLS

Ready to start your adventure? Choose from some of the world's most exciting cities in the US, Canada, UK, Ireland, Malta and South Africa as the setting for your amazing life experience. From Times Square in New York, to Miami's South Beach, to Canada's beautiful lakes, to the sunny islands of Malta, you'll find your EC school carefully designed for effective learning in the heart of the action.

Your classrooms will be equipped with the latest learning technology, whether it's interactive whiteboards (IWBs) or touchscreen TVs. You will find the library well stocked with the information you need, and student lounges and self-study areas where you can practise your skills. With free Wi-Fi and the use of numerous internet-connected computers, you can study online and stay in touch with family and friends.

What's your EC destination?

USA

Boston, New York, New York 30+, Washington, DC, San Diego, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Miami

CANADA

Montreal, Toronto, Toronto 30+, Vancouver

UK

London, London 30+, Oxford, Cambridge, Brighton, Bristol, Manchester

IRELAND

Dublin, Dublin 30+

MALTA

Malta, Malta 30+

SOUTH AFRICA

Cape Town

destination

(noun) /destɪˈneɪʃən/

a place to which one is journeying or to which something is sent; a place worthy of travel or an extended visit

AMAZING DESTINATIONS



Exciting destinations like Malta

academic

(adjective) /ˌækeˈdemɪk/

of or relating to performance in courses of study

journey

(noun) /ˈdʒɜːni/

an act of traveling from one place to another

YOUR ACADEMIC JOURNEY

Your EC academic journey starts when you book your course. You will have access to a curriculum that is highly structured to meet international standards, yet personalised to meet your needs. Your results will be real and measurable.

EC gives you:



A Fully Mapped Curriculum

designed and mapped to the global standard, the Common European Framework for Languages, an internationally accepted measure of language learning



Defined Learning Outcomes

providing you with clearly defined skills and abilities for each level so you will know exactly what you need to do



Outcome-Focused Learning

lessons, activities, homework and personal direction that will guide you through each level, along with self-study and continued practise outside of class



Regular Assessments

you will be assessed every week in class and every five weeks on your overall progress, enabling you and your teacher to focus on areas where you need the most improvement

OUR ACADEMIC METHODOLOGY INCLUDES:

AUTHENTIC COMMUNICATION

You will learn through the Communicative Approach, which emphasises the importance of spoken and written communication, and the language needed to communicate in real-life contexts. You will learn about the systems of English and how the language functions; and you will be able to practise your English language skills in everyday settings as you complete real-world tasks.

CLEAR OBJECTIVES

Your lessons will include concise, measurable learning objectives, with clear outcomes that provide you with a 'road map' for progress. At the end of each lesson and instructional week, you will have a chance to think about what you have accomplished, and your teachers will give you feedback and additional support in the areas where you most need it.

PERSONALISED FEEDBACK

To help you learn the right structures and most appropriate uses of English, your teacher will provide you with individual feedback on your language skills to help you correct any errors. To help you succeed, your teacher will consider your learning needs based on various aspects, such as your native language, your cultural background, and your previous study of the language.

GUIDED PROGRESS

Your performance is actively monitored by your teachers and the academic team to make sure you stay on target with your learning. If you need help, they are available to provide support and guidance to get you back on track.

CULTURAL AWARENESS

Your EC family is sensitive to your cultural background, and the staff receives ongoing training in how to provide you with the best personalised support.

CONTINUED RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

Your EC academic team is committed to providing you with the latest in learning techniques. The team is continuously involved in research and development to ensure that the most effective methodologies are used in the classroom and for your assessment. Cutting-edge technology is integrated throughout our systems to enhance your experience.

At EC we collect data on student learning through online testing and this is used to carefully target curriculum development and course improvements to ensure your learning journey is continuously reviewed.

HOW YOU LEARN

At the start of each class, your teacher will explain the objectives for the lesson. During class, you will learn and practise language skills in authentic contexts to complete real-world tasks. You learn by practising the new language and speaking to your classmates. Your teacher will give you feedback on your language use and your performance on the tasks to ensure your learning. At the end of the lesson, your teacher will again review the objectives so you can see the progress you are making.

