

**Dear Parents and Students,**

We continue to inspire our students to become globally responsible citizens by providing international trips and exchanges. Ashbury international trips are designed to incorporate the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, the Round Square IDEALS (Internationalism, Democracy, Environmentalism, Adventure, Leadership and Service) and to develop cultural competence. We are delighted to share the opportunities available to our students during the upcoming school year. International trips will be promoted and shared at assembly, in the Ashbury Weekly newsletter and in classes.

**SOUTH AFRICA RUGBY TRIP**

A South Africa rugby trip is being planned for March Break 2025. The destination offers a unique blend of unparalleled ecological, cultural and educational experiences alongside rugby matches. Some of the trip highlights and excursions will include Robben Island, service work in the townships, safari and of course lots of rugby experiences. The trip price includes flights, accommodations, ground transportation, sight-seeing, rugby playing kit and some meals. First-time rugby players are welcome to join. For more information do not hesitate to contact Ashbury Rugby Coaches.

**GRADES:** 9-12**DATES:** March 8-21, 2025**TENTATIVE PRICE:** \$7000**CONTACT:** Ian Middleton**DISCOVERY EXCHANGE**

This Junior school exchange with Discovery School is a trademark Ashbury trip that focuses on language and culture. Junior School students are billeted with families in Cuernavaca and attend classes at Discovery School which is a Round Square School. The experience immerses Canadian youth in Mexican culture and introduces the Spanish language. Students love Discovery School's warm and welcoming environment that features indoor/outdoor learning on a beautiful green campus. Daily excursions are organised to sightsee and learn about Mexican cuisine, geography and culture.

**GRADES:** 6-8**DATES:** March 9-16, 2025**TENTATIVE PRICE:** \$3500**CONTACT:** Sarah Jane Harriz

## ROUND SQUARE OPPORTUNITIES

Ashbury College is a member of Round Square, a worldwide network of more than 250 likeminded schools in 50 countries across six continents. One of the privileges of this membership is that our students are invited to participate in Round Square Conferences, Exchanges and International Service projects. Students participating in Round Square Conferences are accompanied by Ashbury trip leaders. Students travel unaccompanied while on Round Square Service projects and exchanges and are not supervised by Ashbury staff.

**Round Square Conference:** Ashbury students will travel to Colombia in September 2024 to engage in an International Conference titled Blooming from the Past This trip is currently full, but we are already planning for the next conference in Dubai in October 2025. The school will announce upcoming conferences in the Weekly newsletter.

**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. Details are available at this link: <https://www.roundsquare.org/our-schools/> and/or speak with Mr. Lavergne. Schools offering exchanges in 2024-25 Include:

- Argentina: Belgrano Day School
- Chile: Craighouse School
- Colombia: Colegio Anglo Colombiana, Colegio Inglaterra, Colegio Los Nogales, Colegio Gran Bretana
- France: École Alsacienne
- Kenya : Brookhouse School
- Morocco: Elaraki International School
- Peru: Markham College, San Sylvestre School
- Singapore: United World College (UWCSEA)
- USA: Dunn School, Cate School

**Round Square International Service Project:** This project takes place in Vietnam from December 6 to 19, 2024. This trip is suitable for students in Grade 9-12. For further details, please contact Mr. Lavergne.