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Ashesi’s 12th Annual Trip to Ghana
October 3-11, 2020

Experience Ashesi on campus and beyond as we join students and faculty in the classroom, interact with Ashesi’s leadership team, and journey throughout Accra to see alumni at work — all while experiencing the rich culture and history of Ghana.

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

Saturday, October 3

- **Touch down in Accra.** Transport from airport included. Settle in, relax, or explore Accra.

Sunday, October 4

- **Accra city tour.** Landtours, our local guide, will take us on a driving tour of Ghana’s capital Accra, including visits to Kwame Nkrumah Memorial Park and Independence Square. The day provides a great opportunity to explore a new country and get to know some of the districts that make up Accra.
- **Lunch in Accra.** Enjoy a group lunch organized by Landtours.
- **Optional alumni workplace visit.** Ashesi alum Enoch Aworo grew up watching his grandfather make clothes for people from all walks of life. After graduating he went on to start his own tailoring business, Grandpa’s, which now employs over 20 people. Ashesi staff will be available to escort anyone preferring to rest up before dinner back to our hotel.
- **Ashesi orientation.** Ashesi staff members will join us for an orientation session at the Marriott to discuss Ashesi’s programs and take a look ahead at the week.
- **Welcome dinner.** Get to know your fellow Annual Trip participants over dinner at Coco Lounge, a popular restaurant in Accra.

Monday, October 5

- **Depart for Ashesi.** Meet in the Marriott lobby bright and early for an on-time departure!
- **Arrival and welcome.**
- **Campus walking tour.** Explore Ashesi’s campus, which is set on 100 stunning acres in Berekuso, overlooking Accra.
- **Introductions and Q&A.** Learn what sets us apart: our rigorous curriculum, dedicated career services, and commitment to diversity. Hear from the entire Ashesi Executive Team about the Ashesi experience.
- **Lunch.**
- **Class followed by Q&A with the professor.** Engage with students and faculty during an Ashesi class to explore how Ashesi is cultivating future leaders and nurturing their ability to critically and effectively tackle problems.
- **Giving Voice to Values workshop.** Experience one of Ashesi’s foundational programs with Lecturer Rebecca Awuah.
- **Depart campus.** Drive to Azmera, where we will enjoy a buffet of local dishes at a hosted dinner.
- **Dinner reception.** Join alumni and other members of the Ashesi community to hear about how alumni are applying their Ashesi skillset at work and the community at large.

Tuesday, October 6

- **Depart for Ashesi.** Meet at the Marriott lobby.
- **Arrival and welcome.**
- **Entrepreneurship session.** Learn about Ashesi’s entrepreneurial ecosystem from Associate Professor Gordon Adomdza, then hear from Ashesi student innovators about their businesses under development.
- **Lunch with students.** Share lunch with a student buddy to trade stories about ideas for community impact and personal growth.
- **Class with student buddy.** Attend class with a student buddy and learn about what Ashesi means to them.
- **Faculty research, service, and innovation.** Gain insight into a range of research projects using AI, machine learning, and more.
  - Learn about Ashesi’s impact at scale from Assistant Lecturer Rose Dodd and Executive Director of the Ghana Climate Innovation Center (GCIC) Ruka Sanusi.
Wednesday, October 7

• Depart for the Cocoapreneurship Institute of Ghana (CIG). Meet at the Marriott lobby.
• CIG visit. Co-founded by Moutia Murheb and cocoa scholar Dr. Kristy Leissle, the CIG is dedicated to breaking down barriers for Ghana’s cocoa entrepreneurs. The CIG will host a made-in-Ghana chocolate tasting and introduce us to their work.
• Alumni workplace visits. Past alumni visits include AI-focused software innovation company CYST and Soronko Academy – West Africa’s first coding and human centered design school.
• Drive back to Marriott.
• No-host lunch, relax time at the hotel.
• Afternoon. Optional trip to the Makola Market. Staff available to guide depending on group’s interest.

Thursday, October 8

• Drive to Coconut Grove Beach Resort in Elmina. After a leisurely morning with the opportunity to explore more sites in Accra, the group will depart for a three-day excursion to Cape Coast. Check in, unwind, and enjoy a relaxing dinner. Please note that the beach is not safe for swimming, but guests can always take a dip in the pool if desired!

Friday, October 9

• 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.
• Lunch including traditional Ghanaian offerings.
• Elmina walk. Experience the culture of this vibrant fishing community on a guided walk, including a stop at Elmina Castle.
• Free evening. After a full day of sightseeing, relax at the hotel and catch a beautiful sunset.

Saturday, October 10

• Check out of the Coconut Grove Beach Resort.
• 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.
• Return drive to Accra.
• Lunch and Shopping at the Accra Mall. Enjoy an independent lunch and shopping at the mall. If you’re a fan of colorful Ghanaian clothing, make sure to visit Woodin and explore their selection of beautiful local fabrics.
• Pizza dinner. Enjoy an optional pizza dinner with university and foundation trustees.

Sunday, October 11

• Morning free time. Partner up with an Ashesi community member for shopping, sightseeing, or to attend church services
• Optional visit to the Artists Alliance Gallery. Founded by Ghanaian artist Ablade Glover, the Artists Alliance is dedicated to bringing attention to African art. This visit will include a guided tour as well as time for independent exploration of the gallery.
• Departure. Transfer to airport for check-in and final departure.