After the class, the learning continues. You will have targeted homework which helps you to practise real conversations that include what you learnt in class.

schedule

(noun) /'ʃɛdju:l/

a procedural plan that indicates the time and sequence of each operation

YOUR SCHEDULE

Your daily lessons in class will provide you with focused study and attention. Your learning will continue outside of class as your time will be filled with opportunities to have fun while you practise what you've learned in the classroom.

YOUR LESSONS

Your academic timetable will alternate daily between morning and afternoon lessons, so that you can fill your time outside of lessons with a variety of activities. Starting times vary slightly between schools. You will receive your timetable on your first day.

Each lesson is 45 minutes and lessons are delivered in blocks of two.

- **General English students**

15 hours per week (no Special Focus lessons)

- **Semi-Intensive students**

18 hours per week (Special Focus lessons 2 days per week)

- **Intensive students**

22.5 hours per week (Special Focus lessons 4 or 5 days per week, depending on EC school)



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
08:30 - 10:00		Lessons Targeted Skills		Lessons Targeted Skills	
10:00 - 10:15	Break				
10:15 - 11:45		Lessons Targeted Skills		Lessons Targeted Skills	
11:45 - 12:30	Break				
12:30 - 14:00	Lessons Special Focus				
14:00 - 14:15	Break				
14:15 - 15:45	Lessons Core English		Lessons Core English		Lessons Core English
15:45 - 16:00	Break				
16:00 - 17:30	Lessons Core English		Lessons Core English		Lessons Core English

OUTSIDE OF CLASS

Here is a sample activity calendar from EC Brighton. Activities in **orange** and **language workshops** are free of charge!

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Weekend
3 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at home Brunch & Chat 11:00, from £6 City Tour 12:00	4 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at school Welcome Drink for new students, 18:00	5 Pronunciation Clinic 11:00 & 14:45 Street Art Walk 14:45 Pub Night 20:15	6 Academic Year Induction 10:00 Volleyball 14:45 Wimbledon Quarter Finals Men's Singles Student Lounge 13:00	7 Conversation 11:00 & 14:45 Seven Sisters 14:45 Football 19:00, £3 Under 18s Party 19:00, £4.50	8 Graduation Ceremony 12:15 Laser Tag 19:00, £5 Excursion to Scotland	9 Excursion to Oxford, Windsor & Eton Excursion to Bath & Stonehenge
10 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at home Brunch & Chat 11:00, from £6 City Tour 12:00	11 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at school Welcome Drink for new students, 18:00	12 Pronunciation Clinic 11:00 & 14:45 Fitness 19:00 Pub Night 20:15	13 University Placement 12:15 CV Clinic 11 & 14:45 Movie 14:45 Street Art Walk 14:45	14 Conversation 11:00 & 14:45 Yoga 14:45 Football 19:00, £3	15 Graduation Ceremony 12:15 Seven Sisters 14:45 Excursion to Paris & Versailles	16 Excursion to Liverpool & Manchester Excursion to Bath & Stonehenge
17 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at home Brunch & Chat 11:00, from £6 City Tour 12:00	18 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at school Welcome Drink for new students, 18:00	19 Pronunciation Clinic 11:00 & 14:45 Historic Brighton Walk 14:45 Pub Night 20:15	20 Yoga 14:45 Fitness 19:00 London Theatre "The Lion King" 15:30, £65.00	21 Conversation 11:00 & 14:45 Volleyball 14:45 Movie 14:45 Football 19:00, £3	22 Graduation Ceremony 12:15 Zumba 14:45 Bowling 19:00, £5	23 Excursion to London Excursion to Oxford, Windsor & Eton
24/31 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at home Brunch & Chat 11:00, from £6 City Tour 12:00	25 Orange Carpet Welcome for new students at school Welcome Drink for new students, 18:00	26 Pronunciation Clinic 11:00 & 14:45 Zumba 14:45 Pub Night 20:15	27 University Placement 12:15 CV Clinic 11 & 14:45 Movie 14:45 Volleyball 19:00	28 Conversation 11:00 & 14:45 Yoga 14:45 Football 19:00, £3 Student Party 19:00, £4.50	29 Graduation Ceremony 12:15 Historic Walk 14:45 Laser Tag 20:00, £5	30 Excursion to Liverpool & Manchester Excursion to Bath & Stonehenge

free

(adjective) /fri:/

not costing or charging anything

FREE LANGUAGE WORKSHOPS

You will have access to additional teacher-led sessions that are free of charge. These sessions take place every week outside of the classroom.

