

Finland

My Second Home

or

my self-searching journey

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I want to share a story with you.

A story of my motivation, how to apply for the exchange program, things I have done, and my reflection.

And all the beautiful pictures you see here were taken during my exchange.



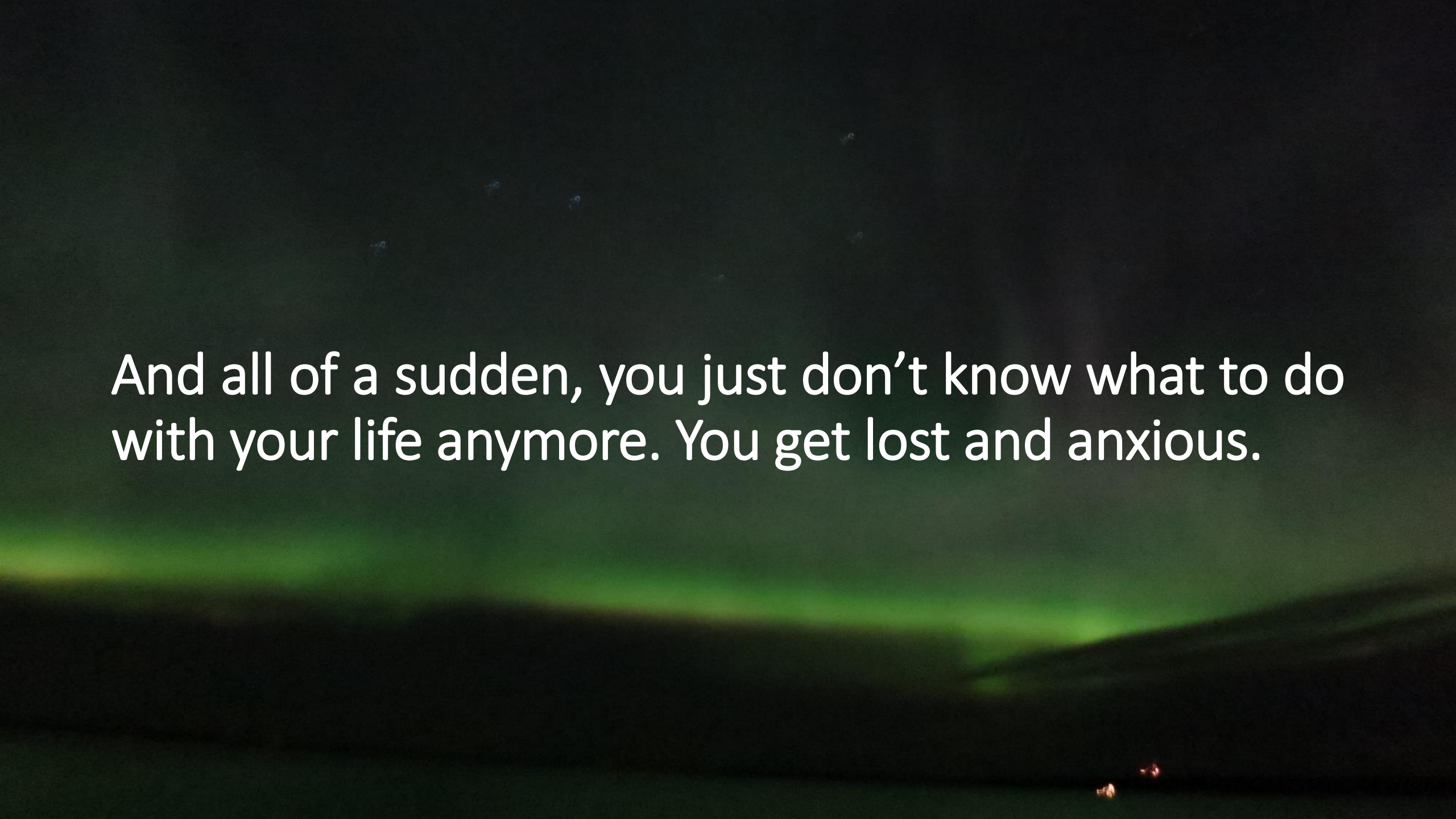
So, all your life you have been following your perfect plan...you know exactly what your next step is, you know what to do, you know what to work hard for...



A close-up photograph of two ripe, bright red raspberries hanging from a green stem. The raspberries are covered in small, glistening droplets, suggesting they are fresh. The surrounding leaves are a vibrant green with distinct serrated edges. The background is softly blurred, showing more of the plant and some natural light filtering through.

You know everything;

yet, you know nothing.

