## EXAMPLE OF STUDY TOUR TO FINLAND BY VISITEDUFINN

STUDY TOUR THEME: Introduction to the key features of the Finnish Education System

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# **OBJECTIVE AND FOCUS**

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!



# **PROGRAM SCHEDULE**

#### 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 Nuuksio National Park 16.00 Back to hotel

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#### 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

### 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 and certificates.