WORKSHOPS AVAILABLE AT ALL SCHOOLS

No matter which EC location you choose, your programme will include the following sessions:



CONVERSATION SESSIONS

(at least once per week)

You can practise your conversation skills with students from different classes, levels and nationalities. In these relaxed and sociable sessions, you can choose which topics you want to discuss.



SKILLS CLINICS

(at least once per week)

Learn tips, pointers and secrets to master different language skills. Clinics in grammar, pronunciation, writing and reading are offered. Check your school's activity calendar to see what's available.

ADDITIONAL WORKSHOPS

The workshops at each school are adapted to meet the needs of the students. You may find:



LECTURES

Learn interesting facts and practise listening skills, note-taking and summary writing skills.



EXAM SKILLS

Practise and master the skills to help you attain a better score in your English language exams.



BREAKING NEWS

Get together with your fellow students to discuss and debate the local and international issues of the day.



WORK CLINIC

CV and interview clinics will help you develop the skills you need to apply and interview for jobs in English.



LOCAL CONVERSATION PARTNERS

Long-term students are matched with a native speaker in the local area to meet and chat on a regular basis.



WRITING CLINIC

Practise your written English skills and develop a practical understanding of both formal and informal writing styles.



HOMEWORK CLUB

An organised gathering with other students where you can help each other with homework and practise your English in a group setting.



IMPROVISATION HOUR

Improve your speaking skills while gaining confidence and having fun through improvisation activities.



THE 'HOOD

Learn how literature, history and political movements have shaped the city in which you are studying.

YOUR GOALS, OUR PROMISE

THE EC PROMISE IS VERY SIMPLE.

If you study Intensive English with us (30 lessons per week) for ten weeks and **fully commit** to your learning programme, we promise you will progress at the rate shown on the progress chart below.

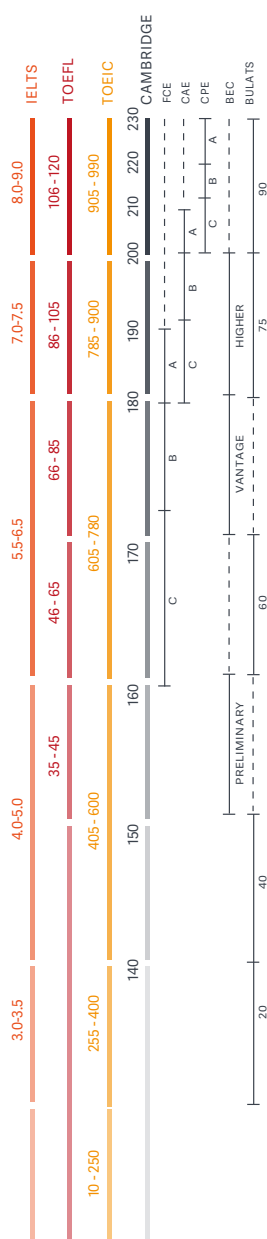
Our promise is backed by science and real data. Having analysed the progress of thousands of our students*, we know what they need to do to succeed. Students who are **fully committed** to their programme take the following three steps to progress:

1. attend 96% of their classes;
2. complete at least three homework assignments weekly and average a score of 9/10;
3. actively participate in lessons and average a score of 9/10 for participation and motivation.

Your teachers will support you, monitor your progress, and show you how to keep moving forward. If you follow your teacher's instructions, and **fully commit** to your learning programme by taking these three steps, we promise you will succeed.

