

## UNSOLICITED COMMENTS BY TOUR PARTICIPANTS

Pirkko was amazing - we had a wonderful few hours with her - her book is excellent - and she is exceptionally well educated personable friendly person - we so enjoyed our time - she even got us into the shul!!

A couple from California to the American tour organizer

The trip was "incredible"! They loved Pirkko, who was one of the best guides they've ever had!

An American tour organizer

You surely made our visit to your country memorable. Thank you for being available, willing and generous.

A couple from Michigan

We all owe you a "special" thank you for our two wonderful days in Helsinki. You really gave us an insight into your culture, history, art and architecture, and the Finnish people!

Two couples from Michigan

You had arranged very interesting tours in different office buildings which gave us a very good view of new office design in Finland combined with the opportunity to learn a little bit about the city and the people. You really made it happen for us. I hear from the architects that everybody - including the group participants - is full of energy to change and improve things in the building, physically and organizationally.

An organizer for a tour from the Ministry of Finance, State of Israel

I really enjoyed meeting you and thought you did a great job leading our group around the city. Everyone spoke very highly of the guiding you provided, Bob Stern included. All of the feedback from the trip was extremely positive, with some especially nice comments about you!

A Canadian tour organizer

Our visit to Helsinki and Tampere was great! Thanks to your excellent and interesting "guiding" we experienced more Finnish architecture than we expected.

Of course, whatever words I chose would all come down to the same enthusiastic and heartfelt thanks for all that you did to make this recent trip such an outstanding success. The trip was an incredible success and we had a great time.

Based on the feedback I got from the architects, this trip was a huge success. Everything worked like a Swiss watch. The guides were outstanding.

Participants in the AIA tour 1996

Foremost is that you and your group did a simply wonderful job of planning and directing, and all of the American group were delighted with the outcome. We were extremely impressed with the quality of the International Conference and so informed the AIA Board at their meeting in Mexico.

Again, and personally speaking, you were just terrific, and it was a great pleasure for me to get to know you and the others. I can't think of anything you could have done to have made us feel more welcome.

The Conference and excursions were great. You are to be congratulated for your contribution to Finnish design.

It is impossible to thank you enough for your thoughtfulness on our wonderful trip.

Your way of explaining things is so clear - I am sure you are a good teacher.

I still think often of the trip in 1989 as being one of the highlights of my life.

We wish to thank you for your many kindnesses and for your wonderful management of the Conference. Thank you so much for all your effort which made the Conference so perfect.

American organizers and participants of the SAFA - AIA Conference 1989