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*ALUMNI EXCURSION
JUNE 29 - JULY 5, 2024*





FINLAND 2024_UTK ALUMNI EXCURSION

Saturday, June 29 - Thursday, July 06

Round 1.

5 long days (because it's summer), 4 short nights (also), 6 alumni plus other entertaining colleagues, UT Finland program student work, amazing architecture by the Aaltos and so many others, landscapes, saunas, good food, camaraderie, and everything so beautifully considered.. A singular trip with conversations that went late into the nights (aided by an excellent wine cellar).. A grand time was had by all!!!! Just ask them (or me!).

Round 2:

As good as the first, with some nifty variation.

So, once again I invite you to join us in Finland next summer! Formally beginning on Saturday, June 29, we'll spend Saturday in Helsinki visiting the historic architecture of the city, some of the Aaltos best and least known works, as well as some of its amazing new architecture. On Sunday (6/30) we'll start at Aalto's famous university campus in Otaniemi as well as newer work. On Sunday afternoon we'll see the work of the UT School of Architecture's Finland program at their final review. From there we'll travel (7/01-02) to Alvar Aalto's childhood haunts and home of many of his seminal works in Jyväskylä, central Finland. Here we'll see and then dine in Säynätsalo Town Hall, a project that redefined the idea of public space for so many of us. After two days in and around Jyväskylä we'll head northwest to Seinäjoki (7/03) to see the Aaltos' elegant idea about shaping the center of a city. From Seinäjoki we head to Villa Mairea, one of the Aaltos' masterworks in which craft and space are interwoven, and time lets us feel the warmth of wood. We'll overnight in the small factory town of Kauttua, designed by the Aaltos, which contains a cool stepped Aalto terrace housing prototype, and an amazing community laundry/public sauna designed by the Aaltos as part of the larger company town, where we'll get to have the real wood sauna experience before a relaxing dinner. We'll then visit Turku (7/04), the second largest city in Finland, and see a real range of architecture from medieval times to the now. Then, a short trek to Paimio, home to the Aaltos' ground-breaking Paimio Sanatorium where we'll eat and spend the night. And finally full circle, seeing Eilei Saarinen's *Hvitträsk* and Tapiola where other great works await. All along the way we'll visit buildings that are architectural museums and museums that are architectural experiences through which we can better understand Finnish culture.

If you've always wanted to see this work, but didn't know how to get there, I invite you to come with us. While the invitation is open, there are a limited number of seats. Please consider joining Dean Jason Young and me on this amazing excursion!



Scott Wall, Professor and Residency Director
Finland Summer Architecture Institute

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June 27 Thursday

Latest day to depart USA

June 28 Friday

ARRIVE HELSINKI

JUNE 29 Saturday

PROGRAM BEGINS_HELSINKI

Morning 9:00

Central Helsinki Tour: House of Culture,
Academic Bookstore, Museum of Finnish Architecture
GROUP LUNCH

Afternoon 2:00

Finlandia Hall, Aalto House, Aalto Studio
DINNER (on your own)

June 30 Sunday

Morning 9:00

Aaltos' original TKK campus, library, lecture halls, and
lobbies, VÄRE (new SoA), Dipoli (Pietilä), Otaniemi Chapel (Siren-Siren)
GROUP LUNCH (Dipoli)

Afternoon 2:00

FSAI FINAL REVIEW with projects and students (Paja/Väre)
GROUP DINNER with students (10. Kerros)

July 01 Monday

To JYVÄSKYLÄ

VIA train, Transfer to Bus
LUNCH-GO

Petäjävesi, Muurame, Muuratsalo Experimental House, Säynätsalo Town Hall
GROUP DINNER (Catered, Council Chamber)

July 02 Tuesday

In JYVÄSKYLÄ

Jyväskylä University, Aalto 2 Museums, Workers' Hall, Aalto Archives
LUNCH ON YOUR OWN Aalto 2
GROUP DINNER (VIILU JA SAUNA)

July 03 Wednesday

To KAUTTUA via

Seinäjäki City Center, Villa Mairea, Nakkila Church
GROUP LUNCH @ Seinäjoki

Kauttua (Aalto)/Terassitalo
GROUP DINNER & SAUNA

July 04 Thursday

Morning 9:00

To TURKU

Turku Center
Cathedral, JKMM Library, Sanomatalo, Sibelius Museo, Abo Vetis
GROUP LUNCH Pinella

Afternoon 2:00

St. Henrik's Ecumenical Chapel, Chapel of the Resurrection
Chapel of the Holy Cross

To Paimio Sanatorium

GROUP DINNER Paimio

July 05 Friday.

