

Explore the magical country of Finland. Stops will include Oulu, Rovaniemi and Helsinki, highlighting the differences in the regions from big city to small town charm. One of the most remarkable features of Finland is light. When the endless snow of winter gives way to glorious spring and summer sunshine, you will experience almost 24hrs of daylight. Finland is a country of vast green forests, beautiful Baltic Sea islands, windswept arctic fells and thousands of blue lakes.

### **Program Highlights**

- 7 night / 9-day journey through Finland
- Take in the sights of Oulu including a nature tour by the Koiteli
   Rapids with a walk in the forest, canoeing and handicraft workshop.
- Enjoy a Lappish **cooking class** with a local chef inside a Kota.
- Accompanying guest program alternate activities will be provided for those who do not wish to attend the meetings

#### **Professional Interaction**

- Explore Finland's programs for the **preparation of teachers**; the approach used in ongoing professional support; and design for career development for their teaching force.
- Participate in informal and formal professional discussions during visits with local school officials and educators in Oulu and Helsinki. You will have the opportunity to tour a local school.
- Meet with **government officials** or **leaders of NGOs** to discuss educational policy and government regulations.

#### **Focus on the Community**

- **Interact with teaching professionals** from a variety of facilities in both Oulu and Helsinki. Explore Finland's education system including local schools, government offices and/or local NGOs.
- Giving back and engaging with the local community is an important part of your journey. Spend time with a facility dedicated to giving back to their local community.

## **Program Leader: Ms. Cheryl Scott Williams**

Cheryl recently served as interim CEO of the International Society of Technology in Education (ISTE). A nationally recognized leader in education reform and improvement with extensive experience leading nonprofit boards and building successful board-staff relationships, Cheryl previously served as executive director of the Learning First Alliance. Prior to leading the Learning First Alliance, Cheryl served as a senior consultant at the American Productivity and Quality Center. She was previously vice president, strategic initiatives, at Teachscape, a San Francisco-based company that designs and delivers online, job-embedded professional development for teachers and principals. In addition, she has served as vice president of education at the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB), and spent 14 years directing the education technology program at the National School Boards Association before joining CPB.



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