A dark night sky with a green aurora borealis and a few stars.

And all of a sudden, you just don't know what to do with your life anymore. You get lost and anxious.

Yes, I am in TESOL, M.A. program. I am 24 years old. I planned to become an English teacher. But I am just not so certain about it anymore.



I saved up money for my six-month journey. And I jumped, dived, swam, and landed.

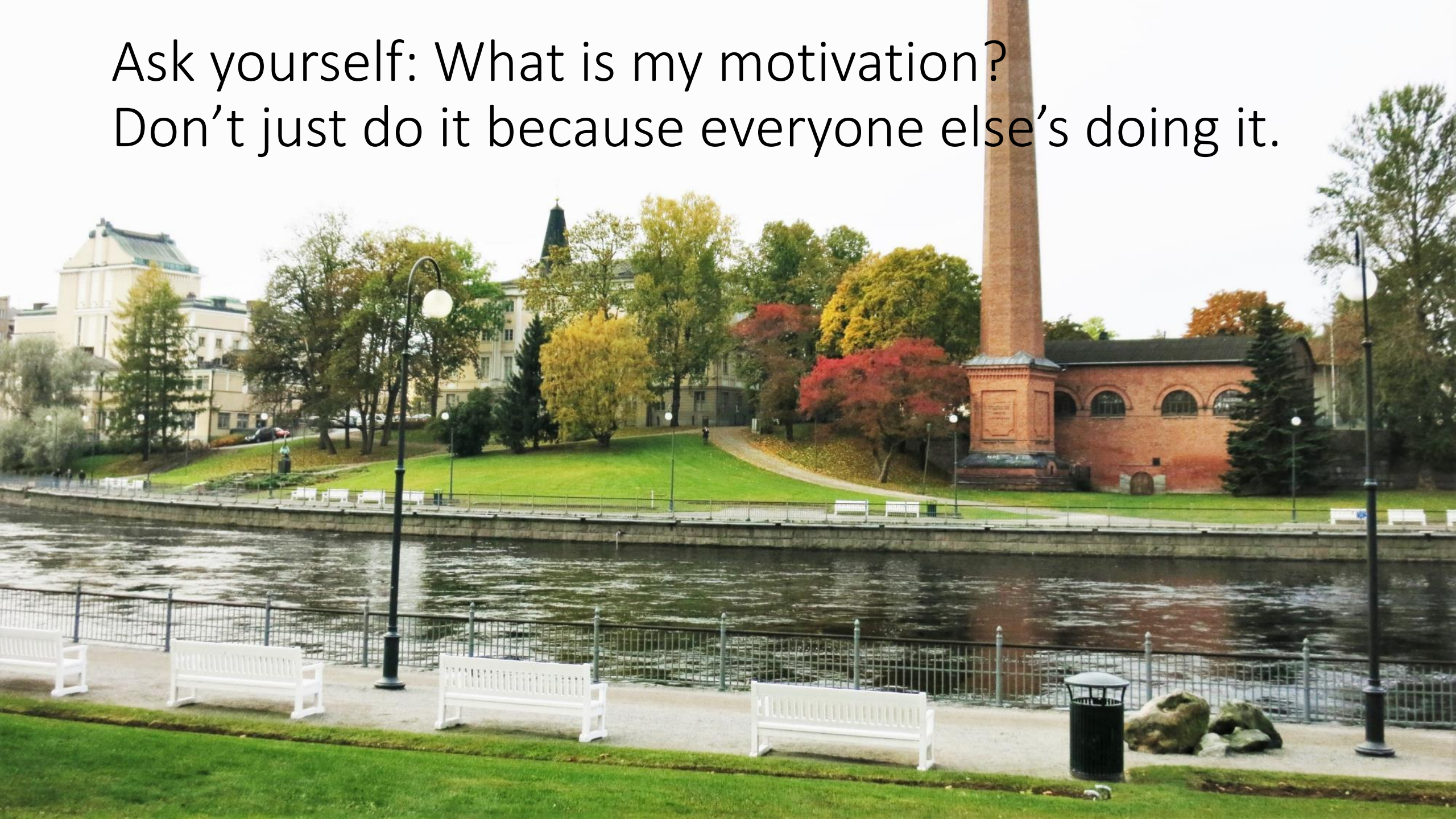
Yes, this is me!



I have been interested in Finland since I was in high school. The Finnish education system attracts me.



Ask yourself: What is my motivation?
Don't just do it because everyone else's doing it.



