

Resources for Organizing Superficial and In-Depth Interactions with Locals

Student homestay experiences :

Superficial interactions

- Airbnb :
 - This website is an online marketplace for tourist and vacation rentals.
 - Caveat: It is not tailored to students.
- Student Room Stay:
 - This website helps international students get placed with homestay families.
- Homestay.com :
 - This website is an online marketplace for short- and long-term stays.

Caveat: It may be difficult to find homestay placements for a group of students in the same location.

Student homestay + service-learning experiences :

More in-depth interactions

- International Volunteer HQ :
 - This organization matches students with global volunteer projects that are focused on sustainability.
- World Wide Opportunities on Organic Farms (WWOOF)
 - “Woofing” allows students to work on organic farms in exchange for room and board.
- Workaway :
 - This organization matches students with host families; students are expected to contribute a predetermined amount of volunteer work in exchange for room and board provided by hosts.
- Worldpackers :
 - This organization matches students with hosts offering volunteer opportunities across the world.

Caveat: It may be difficult to find one shared homestay + service-learning experience for an entire group of students.





Student homestay + language school experience

More in-depth interactions

- Language International:
 - This website allows you to research language schools around the world; you can compare up to four language schools at a time.
- International Student Exchange:
 - This organization helps students participate in short- and long-term exchange programs in the United States.
- EF Educational Tours:
 - This organization provides teachers with personal travel consultants and tour guides.

Caveats: Some of the above services can be costly, which may discourage or prevent some students from participating.

