

ASHESI'S

10th Annual Trip to Ghana

October 6 -14, 2018

Visit alumni workplaces, sit in on classes, meet with Ashesi's faculty and executive team, and experience the rich culture and history of Accra, Elmina, and Cape Coast. All are welcome to join us on this nine-day tour of Ghana!

*PLEASE NOTE: This draft itinerary is subject to change.

Saturday, October 6

- **Arrival.** Lodging for tonight is included in the trip price. Settle in, relax, or explore Accra.

Sunday, October 7

- **Lunch at Buka Restaurant.** Enjoy a West African smörgåsbord! [Buka](#) offers a variety of Ghanaian, Nigerian, Ivorian, and Togolese dishes on their popular lunchtime buffet.
- **Sightseeing drive.** Landtours, our local guide, will take us on a driving tour of Ghana's capital Accra, including visits to Independence Square, Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park, and Ashesi's original campus. The day provides a great opportunity to explore a new country and get to know some of the districts that make up Accra.
- **Orientation dinner.** An Ashesi trustee will host us for a Q&A with foundation and university staff. We'll enjoy dinner, discuss Ashesi's programs, and take a look ahead at the week.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Dinner

Lodging: Fiesta Royale

Monday, October 8 - Tuesday, October 9: Ashesi Deep Dive

On this two-day immersion, Annual Trip participants will be joined by Deep Divers from government, business, and academic organizations. The Deep Dive will begin on Monday morning and conclude Tuesday evening.

Activities include:

- **Campus tour.** Take a walking tour of Ashesi's campus in Berekuso.
- **Student seminar.** Sit in on an Ashesi seminar and engage with students and faculty. Possible topics include Giving Voice to Values and Foundations of Design and Entrepreneurship.
- **Ashesi leadership session.** Join university leadership to learn about Ashesi's current state of affairs and upcoming initiatives.
- **A day in the life of an Ashesi student.** An Ashesi student will take you to class and speak to you about life as a student.
- **Dinner Activity.** On Monday evening, enjoy a dinner reception with your fellow Deep Divers and Annual Trip participants.
- **Free Evening.** Deep Divers will be transferred to the airport for final departure on Tuesday evening. Annual Trip participants can relax, take a dip in the pool, or dine out in Accra.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch, Monday Dinner

Lodging: Fiesta Royale

Wednesday, October 10

- **Alumni workplace visits.** Tour the worksites of Ashesi alumni to hear about graduates' high-impact projects. Possible sites include Heel the World, a social enterprise and footwear brand; software development firm DreamOval; and General Electric Ghana.
- **Drive to Elmina Beach Resort.** Along the way, we will stop for lunch in the Accra Mall.
- **Evening free.** Spend the rest of the day and evening on the beach.

Meals included: Breakfast

Lodging: Coconut Grove Beach Resort



Tour a vibrant country



Hear from Ashesi President Patrick Awuah



See the engineering workshop



Visit alumni workplaces

Thursday, October 11

- **Kakum Park.** Look out for plants, birds, and butterflies on a 2 km walk through this tropical rainforest. Then enjoy the park from above on spectacular treetop-level canopy walkways.
- **Cape Coast Castle.** One of Ghana's most notorious slaving forts, Cape Coast Castle is now a UNESCO World Heritage Site and home to the West African Historical Museum, established by the Smithsonian in collaboration with the Ghanaian government. We will tour this historic site, see the Door of No Return, and hear from our guide about the slave trade in Ghana.
- **Elmina walk.** Visit a fishing community and take a walking tour in Elmina. We will also enjoy lunch at the Rainforest Lodge.
- **Evening free.** After a full day of sightseeing, relax at the hotel and catch a beautiful sunset.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Lodging: Coconut Grove Beach Resort

Friday, October 12

- **Village of Hope Orphanage.** On the way back to Accra, we'll stop in the Gomoa District for a visit to Village of Hope. Araba Amuasi, Chief Operations Officer and Ashesi alumna, welcomes us to meet the children and learn more about her work to improve primary and secondary education in Ghana.
- **Return to Accra.** On the way to the city, we will stop to pick up lunch.
- **Evening free.** Stay in and relax, or dine out with Ashesi staff and trip participants.

Meals included: Breakfast, Lunch

Lodging: Fiesta Royale

Saturday, October 13

- **Visit Soronko Academy.** Founded by alumna Regina Honu '05, Soronko Academy is West Africa's first coding and human centered design school. We will tour the Academy, sit in on a course and hear Regina's story.
- **Afternoon excursion.** Experience the Makola Market, a renowned open air market in the center of Accra.
- **Faculty Dinner.** On your last evening in Accra, join Ashesi faculty and trustees to debrief and share perspectives on challenges and opportunities in the Ashesi classroom.

Meals included: Breakfast, Dinner

Lodging: Fiesta Royale

Sunday, October 14

- **Tailored activities.** Explore Accra, matched with a member of the Ashesi community as your guide. Suggested activities include:
 - Artists Alliance Gallery
 - Oxford Street shopping
 - Church services
- **Departure.** Transfer to airport for check-in and final departure.

Meals included: Breakfast

Lodging on 10/14 is not included in the trip price



Sit in on classes and engage with students



Visit Elmina and Cape Coast



Explore Ashesi's campus



Spend time with students

PRICING

Ashesi partners with a local tour agency, Landtours, to make all arrangements except air travel to Ghana; guests pay their own expenses. Costs for this year's trip will be approximately \$1,792 per person for double occupancy, and \$2,392 per person for single occupancy. The trip cost includes transportation within Ghana, sightseeing expenses, 3-4 star hotel stay, daily breakfast, five lunches and three dinners.



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