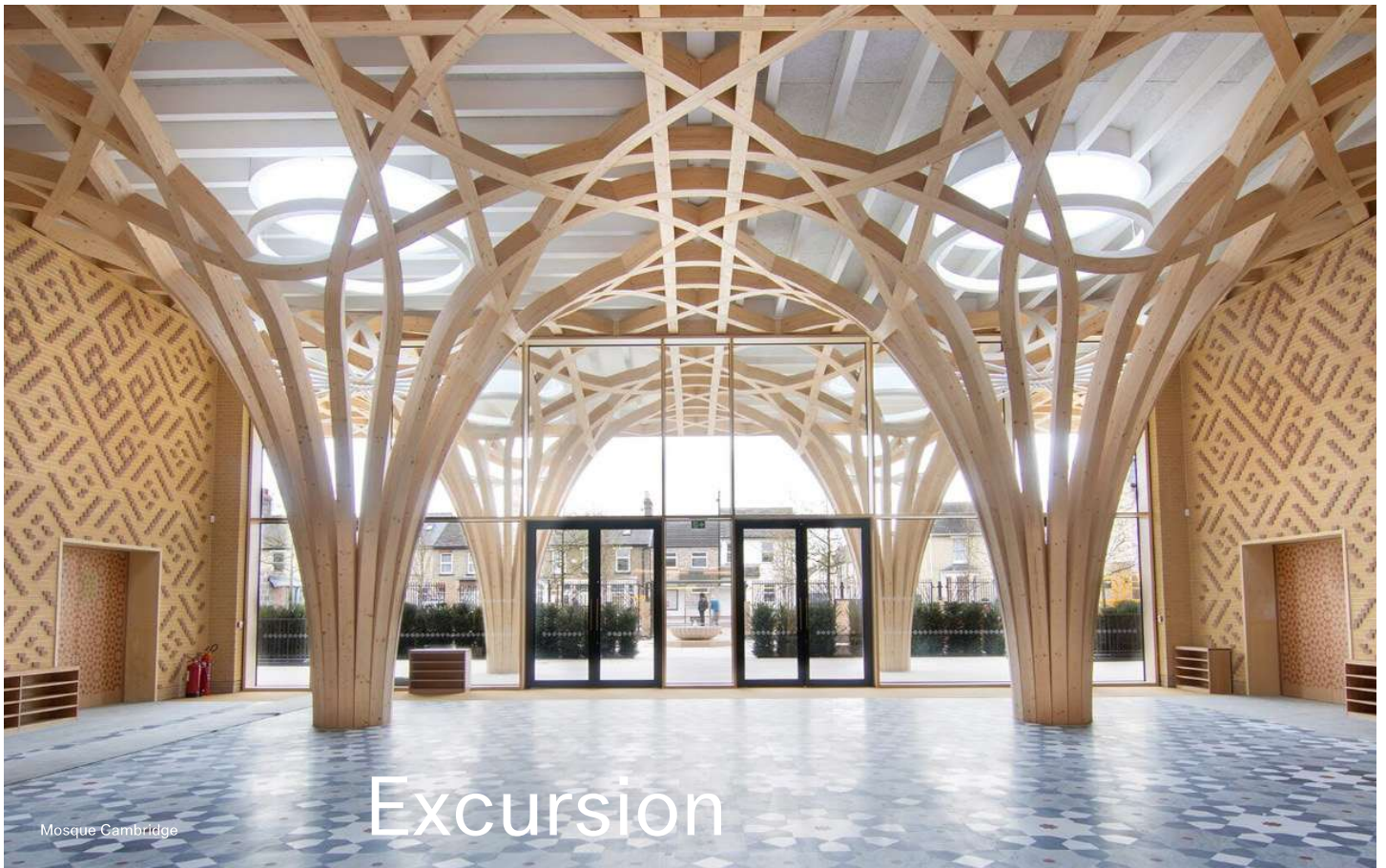




Excursion

Sustainable Design

Cambridge

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The estimated cost of the
excursion week is CHF 600.

The Sustainability Design Studio excursion week explores Cambridge and London as living laboratories for architecture, landscape, and sustainable design. Rather than functioning as a conventional study trip, the excursion invites students to critically observe how built environments shape relationships between nature, institutions, communities, and everyday life. Through site visits, field observations, and discussions, students investigate how sustainability is expressed spatially, materially, and socially.

The week starts with Cambridge's historic colleges, gardens, libraries, and river landscape, students learn to read the city as a layered cultural and ecological system. Visits to leading research institutions such as the Centre for Natural Material Innovation, providing insight into current research on bio-based construction, healthy environments, regenerative landscapes, and low-carbon futures. Contemporary architectural projects complement these encounters by demonstrating how new interventions can respectfully transform historic contexts while fostering community, wellbeing, and environmental responsibility.

The final day in London shifts the focus towards urban regeneration, commons, and material cultures. A visit to a community-led initiative and exemplary adaptive reuse project encourage students to reflect on the relationship between architecture, food systems, circular material practices, and public life. Throughout the excursion, students document observations through sketches, photographs, and written reflections, translating their experiences into design questions that directly inform your own project.