



# UniLink Homestay in Korea

A homestay in Korea, being a family member of a common Korean family for a short moment while joining their daily life, is not standard staying but quite an attractive program that experiences their warmth that is reflected in Korean drama and allows you to welcomely keep in touch anytime.

As a volunteer, Korean host families who are interested in a new relationship with foreign friends, willing to invite you to their house, without any financial advantage, treat you as one of their family members.

Come and experience genuine Korea by living with a host family for a short time.

Do you like to meet a special Korea? Then you should be with Koreans to participate in visiting a school, grocery shopping, cooking Korean home meals, eating delicious food at hot spots, and village festivals.

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## 01. Homestay Host Family

- Motivated to take part in this program since they are highly interested in a foreign language and mingling with foreign people
- Regardless of foreign language ability, joining this program
- Participating as a volunteer without any financial advantages for accommodation
- Diverse ages, family members, jobs
- From all over the country

# 02. Preparation for Homestay

- Prepare a small gift for a host family. Something that represents Italy such as a traditional/household item and food.
- Prepare some simple ingredients for Italian cooking with a host family during your stay.
- Prepare a postcard or letter and send a message to your host family on the last day.
- When you receive a profile of a host family, please contact it via social media or e-mail. Exchanging photos including daily life is one of the ways to be close and a good beginning to a pleasant homestay.
- If you prepare laundry net bags or plastic bags, they can be used in diverse ways. You can gather laundry and ask your host to wash it and use a plastic bag as a trash bag.





#### 03. Cultural Differences

- Korea, influenced by the Confucian culture, considers making turns and rules depending on age important. In this regard, when Korean adults are with younger people, sometimes they feel unpleasant paying their bills separately. When you go out, please be willing to pay. If a host family pays it, you will look for a chance to pay next time.
- As you know, there could be a cultural difference between the eastern and the western. Language expression differs too. For example, in western culture, an address is written from small units to large units, but the eastern culture is the opposite. Please consider that even though we are using the same English, the way of understanding could be diverse due to cultural differences.

# 04. Etiquette of Homestay

- A homestay means people from different backgrounds meet and spend time together.

  There could be communication barriers or cultural differences but please remember that this moment starts from pleasant feelings for each other.
- Smiles, positive thoughts, active attitudes, and expressing gratitude make your homestay much happier.
- Keep in main that during your stay, the schedule is based on the host family's lifestyle.
- Korean host families are preparing for your staying with mixed feelings excitement and worries like you.
- Learn about how their families call each other. If you can address dad, mom, sister, and brother as appa, umma, unnie, and oppa, it helps you make your homestay more relaxing from the beginning.
- Have to do chores like cleaning, cooking, and washing dishes with your host. First, let them know that you do it voluntarily.
- In the case of staying in an apartment, be careful of noise between floors.
- Please stick to a fixed homestay schedule in advance. Do not extend the duration of homestay individually.

## 05. Transportation

By contacting your host family via a messenger in advance, receive information about transportation from the airport to the host family.

# 06. Emergency Contact

If you wonder about a homestay or have difficulty, please contact UniLink Kakaotalk Channel.

