ASHESI'S Annual Trip to Ghana
October 3-11, 2020
EMBRACE THE ASHESI SPIRIT

Learn how Ashesi University is empowering young leaders to spark a renaissance in Africa

Join us on Ashesi’s 12th Annual Trip to Ghana!

Now is the perfect time to travel to Ghana. In 2019, Ghana’s “Year of Return” initiative brought members of the African diaspora back to the continent and sparked increased interest in the region’s explosive growth and potential. This year, Ashesi’s Annual Trip will showcase the many ways in which Ashesi’s unique model, centered on innovation, entrepreneurship, and ethical leadership, is helping to spark an African renaissance.

During their time at Ashesi, trip participants will be paired with students to attend class, hear from university leadership about upcoming initiatives, and learn about key Ashesi programs including the Honor Code and entrepreneurial ecosystem. On visits to alumni workplaces, we will learn how Ashesi graduates are using their education to spark positive change in their communities. Complete your experience in Ghana by exploring Accra, Elmina, and Cape Coast. We’ll traverse a rainforest, visit museums and other historic sites, and relax on the beach. We hope you will join us.

“Visiting Ashesi University and Ghana was a dream becoming real for us. The time spent and connections made with the students, staff, faculty, and administrators will long be remembered. Such a wonderful success story and a great opportunity to see some of Ghana. One of the most memorable trips of our lives. Most highly recommended.”

Rhea Graham and Cliff Dahm, 2019 Annual Trip participants

The mission of Ashesi is to educate a new generation of ethical, entrepreneurial leaders in Africa; to cultivate within our students the critical thinking skills, the concern for others, and the courage it will take to transform their continent.

Ashesi University Foundation connects a global community of donors, friends, and volunteers to Ashesi University in Ghana.
Campus Tour
Ashesi is designed to reflect the resources of the continent and the opportunities students have to design an elevated future for Africa. During a guided tour, explore our engineering and research facilities, eco-friendly systems, and communal spaces that encourage shared experiences.

Day in the Life
Pair up with Ashesi students to hear about their projects, participate in classes, share lunch, and take part in campus activities.

Ethics in Action
The Honor System puts students in charge of their ethical posture. Witness Ashesi’s culture of ethics in action during a student seminar.

University Leadership
Hear from executive team members, faculty, and President Patrick Awuah about Ashesi’s model, vision, and next strategic plan.

Entrepreneurship Ecosystem
Immerse yourself in courses and programs designed to nurture an entrepreneurial spirit, including the Ashesi Venture Incubator (AVI), a new alumni venture incubator in collaboration with MIT D-Lab, with funding from USAID.

Faculty Research and Innovation
Under the leadership of Provost Angela Owusu-Ansah, we are building a thriving research ecosystem. Gain insight into a range of research projects using AI, machine learning, and more.

Accra
Explore historic Ghanaian landmarks and visit restaurants, shops, and sites with a member of the Ashesi community.

Elmina
Tour Cape Coast Castle, a historic departure point for slaves bound for the Americas. The 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 the castle, see the Door of No Return, and hear from our guide about the history and legacy of the slave trade.

Kakum National Park
 Traverse a 1,150-foot canopy walkway 100 feet above a tropical rainforest — one of only three such walkways in Africa. Be on the lookout for butterflies and some of the 266 bird species living in the park.

Alumni Impact
Meet with alumni throughout the week to learn about their experiences and visit their workplaces. Site visits may include the Cocoapreneurship Institute of Ghana, AI-focused software innovation company CYST, and Soronko Academy – West Africa’s first coding and human centered design school.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who arranges the trip?
Ashesi partners with a Ghanaian tour agency, Landtours, to make in-country arrangements. Guests are responsible for their own air travel and visa expenses.

How much does the trip cost?
The trip cost is $1,765 per person for double occupancy and $2,615 for single occupancy. This fee covers lodging, in-country transportation, sightseeing and activity fees, daily breakfast, and select lunches and dinners.

What are the accommodations like?
Participants stay at the Accra Marriott and Coconut Grove Beach Resort in Elmina. Accommodations include a swimming pool, gym, business center, and Wi-Fi. Daily breakfast is included with Ghanaian and Western offerings.

How will we get around?
Our tour partner, Landtours, provides private transportation with a driver. The air-conditioned shuttlebus has spacious seating and is stocked with bottled water. An Ashesi staff member will be with the group at all times.

What should I know about traveling to Ghana?
- Ghana is a safe, friendly place to visit.
- English is the official language, with over 250 languages and dialects spoken throughout Ghana’s 10 regions.
- In October, the weather is typically 75-85° Fahrenheit.

What is the Ashesi Deep Dive?
The Deep Dive is a component of the Annual Trip, but can also be booked as a stand-alone experience for current and potential partners who wish to gain a deeper understanding of the systems change work happening at Ashesi. For more information, visit ashesi.org/get-involved/deep-dive.

How do I reserve my spot?
Write to us at foundation@ashesi.org to let us know if you’re interested in joining the 12th Annual Trip. Guests can confirm their participation by paying a 50% trip deposit to Ashesi Foundation by July 15, 2020. Final deposits are due by September 1, 2020.

Visit ashesi.org/get-involved/annual-trip to learn more about traveling to Ghana and read the 2020 Annual Trip itinerary.