



The Friendship Force staff and I are so excited to let you know about our new partnership with <u>Homestay.com</u>.

Homestay.com brings together travellers and hosts, giving them the online tools to arrange homestays. Like us at Friendship Force, they believe that travel should bring people together, making the world a friendlier, more peaceful place.

Here are 5 reasons we're so excited to partner with Homestay.com!

1. More home hosting in more places.



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While Friendship Force clubs exist in many places in the world, we are always striving to bring a Friendship Force presence to more communities. Often, we try to do this with Discover Exchanges where FF ambassadors stay in hotels. By partnering with Homestay.com, we will be able to offer a more Friendship Force-like homestay experience in more cities and countries around the world, more quickly. Furthermore, in places where we have limited availability, Homestay.com hosts can provide additional hosting alongside our existing clubs, allowing us to grow our exchange capacity. All in all, the partnership with Homestay.com will mean fewer hotel nights, more homestays, and more

2. A shared commitment to safe, friendly, people-to-people travel.



Like Friendship Force, Homestay.com cares deeply about vetting, security, and orienting participants to a greater mission of global good; and we believe we will find a safe and satisfying partnership in our activities together. Additionally, unlike other home booking sites, Homestay.com hosts stay in the home with you, offering local connections at the personal level.

3. A private web platform just for Friendship Force - coming soon!

In addition to their general services, the Homestay.com team is working on tools that will be available just for FF members. You'll be able to sign up there if you're willing to host other FF members on their private travels. And the next time you're traveling on your own, you can use Homestay.com to find a Friendship Force member to host you, too!



4. More opportunities for you to travel and host in the way you love.



If you choose to <u>sign up as a host</u> on Homestay.com, you will enjoy more opportunities to welcome visitors from around the world into your home, bridging cultures, generations and ideas.

5. Sharing the mission of friendship.



Partnering with Homestay.com will allow our many Friendship Force members to make connections with a whole new community of like-minded people, inviting them to join our mission of creating a better world through global friendships. Homestay.com has 18,000 active hosts around the world who all love the personal connections they make through home hospitality. Imagine how strong the cause of friendship can grow when we work together!

Homestay.com Testimonial:

"This Homestay experience confirmed once more to us: Homestay is the best way to meet nice people from all over the world, make them part of your family and have amazing moments, share experiences and get friends. It just broadens our horizons and enriches our life." -Hosts Emmanuel & Katia in Hamburg

Talk to your program manager at FFI headquarters if you're interested in finding additional hosting availability for your exchange through Homestay.com, and watch for more announcements to come soon.

We ask that if you are interested in exploring or using the <u>Homestay.com website</u>, please access it via the links in this email or the link on the FFI homepage. These links, which say "Friendship Force" in the address, help Homestay.com identify you as a member of the Friendship Force.

Let's create more friendship together!

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