



EXAMPLE STUDY TOUR TO FINLAND

Destination: [Helsinki](#), [Finland](#)

STUDY TOUR THEME: [Introduction to the key features of the Finnish Education System](#)

The purpose of this study tour is to share and learn together with Finnish educators about [the Finnish education and schooling system](#), as well as the key aspects that have led Finland to reach globally acknowledged educational success. The main interest is in the daily education practice. The program consists of preparatory lectures of the Finnish school system, visits to various education centers and schools, and practical pedagogical workshops. During the visits, there is time to talk with Finnish educators, principals, and teachers and ask about their teaching practices, methods, or the challenges they face during their daily work. Finnish educational experts accompany all visits. Extra emphasis is on reflective pedagogical thinking as a teacher.

*It is not only about the education [You will learn](#); Finland, the happiest country of the world, is also one of the best countries to be a mother or a child. Moreover, Helsinki is one of the most livable and honest cities in the world, also a Creative City of Design. We have a fragile history and secrets of nature to share with you. Our design and story are not something you can only read about; you need to come and experience it yourself! ... **SO WELCOME TO FINLAND AND HELSINKI!***

LOCAL HOST: [Ms Suvi K. Westling](#), Educational Psychologist

Day 1 **Welcome to Helsinki, Finland**

- 12.00 Arrival in [Helsinki International Airport](#)
- 13.00 **Transfer to the city and sightseeing**, get to know [Finnish culture](#) and [Helsinki](#)
briefing to the program, key features, and tips for your stay
- 15.00 Check-in hotel
- 16.00 **Lecture:** Key features of the Finnish Education System by Aulis Pitkälä, former Director General of [Finnish National Agency for Education](#)
- 18.00 **Welcome Dinner**

Day 2 **[Finnish Early Childhood Education](#)**

- 08.00 Departure from the hotel
- 08.30 Kindergarten Visit: Early Childhood Education (age 1-5) with pre-school classes (age 6)
- 12.00 Lunch
- 13.00 **Guided walking tour of Helsinki center and [Flytour of Helsinki](#)**
the tour also includes the visits to Helsinki University Libraries, [National Library](#), Helsinki City Library [Oodi](#), and Helsinki University Main Library [Kaisa](#), and Helsinki University [Think Corner](#).
- 16.00 Back to hotel

Day 3 **[Basic Education](#)**

- 08.00 Departure from the hotel
- 08.30 **School Visit:** Comprehensive school, grades 1-9 (age 7-15)
- 12.00 School lunch
- 13.00 **Learning outside the classroom:** [Haltia Nature Centre](#)
Haltia Exhibitions and walk in the [Nuukio National Park](#)
- 16.00 Back to hotel

Day 4 **Upper Secondary Education (High School)**
08.00 Departure from the hotel
08.30 **School Visit:** High school (age 16-18)
12.00 School lunch
13.00 **Learning outside the classroom: Educational Suomenlinna sea fortress adventure**
16.00 Back to hotel

Day 5 **Teacher Training**
08.00 Departure from the hotel
08.30 **Teacher Training School Visit:** observing teacher students giving classes as part of their training
11.00 **Lecture:** Teacher's reflections, personal growth as a teacher
12.00 School lunch
13.00 **Visit: Design Museum,** learning sessions for teachers and students
16.00 Back to hotel
17.00 **Baltic Sea Adventure (optional)**
Enjoy outdoor swimming! [Allas](#), [Löyly](#)

Day 6 **Learning outside the classroom**
08.00 Departure from the hotel
09.00 **OPTION 1 - Workshop: Annantalo Arts Centre**
09.00 **OPTION 2 - Visit: Heureka,** the Finnish Science Centre
12.00 Lunch
13.00 **Wrap-up session: Reflections of the week**
What we have learned and what we can apply in our schools?
16.00 Back to hotel
19.00 **Farewell dinner**

Day 7 **Departure day**
11.00 **Check out** from the hotel and transfer to the Helsinki International Airport

Optional leisure choices for You

[What's up in Helsinki during your Study Tour!](#)

For [music lovers](#)! How about some [opera or ballet](#)?

[Design](#) and [shopping](#) tips in Helsinki!

Do not miss the [Tempeliaukio Church](#) and the [Old Market Hall](#)!

PROGRAM COST MIN 20 PAX (VAT excl.): 998€ per person

INCLUDES:

- Full Visit Program guided with an education expert
- local transportation
- entrance fees
- 5 lunches
- 2 dinners
- certificates