Here is a post about how to apply for exchange program in NTNU:

<http://finntasticexchange.blogspot.tw/2015/07/applying-for-ntnu-exchange-program-home.html>

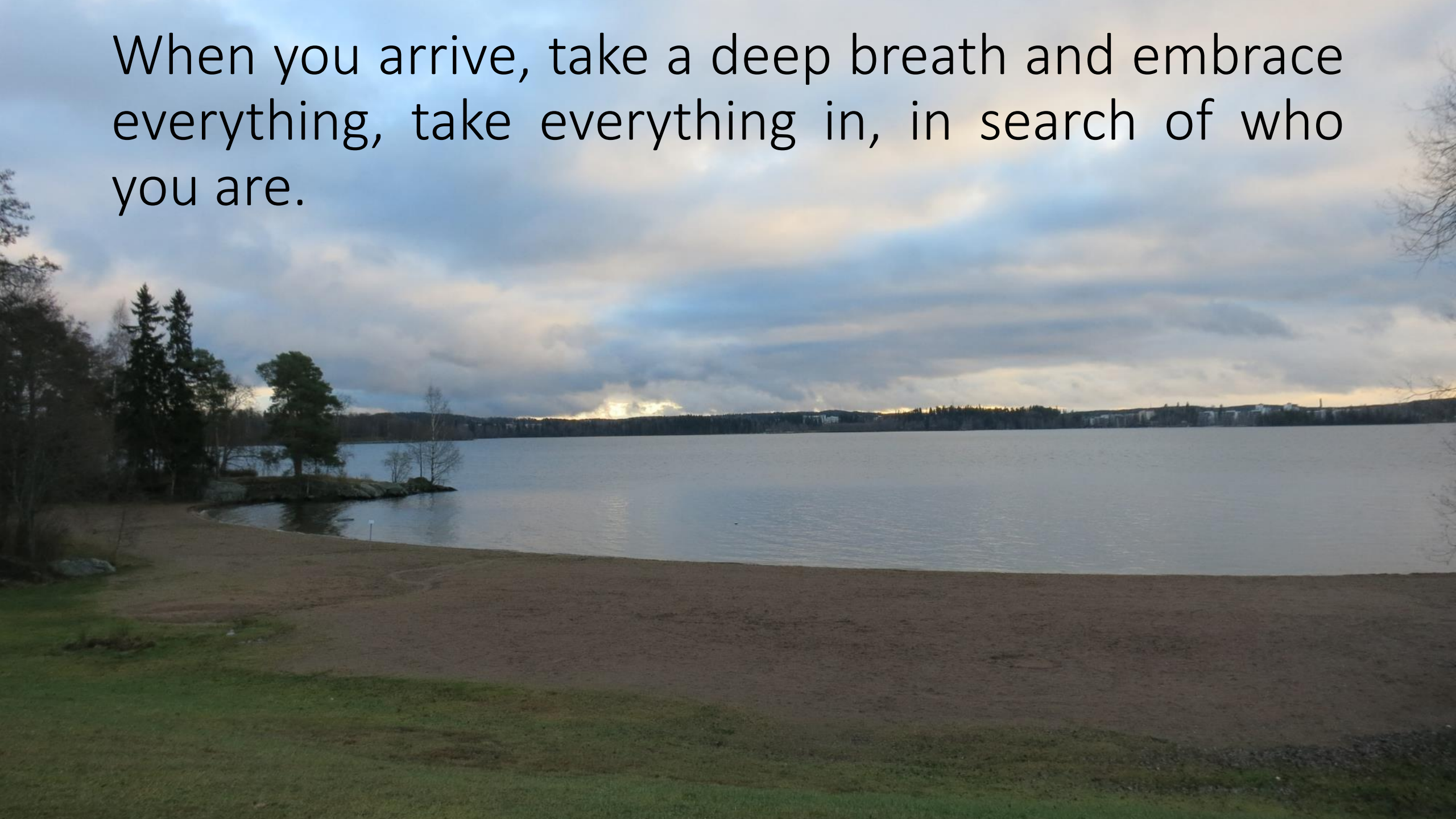




And how to apply for scholarship:

<http://finntasticexchange.blogspot.tw/2015/08/applying-for-scholarship.html>

When you arrive, take a deep breath and embrace everything, take everything in, in search of who you are.





Meet
people
and join
an
outdoor
concert.

Let the
sun kiss
every
inch of
your
skin.





Camp
and
hike in
the
nature.

Try
some-
thing
new.





Visit
one of
the
local
schools.

Work
with
talented
people
in
projects
out of
school.



Learn about Taiwan when
you are abroad.