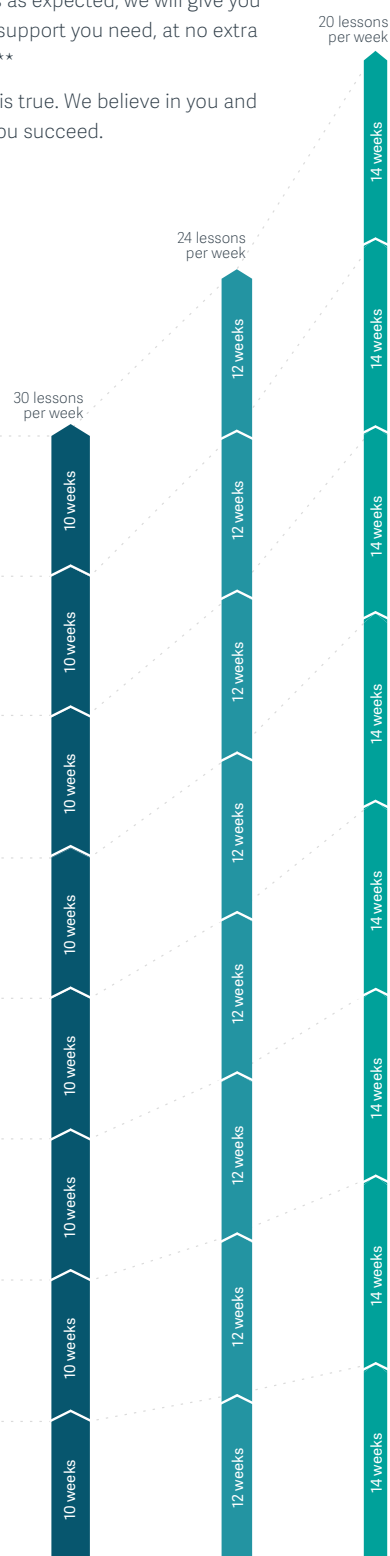
And this is our further promise to you: if you do everything required but you do not progress as expected, we will give you the additional lessons, help and support you need, at no extra cost, to maximise your progress.**

Our science is real. Our promise is true. We believe in you and our number one goal is to help you succeed.



EC LEVELS

C2	PROFICIENCY You have near-full command of the language. You can use industry terms for your field of study.
C1	ADVANCED With a good command of English, you can read and write accurately with few errors. You can understand most academic texts and lectures.
B2+	PRE-ADVANCED You can use the language with confidence. You can read English newspapers, follow TV news and apply for an English-speaking job.
B2	UPPER-INTERMEDIATE You can use the language with some confidence but with noticeable lapses in accuracy and fluency. You can give a short business presentation in English.
B1+	INTERMEDIATE You can communicate easily on everyday matters but have a limited range of expression. You can have a conversation on the telephone.
B1	PRE-INTERMEDIATE You speak fairly easily on everyday matters. You can explain what you need from service providers.
A2	ELEMENTARY You understand most conversations spoken slowly and clearly. You can give someone simple directions on the street.
A1	BEGINNER You have a very basic knowledge of vocabulary and simple grammatical structure. You can invite someone somewhere and talk about your past.



* Analysis covered a 12-month period in 2016/2017, and included all EC students who took a placement and exit test.

** Students who do not progress and wish to receive the EC Promise of extra lessons and support must contact their Director of Studies at least one week prior to departure. Other terms and conditions apply. Speak with your EC contact for more details.



Students in a shared apartment

home

(noun) /heɪm/

the place where a person lives; a familiar setting

YOUR HOME AWAY FROM HOME

Whether you want to live with other students in a residence or experience local daily life with a homestay, we've got the perfect home away from home.

Your EC accommodation allows you to more fully integrate into the EC community so that you get the most out of your experience. Most residences offer some level of additional amenities, such as a gym and social areas, and in some locations, a swimming pool. In many residences, students are housed together, providing them with more opportunities to practise English, often with native speakers. Our goal is to offer excellent accommodation, which is why all our accommodation has been thoroughly checked by the EC team to ensure it meets our standards for safety and cleanliness.

