



June 2017

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 2017–2018 school year. Trip leaders for international trips will continue to promote and share information about trip destinations at Assembly, in Ashbury weekly newsletter and in classes.

October 2017

The **International Round Square Conference** will be hosted by St. Cyprian's School in Cape Town, South Africa. We have a full delegation of nine students attending. **Dates:** September 29–October 5, 2017 **Tentative price:** \$4900. **Contact:** Mr. Eric Bailey at eric.bailey@ashbury.ca

November 2017

Visual Art Trip to New York City. This trip revolves around photography, visual art and features a photo safari and graffiti tour of the city. Students will visit galleries, museums and attend live taping of shows and art workshops. Also included is an exciting tour of Parsons School of Design and a musical on Broadway. **Dates:** November 9–14, 2017 **Tentative price:** \$2800 **Contact:** Ms. Lisa Bettencourt lisa.bettencourt@ashbury.ca

December 2017

Round Square Service projects. Ashbury College is a full member of Round Square, a worldwide network of more than 100 schools in 40 countries across five continents. One of the privileges of this membership is that our students are invited to participate in Round Square international service projects. There will be two service projects one in Vietnam (December 2017), one in Ecuador (July 2018). These projects usually cost \$1800+ airfare. Please note that students travel unaccompanied while on Round Square Service projects and are not with Ashbury staff. For more information, please visit the following web site: www.roundsquare.org or contact our Mr. Eric Lavergne eric.lavergne@ashbury.ca

January 2018

Globally Accessible Round Square Conference hosted at Wellham Boys School in Uttarakhand, India. Ashbury will send a delegation of four students from Grades 7 and 8. **Dates:** January 24–30, 2018. **Tentative price:** \$4000. **Contact:** Ms. Melissa Berry melissa.berry@ashbury.ca

February 2018

Junior School Mexican exchange is open to students in Grades 6 and 7. Students will be billeted by Discovery School (www.discovery.edu.mx/eng/). Ashbury has enjoyed over 10 years of successful exchange programs with Discovery School. **Dates:** February 15–24, 2018 (including February mid-term break). **Tentative price:** \$2500. **Contact:** Ms. Sarah-Jane Harriz sharriz@ashbury.ca

March Break 2018

Science trip to the Amazon is open to all Senior School students. Operation Wallacea runs conservation research projects to 14 countries worldwide. These expeditions are designed with specific wildlife conservation aims in mind—from identifying areas needing protection to implementing and assessing conservation management programs. Operation Wallacea has large teams of university academics who are subject specialists concentrated at the target study sites giving volunteers the opportunity to work on a range of projects. **Dates:** March 10–24, 2018, **Tentative price:** \$5000. **Contact:** Susan Wall susan.wall@ashbury.ca

Girls Rugby trip to New Zealand is open to all athletes in the girls' rugby program. Embark on an exciting Ashbury Girl's Rugby tour of New Zealand: take in the breath-taking 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 9–24, 2018. **Tentative price:** \$5200–5500. **Contact:** Mr. Bryan MacKinnon bryan.mackinnon@ashbury.ca

French exchange with École Alsacienne in Paris, France (www.ecole-alsacienne.org) is open to students in Grades 8, 9 and 10 with priority given to students who will be hosting French students in April 2018. Boarding students are welcome to participate. While attending classes with their French counterparts, students will be immersed in the French culture. This will give the participating students a great opportunity to improve their French communication skills. There will also be many excursions throughout Paris including visits to Versailles, the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, l'Arc de Triomphe, Louvre, Musée d'Orsay, etc. Not to mention participating in smaller activities such as visiting a French bakery, eating in local cafés and touring Les Champs Élysées. **Dates:** March 9/10–March 24/25, 2018. **Tentative price:** \$2500–\$2800. **Contact:** M. Éric Lavergne eric.lavergne@ashbury.ca

FC Barcelona soccer trip Visit beautiful Barcelona and train with top FC Barcelona soccer coaches. Your days include drills with coaches, friendly games vs. local teams, attending a Barcelona FC match and a stadium tour. Students will also enjoy local cuisine and culture, with museum visits a guided tour of the city and a trip to a local theme park. This trip is designed for students in middle and senior grades who have a love for the beautiful game. **Dates:** March 10–17, 2018 **Tentative Price:** \$5000 **Contact:** Mr. Andrew Young andrew.young@ashbury.ca

April 2018

Regional Round Square Conference of the Americas is open to students in Grades 9 to 12 who are interested in Round Square IDEALS. The Conference will be hosted by Providence Day School in North Carolina **Dates:** April 14–22, 2018. **Tentative price:** \$3000 **Contact:** Mr. Eric Lavergne eric.lavergne@ashbury.ca

Globally Accessible Conference for students aged 14 and 15 will be offered at Regents International School, Bangkok, Thailand. **Dates:** April 6–10, 2018 **Tentative price:** \$4500 **Contact:** Mr. Eric Lavergne eric.lavergne@ashbury.ca

Young Round Square Conference will be hosted by Colegio Los Nogales in Colombia. We would like to send a delegation of four students (ideally two in Grade 7 and two in Grade 8). **Dates:** April 29–May 6, 2018. **Tentative price:** \$4500. **Contact:** Ms. Tana Smith tana.smith@ashbury.ca

May 2018

Junior School Mexican exchange This is the second part of our exchange program with Discovery School in Cuernavaca, Mexico (www.discovery.edu.mx/eng/). We will kindly need hosting families for our Mexican guests and priority will be given to students that have travelled to Mexico in February or to those who are planning to do so the following year. **Dates:** May 2018. **Contact:** Ms. Sarah-Jane Harriz sarahjane.harriz@ashbury.ca

June 2018

Junior School Dominican Republic Service Trip is open to all students in Grade 7 and 8 with priority given to students in World Issues Club. For the fourth 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:** Friday, June 22 to Friday, June 29 **Tentative price:** \$2500. **Contact:** Ms. Mélissa Berry melissa.berry@ashbury.ca

July 2018

Service Trip to Kenya Join Project Jenga to work at Ngulot school established by Ashbury alumnus Mitch Kurilowitz. Work on Phase 2 of the school building project includes more classroom structures, a soccer pitch and library facilities. This trip will include cultural excursions to a nearby Maasai community and a wildlife safari. **Dates:** July 10–24, 2018 **Contact:** Ms. Jenny Goodwin jennifer.goodwin@ashbury.ca
Tentative price: \$5200

Duke of Edinburgh and IB Creativity Activity Service (CAS)

Many of our international trips qualify as IB CAS projects or Duke of Edinburgh residential projects.

Round Square Exchanges

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 <https://www.roundsquare.org/about-us/how-we-do-it/exchanges/or> speak with Mr. Lavergne eric.lavergne@ashbury.ca

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 (six to eight weeks) exchange programs with École Alsacienne in Paris (www.ecole-alsacienne.org) and Discovery School in Mexico (www.discovery.edu.mx/eng/). These exchanges are offered to students in Grades 9 and 10 with at least 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. Please contact Ms. Padme Raina if you need more information.

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.

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 2017.

Our trip leaders are trained by the Canadian International Expeditions Ltd. and are certified by 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.