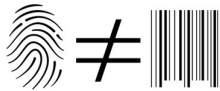


Field trip 2025

Explore Kantamanto—the largest resale and upcycling economy in the world

Hosted by The Or Foundation



Friday October 17–Tuesday October 21

Depart from Lisbon to Accra, Ghana

Spend four days discovering the many stories of Kantamanto, a vibrant bustling market where 30,000 people work to resell and upcycle millions of garments every week. Meet the retailers, tailors, upcyclers, and everyone in between who put circular principles into action to tackle fashion's waste crisis, join in the work, hear firsthand the challenges they're facing and witness the solutions underway.

What you'll experience:

- Customized tours of Kantamanto Market
- Visits to The Or Foundation's regeneration zone
- Hands-on fiberboard manufacturing and upcycler demonstrations
- A festive beach cleanup
- Intimate meals and discussions with community members
- The opportunity for local sightseeing
- The chance to extend your stay until October 27 to spend a day outside of Accra and participate in the Obron Wawu October (OWO) Festival (see details below)

Recommended for: Fashion brands and retailers who are familiar with the global secondhand trade but who have little to no hands-on experience with secondhand markets.

Cost: 150 USD in addition to all flights, attendees are responsible for all ground transport and accommodation costs. Participants should plan for a minimum budget of €1,400 for flights and accommodation (a detailed guide will be provided with hotel recommendations and estimated cost).

Includes:

- All activities including tours and workshops
- Protective gear
- All lunches
- Transportation between activities when outside of walking distance

Attendees are responsible for:

- Flights to and from Accra
- Transport to and from the airport in all locations
- Transport to and from the hotel every morning and evening
- Breakfasts and most dinners
- Accommodation (a list of preferred hotels will be provided)
- Vaccines (a health and safety guide will be provided)
- Visa (a guide will be provided)

Duration of tour: One travel day (Oct 17) and four full days (Oct 18–21) of programming.

NOTE: Attendees are welcome to stay until October 27 to participate in the Obron Wawu October (OWO) Festival experience, a month-long series of events that recognizes the market as a globally significant hub for reuse, repair, upcycling, and remanufacturing. More than just a festival, OWO serves as a collaborative platform, bridging Kantamanto with Accra's growing online thrift community and fostering solidarity across the city and beyond. Every October, OWO offers a dynamic lineup of events and activations throughout the month, culminating in OWO Day, held on the last Sunday of October, which is the festival's main event. Last year's OWO Day was attended by over 2,500 guests from all over the world and featured unique shopping experiences, live upcycling challenges, fashion shows, performances, and contests.

Dates: The official core program will begin around 6pm GMT on Friday October 17 and end at 6pm GMT on Tuesday October 21.

For those staying longer, there will be light programming available between Tuesday October 21 at 6pm and OWO Day on Sunday October 26. Attendees wishing to stay will be responsible for all additional costs.

Arrival details: Please arrive by 6pm GMT on October 17. Attendees are responsible for booking their own flight. Below is the direct flight from Lisbon:

Date	Departure	Arrival	Airline	Price
Friday October 17th	9:55am	2:45pm	Tap Air Portugal	€420-1,800

Departure details: Attendees should book their flight home to depart after 9pm GMT on October 21 or any time after that. Attendees are responsible for booking their own flight.

Register your interest: Places on the tour are limited. If you would like to attend, please register your interest using [this form](#) by September 10. The host will then contact you to confirm your participation.

Please only sign up for this field trip if you intend to attend. Field trip hosts spend time and financial resources to provide this opportunity for our attendees. *** NO REFUNDS, credits, or any reimbursements will be issued for no-shows.**

Textile Exchange is facilitating this field trip alongside the conference and is not responsible for any details of the trip being offered. Attendee contact information will be shared with the field trip host for details and communication about the field trip.

By participating in this field trip, all attendees acknowledge and agree that Textile Exchange acts solely as the facilitator of the trip and the field trip host is the organizer. While field trip hosts will take reasonable precautions to ensure the safety and well-being of all attendees, it is understood that attendees are individually responsible for their own actions and behavior during the duration of the trip. Textile Exchange and the field trip host shall not be held responsible or liable for any injury, loss, damage, or expense arising from the negligence, actions, or omissions of any attendee or third party during the field trip. Each attendee assumes full responsibility for any risks associated with their participation, including but not limited to, those related to their own conduct, health, and personal belongings. Attendees agree to indemnify and hold harmless Textile Exchange and the field trip host, its officers, employees, and agents from any and all claims, demands, losses, damages, and costs (including attorney's fees) arising out of or related to their own negligence or misconduct during the field trip.

Out of courtesy for others attending, the field trip will remain on schedule as per the agenda outlined by the field trip host. No exceptions will be made for late pick-ups, early drop-offs, or any variants to the schedule. It is the sole responsibility of the attendee to ensure his or her travel is planned in accordance with the agenda shared by the field trip host. It is understood that events outside the control of Textile Exchange and the field trip host, such as weather, unexpected occurrences, or safety issues, could lead to cancellation or alteration of the field trip. Textile Exchange and the field trip host will make a reasonable effort to notify participants promptly in such cases. Neither Textile Exchange nor the field trip host is liable for any loss, damage, or expense, including but not limited to out-of-pocket costs or travel expenses, resulting from a field trip cancellation or modification.