There are great benefits to living in EC accommodation. You can make new friends by sharing a twin room with a roommate, or enjoy time on your own in a single room. Your EC home is your place to relax and recharge, so it's important that you feel 100% comfortable. That's why we have accommodation options to suit your tastes and needs. You can choose from the following ranges:

- **STANDARD:** This entry-level accommodation is perfect if you're budget-conscious. Services and facilities are limited to keep these prices affordable for you. This level is ideal for those aged 18-30.
- **COMFORT:** This mid-range offering provides a higher level of comfort and amenities. With improved design and physical attributes, this accommodation is ideal for all ages.
- **SUPERIOR:** This is our premium offering which is well-appointed and provides a wider range of facilities and a higher standard of design. This accommodation is ideal for those who are 30+ and for families.

Look for these icons on our destination pages to see the best way to travel from each accommodation to your school:



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Train



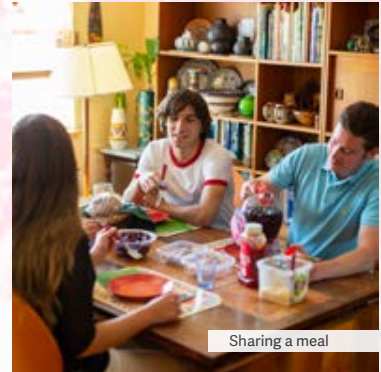
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Cycle



Students with a host



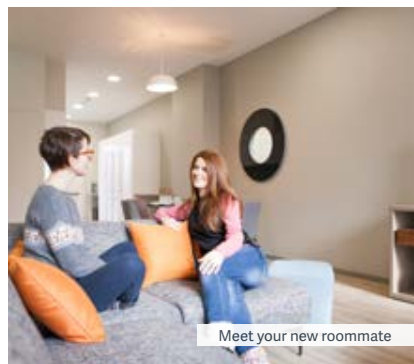
Sharing a meal

HOMESTAY

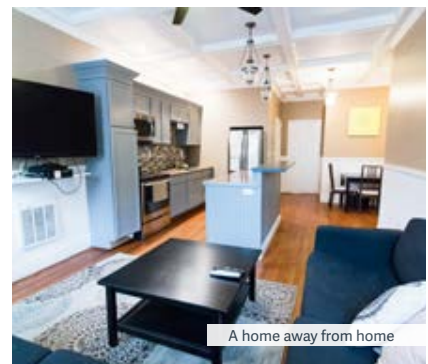
Live like a local and enjoy all the pleasures of home, from warm welcomes to home-cooked meals. Our **standard** homestays consist of a twin or single room with a host or host family, with access to a shared bathroom. Our **comfort** homestays offer the additional benefit of an ensuite or private bathroom. Depending on the location, homestay may provide bed and breakfast (where only breakfast is provided), half board (breakfast and dinner provided) or self-catering (available in our UK schools, providing access to a kitchen to prepare all meals).



