

## DRAFT FINLAND - GLOBAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE

August 12-23, 2018

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The goals of this Finnish Education System Global Studies trip are that students will:

1. understand how 21<sup>st</sup> century skills are implemented in Finnish schools
2. understand how Finnish students learn and use digital resources
3. compare the Finnish Education System to various American education models
4. learn how the Pre-K to grade 1 model is different from the U.S. Kindergarten model (Finnish students start school at age four but don't start learning reading/writing until age seven. From four to seven they learn other skills such as collaboration...)
5. meet administrators and teachers in the Finnish Education System
6. understand how the Finnish Educational System implements STEM
7. have an immersive experience in Finnish classrooms where English is spoken (so we can understand the instruction)
8. work with special education students in order to understand Finnish special education
9. understand how Finland is being transformed through leaders of education, economics, social and spiritual organizations.

Depart MSP or ORD – August 12, 2018

Arrive Helsinki - August 13, 2018

### Costs

- Land Costs (\$1750)
- Air Costs (\$1000 – \$1200)
- Breakfasts included – Other meals on your own
- Double Occupancy (Single Occupancy add \$600)
- Plus cost to obtain a passport, any shopping you want to do, and lunches and dinners

Deposit: \$250 due with application (non refundable after April 13, 2018)

Deadlines: Final payment will be due by March 13, 2018

### Lodging:

August 13 – 16, Hotel in Helsinki, Scandic Grand Marina

<https://www.scandichotels.fi/hotellit/suomi/helsinki/scandic-grand-marina>

August 16 – 23, Hotel in Kokkola, Original Sokos Hotel Kaarle

<https://www.sokoshotels.fi/fi/kokkola/sokos-hotel-kaarle-kokkola>

### **“TENTATIVE” DAILY SCHEDULE-**

**Sunday, August 12 (dress – casual)**

Meet at Airport – Minneapolis to Amsterdam to Helsinki, Finland

**Monday, August 13 (dress – casual) Helsinki**

Arrive Helsinki – transport to hotel  
Evening exploring Helsinki & Dinner on your own

**Tuesday, August 14 (dress - business casual) Helsinki**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM-12:30 PM International School of Helsinki where students will observe classes  
Lunch at the school.  
8:30 AM-11:30 AM Tentative - University of Helsinki - meet with education professors  
(how teachers are prepared in special education and general education)  
Night Dinner and cultural exploration of Helsinki on your own

**Wednesday, August 15 (dress – business casual) Helsinki to Estonia**

7:00 AM Breakfast  
8:00 AM Tentative - Ferry to Estonia - The Salvation Army Spiritual Impact and  
Informal Educational Programs  
12:00 Lunch and cultural excursion in Estonia  
4:00 PM Ferry back - Dinner and cultural exploration of Helsinki on your own

**Thursday, August 16 (dress – business casual) Depart Helsinki – Arrive Kokkola**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
1:30 PM The Salvation Army - Serving diverse populations for community impact  
1:30 PM Train Depart for Kokkola (it's a 3.5 hour train ride)  
5:00 PM Arrive Kokkola and dinner on your own

**Friday, August 17 (dress – business casual) Kokkola**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
9:00 AM Kokkola English Immersion School (K-8)( meetings with administrators;  
observe classrooms; work with students; attend/observe faculty meetings  
Lunch Lunch at the school  
1:30 PM Visit a school that focuses on students with special needs.  
(Per Dr. Bonawitz, in Finland, 30% of students receive special education support  
in their first 9 years. In the USA, that statistic is 11%.)  
5:30 Cultural exploration and dinner on your own

**Saturday, August 18 (dress – business casual) Kokkola**

Not sure what we'll do during the day—schools will be closed  
We hope to line up Finnish families who will allow us to have dinner and a sauna with them

**Sunday, August 19 (dress – business casual) Kokkola**

8:00 AM Breakfast  
TBD Worship Service at a Lutheran church  
TBD Cultural Exploration

**Monday, August 20 (dress – business casual) Kokkola**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
9:30 AM Kokkola English Immersion School (K-8)( meetings with administrators;  
observe classrooms; work with students; attend/observe faculty meetings)  
5:30 PM TBD

**Tuesday, August 21 (dress – casual) Depart Kokkola – Arrive Helsinki**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
10:42 AM Train Depart from Kokkola to Helsinki (3.5 hour train)  
2:35 PM Arrive Helsinki  
3:00 PM Cultural exploration to the Rock Church, one of Helsinki's main attractions  
<http://www.helsinginkirkot.fi/en/churches/rock-church->  
5:00 PM Dinner and debrief and reflect on the trip

**Wednesday, August 22 (dress – casual)**

7:30 AM Breakfast  
TBD Depart for USA