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Dear Host Family,

My name is Emilie, I'm 16 years old, and I live in a small town in France with my mother. I have an older sister who participated in this program, and it was her amazing experience that inspired me to apply. I live very close to my grandparents' house, so I get to spend a lot of time with them, which I really enjoy. I'm very close to my family and also love spending time with my friends. My best friends live far away, so I don't see them often, but when we do get together, it's always special and full of memories.

In October 2023, I went to New York City with my best friend Pauline, and it was literally the best experience ever! We visited some of the most famous landmarks, like the Empire State Building and Central Park, but my favorite part was definitely visiting The Edge. The view from the top was absolutely breathtaking, especially with all the glass walls. It felt like we were floating above the city! We didn't have enough time to visit the MOMA, so I'm really hoping I can go back one day to explore more.

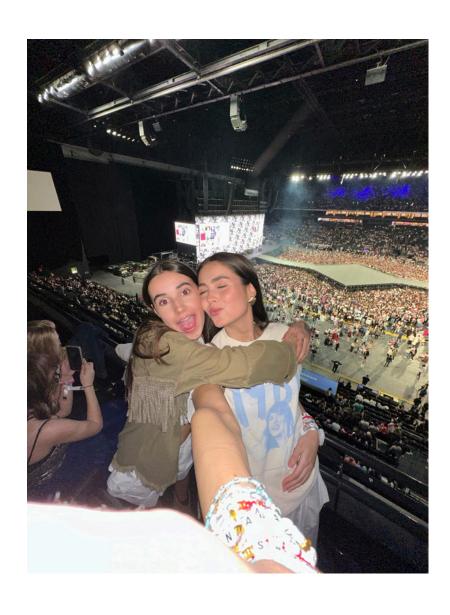
During our trip, I also got to try some delicious American food, which I loved. One of my favorite things was the cinnamon rolls. They were so sweet and soft, and they're definitely one of my top treats now. I also tried New York-style pizza, which was so different from what we have in France. I couldn't get enough of the huge slices with all the toppings. It was so cool to experience all the flavors and try new things!

I'm really passionate about art, and I love paintings—Keith Haring is my favorite artist! I'm also a huge fan of movies, especially musicals like *La La Land* and *Mamma Mia!* I find that they bring so much joy, and I can't help but sing along. I also enjoy reading books, and music is a huge part of my life. In May 2024, I had the chance to see Taylor Swift in concert in Paris with my sister. It was truly one of the best moments of my life! The energy, the performances, everything was just perfect. We had the time of our lives and it's a memory I'll never forget.

At school, I'm in 11th grade, and I study math, politics, and economics. Economics is definitely my favorite subject, and I would love to work in this field in the future. I know that English is super important, and that's one of the reasons I want to study abroad. I think living with a host family would be a perfect way to improve my English, experience real American life, and learn more about your culture. I'm especially excited to discover California! The landscapes there look so beautiful, from the canyons to the unique towns, and I can't wait to explore it all.

Thank you so much for considering me. I really hope to hear from you soon and I look forward to getting to know you better!

Respectfully, Emilie



This picture is from the concert of Taylor Swift with my sister, we loved it!



This was my first italian iced cream from our trip with my family and it was delicious



Right before a french dish called raclette: it's made of cheese and potatoes and it's amazing!



I had a trampoline sleepover with my cousin wich is also my best friend this summer, just like in videos we used to watch on YouTube



My grandfather gave me a ride in his vintage car : he loves them



This picture is from our family trip in Italia. We love travelling and I love my family so combining both is amazing