



June 2018

Dear Parents and Students,

We continue to inspire our students to become globally responsible citizens by providing international trips and exchanges. Ashbury trips develop cultural competence and provide opportunities for students to learn about their world through service, adventure and experiential learning. We are delighted to share the opportunities available to our students during the 2018-2019 school year. Leaders for international trips will continue to promote and share information about trip destinations at assembly, in Ashbury's weekly newsletter, and in classes.

URBAN AMERICAN TRIP TO NEW YORK CITY

This trip centres around visiting New York City's most famous landmarks, such as the United Nations, Ellis Island, the 9/11 Memorial, the Empire State Building, and many more. Take in the sights and sound of one of the most iconic cities in the world.

Dates: November Mid-Term break, 2018

Tentative price: \$2800

Contact: [Ms. Alyssa Novick](#)

March Break 2019

JUNIOR SCHOOL MEXICAN EXCHANGE

This exchange is open to students in Grades 6 and 7. Students will be billeted by [Discovery School](#). Ashbury has enjoyed over 10 years of successful exchange programs with Discovery School.

Dates: March 5-13, 2019

Tentative price: \$2500

Contact: [Ms. Megan Boyd](#)

MUSIC TRIP IN ITALY (SENIOR SCHOOL)

Students will have the opportunity to tour various areas in Italy including Venice, Pisa, Florence, Perugia, San Gimignano, Siena, Assisi and Rome. Special tours will include famous cathedrals such as the Sistine Chapel, museums such as the Vatican Museum and Uffizi Museum, and a tour of the Pompeii Archaeological site and the Roman Colosseum, among many others. Performing in another country, and at other schools, provides an authentic and educational experience for our musicians. There will be at least two performance opportunities (Duomo Square and Perugia Municipal Theatre). The rich culture and history of Italy will foster cross-cultural appreciation and international engagement. Performing and learning about the country's music history will provide enrichment for our music students, activating their prior knowledge and also providing them with new and unique learning experiences. They will return to Ashbury inspired and engaged, ready to take on new challenges, and to give back to their music program as they share what they have learned with their peers as well as younger musicians.

Dates: March 6–14, 2019

Tentative price: \$3700

Contact: [Ms. Simone Gendron](#)

BOYS RUGBY TRIP TO NEW ZEALAND (SENIOR SCHOOL)

This trip is open to all athletes in the boys rugby program. Embark on an exciting Ashbury Boys Rugby tour of New Zealand. Take in the breathtaking scenery, experience thrilling adventure activities, play rugby in the greatest rugby hub on the planet, and discover this truly unique and diverse environment. You'll spend two weeks discovering the best of New Zealand, throughout both the North and South Islands. With ample game time, stunning scenery, iconic landmarks and exciting adventure activities along the way, this trip of a lifetime is sure to challenge and inspire!

Dates: March 6–22, 2019

Tentative price: \$5500

Contact: [Mr. Ian Middleton](#)

SERVICE TRIP TO CAMBODIA (SENIOR SCHOOL)

The value of this trip is twofold. First of all, it will be an opportunity to show kindness and care to a family in need; secondly, it will be a way for students to learn more about need in the world at large, and perhaps inspire some to pursue a career in helping others. Students will visit local schools, acquire new skills as they participate in home building projects—all while developing cultural awareness.

Dates: March 2019 (specific dates TBD)

Tentative price: \$5000–\$5500

Contact: [Ms. Eadoain O'Boyle](#)

ATLANTA ISTA FESTIVAL – GLOBAL CHANGE AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING (SENIOR SCHOOL)

This festival is being hosted by the Atlanta International School, with a focus on global change and human trafficking. The festival will use theatre techniques, including collaborative theatre and dialogue. Students in drama, with and an interest in global politics, and students in the social sciences, with an interest in theatre, will work together to tackle these issues at the conference/festival. They will bring back their learning to Ashbury and possibly create and lead activities here based on the conference.

Dates: March 14–17, 2019

Tentative Price: \$4000

Contact: [Ms. Kailey Maynard](#)

April 2019

REGIONAL ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE OF THE AMERICAS (SENIOR SCHOOL)

This regional conference is open to students in Grades 9 to 12 who are interested in Round Square IDEALS. The Conference will be hosted by Markham College and San Sylvester School in Lima Peru

Dates: April 11–17, 2019

Tentative price: \$4000–\$4500

Contact: [Mr. Eric Lavergne](#)

YOUNG ROUND SQUARE CONFERENCE (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

TBD

June 2019

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC SERVICE TRIP (JUNIOR SCHOOL)

This service trip open to all students in Grade 7 and 8 with priority given to students in World Issues Club. For the fifth year, the Junior School will lead a Service Trip to the community of Sosúa, Dominican Republic. Grade 7 and 8 students will volunteer in our Sister School, teach games to local children, care for disabled children, work on local projects to improve the quality of life, and play organized sports with local kids.

Dates: End of June 2019

Tentative price: \$2500

Contact: [Ms. Mélissa Berry](#)

ROUND SQUARE EXCHANGES (SENIOR SCHOOL)

As a part of our membership with Round Square, Ashbury students are eligible for international student exchanges with any of the Round Square partner schools. Ashbury has arranged exchanges with Daly College in India, St. Stithians College in South Africa, and Woodleigh School in Australia. Please Follow this [link](#) to find a partner school, or speak with [Mr. Lavergne](#).

LONG-TERM EXCHANGE PROGRAMS (SIX TO EIGHT WEEKS)

As part of the importance of bilingualism and learning of French and Spanish languages, we will continue to offer long-term (6 to 8 weeks) exchange programs with [École Alsacienne](#) in Paris and [Discovery School](#) in Mexico. These exchanges are offered to students in Grades 9, 10 and 11 (non-IB) with at least a 75 % average. Discovery School sends students to Canada in October for six weeks and our students visit Mexico in February and March. École Alsacienne has students interested in spending eight weeks at Ashbury College. Their Grade 9 students can come to Ashbury College either in the fall or spring, and their Grade 10 students can come in May and June. Our students can travel to Paris for eight weeks as of mid-February.

Cost: The cost of the airline ticket and pocket money for your child while in France or Mexico. While hosting, families provide their guest with room, board, lunch and participation in local activities during their stay at Ashbury College.

Contact: [Mr. Eric Lavergne](#)

General Information

We encourage students to apply as soon as possible and contact trip leaders for more information because trips fill up quickly. If the number of students applying for trips exceeds the number of spots available, decisions will be made according to policies. We look to have expressions of interest from students by the end of September 2018.

Our trip leaders are trained by the Canadian International Expeditions Ltd. and are certified by the Royal Geographical Society. We work closely with the Department of Foreign Affairs, Trade and Development and Health Canada, and all risk assessments for our trips are in accordance with our risk management policies and protocols.

Regards,

Mr. Eric Lavergne
Trips and Exchanges Coordinator