To HELSINKI via

Paimio Sanitarium (Aalto)
Hvitträsk (Saarinen, Giselius, Lindgren)
GROUP LUNCH, Bemboles Kahvitupa

Espoo Museum of Art (EMMA-Ruusuvuori)
Tapiola Church & Cemetery (Ruusuvuori + Lahdelma & Mahlamäki)

July 05 Friday (evening)

TOUR ENDS HELSINKI

GROUP DINNER, Siltanen
Sauna (Löyly?)
Overnight in Helsinki





PEOPLE



Jari Jetsonen



Sirkkaliisa Jetsonen

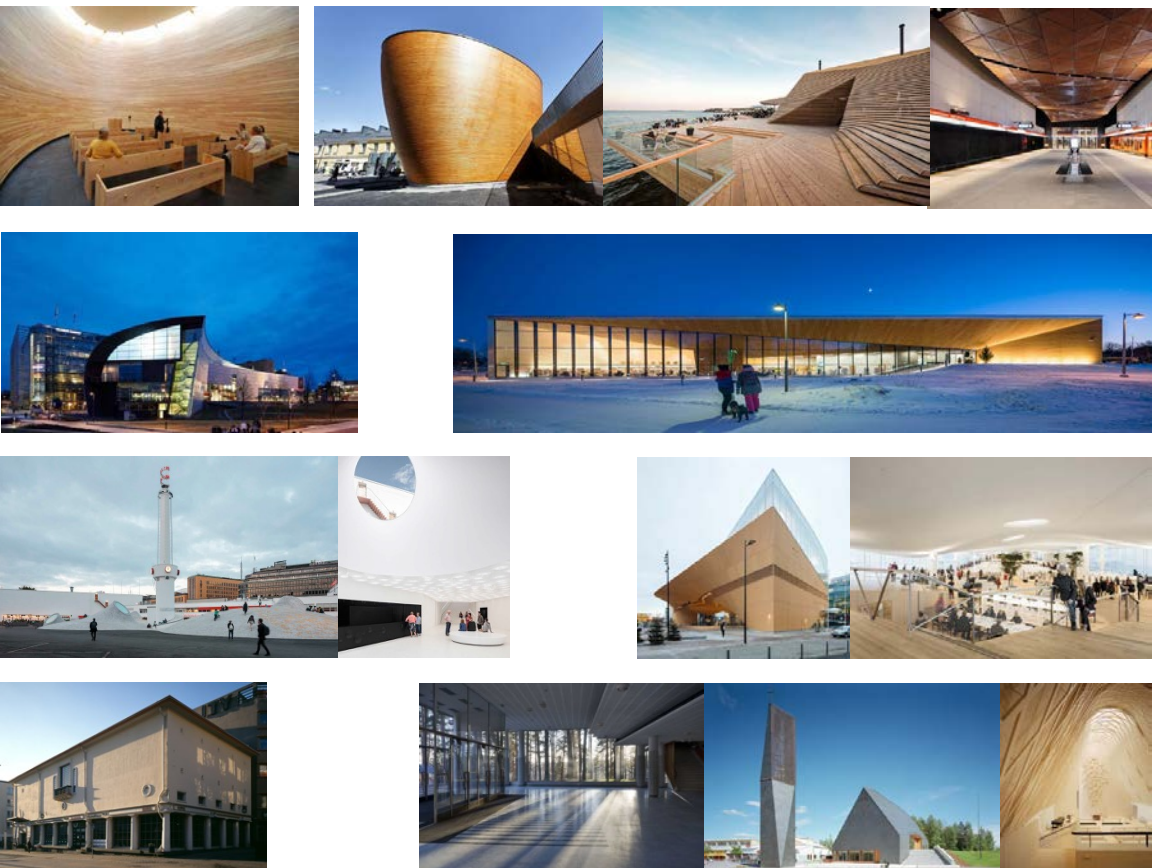


Scott Wall

Jari Jetsonen is a graphic artist, and renowned architectural photographer. Sirkkaliisa Jetsonen is Superintendent Architect and architectural historian on Finland's National Board of Antiquities. Together they have published 14 books on Alvar Aalto's work and Finnish architecture more broadly, including *Saareinen Houses*, *Sacral Space*, and *Alvar Aalto Houses*.

Scott Wall is an architect and Professor of Architecture in UT's School of Architecture. He is the founder and Residency Director of the Finland Summer Architecture Institute and has been a Fulbright Fellow in Finland.

Jari, Sirkkaliisa, and Scott have collaborated on the School of Architecture's summer program in Finland for over 20 years.



PROGRAM COSTS

Expedition Cost Per Person \$9,000

Program cost includes transportation and accommodations during the bus excursion, specific group meals, including breakfast, lunch, and most dinners, transportation in Helsinki, and museum and special event fees. Please see itinerary for specifics. *

The cost of the program includes a payment that will offset the direct cost of the trip as well as a \$5,000 philanthropic gift to the College's Global Engagement Fund. This support will directly fund the future opportunities for our students to experience the wider worlds of design and culture.

*The program fee does not include round-trip airfare, 3 nights' accommodation in Helsinki from June 28 - 30, and at least 1 night following the bus excursion ending on July 5. Additionally, daily personal expenses are not included.