中華民國104年國慶酒會
104th National Day Reception
Republic of China (Taiwan)





Travel to your friends' hometown.

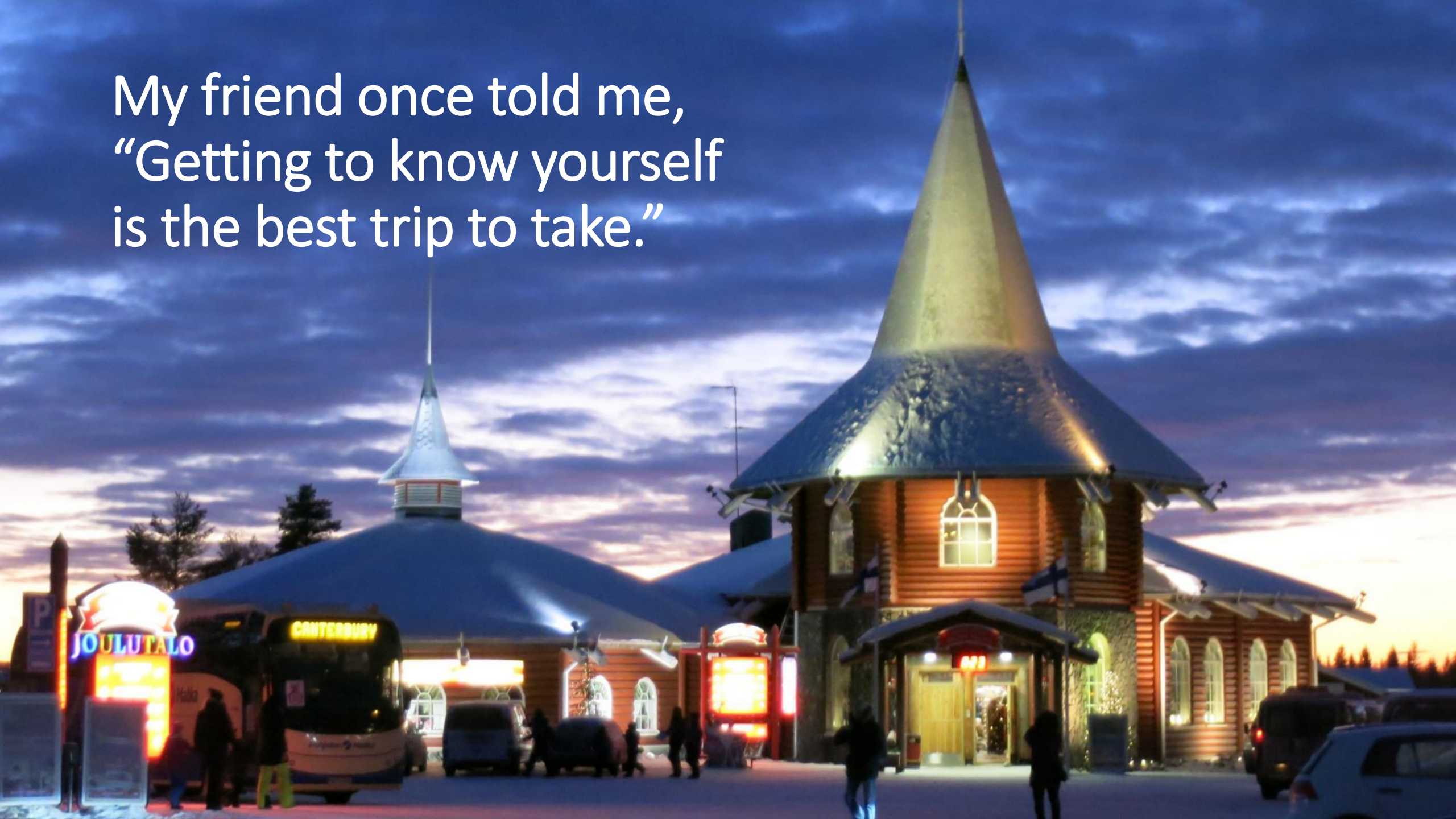


One important lesson I learned: Coming from different countries, we are all the same in the end.



We are just citizens living on the same planet. We are not so different.

My friend once told me,
“Getting to know yourself
is the best trip to take.”





The world is unlimited, and so are you.



I encourage you to take this journey no matter what form it is. If you choose to be an exchange student, make it the best time of your life.

A woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored jacket with a fur collar and a dark patterned top, stands in a sunlit forest. She is smiling and looking towards the camera. The background is filled with tall, thin trees and sunlight filtering through the canopy.

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Thank you!
Kiitos!