Common area for students



Meet your new roommate



A home away from home

STUDENT RESIDENCE

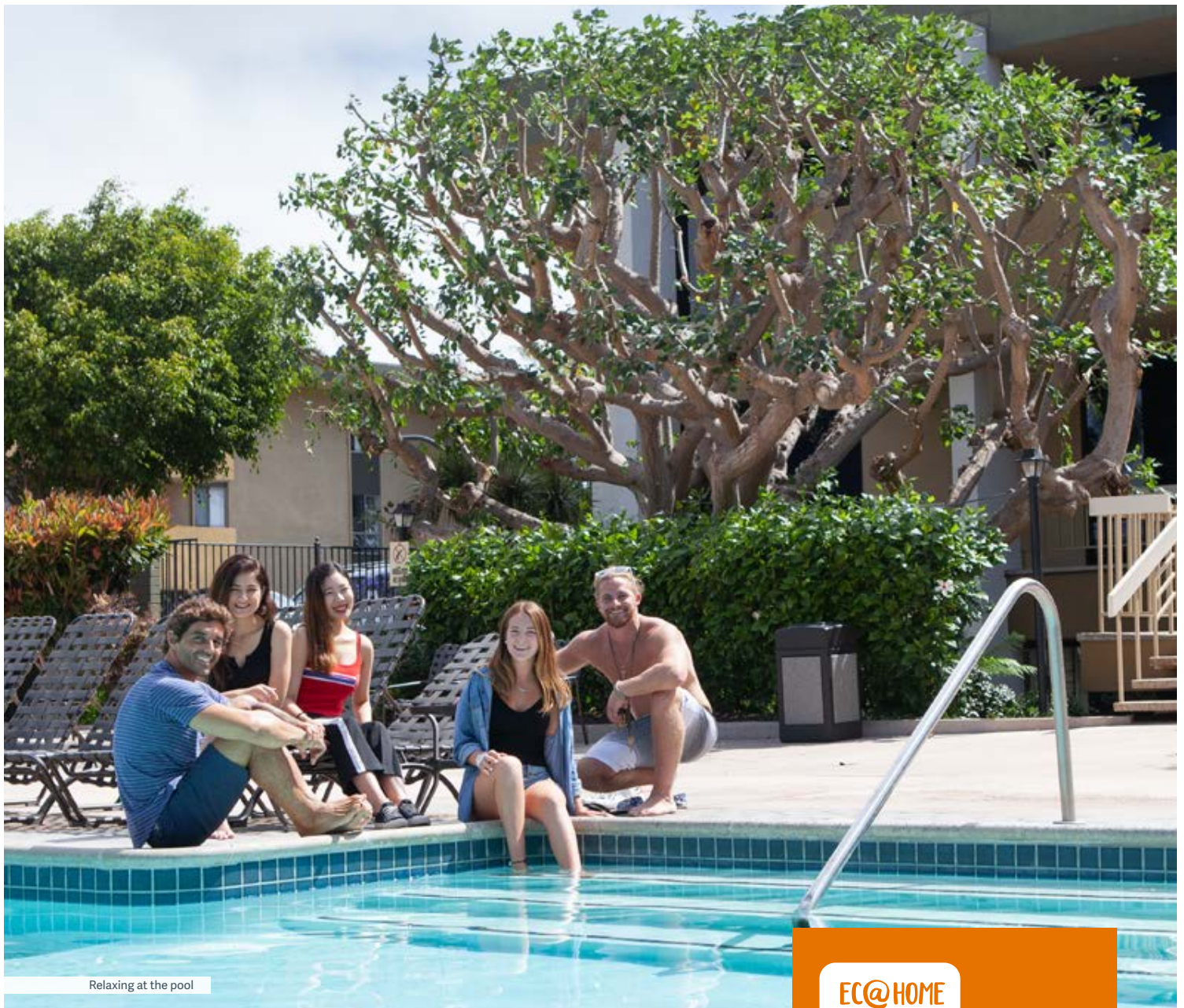
Socialise with like-minded people from all over the world in the common areas of our student-only accommodation, and live independently while enjoying and exploring your chosen destination together.

STUDENT HOUSE OR APARTMENT

Share a house or apartment with other international students and enjoy your independence in a smaller setting while making friends with your new housemates.

SHARED HOUSE OR APARTMENT

Meet people from around the world as you share a house or apartment. You'll interact with students and other young professionals, giving you many opportunities to practise your English skills.



Relaxing at the pool



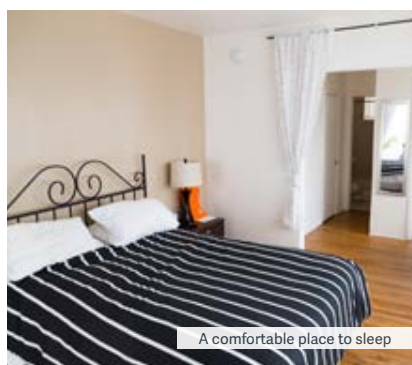
If you want extra time practising and learning English, try EC@Home. Book one of our selected residences and receive up to four hours of extra time with a teacher or EC team member each week, in your residence or while out exploring the city. You can attend two sessions (one with a teacher and one with an EC team member) for each week of accommodation booked.

Residences include:

- Miami – The Loft
- Vancouver – APT Living
- New York – Brooklyn Co Living



Practise your English skills



A comfortable place to sleep

APARTHOTEL

If you're looking for an apartment with the facilities and amenities of a hotel, this is the option for you. Enjoy all the comforts of a hotel from the privacy of a self-contained apartment.

PRIVATE ACCOMMODATION

Private apartments/condos are also available in many of our destinations.