



JAPAN LEAN EXPERIENCE 2019

A ONE WEEK STUDY TOUR ESCORTED BY EXPERTS

Dates

15 - 19 April 2019

Cost

\$6800 USD

Whats included?

- hotel accommodation
- meals
- site visits
- travel between sites within Japan including bullet train
- services of interpreters
- experienced guides
- optional sightseeing
- socialising and networking with other CI professionals facing similar challenges

Travel to and from Japan will be at your own expense.

About the Tour

Immerse yourself in Japanese Lean Thinking and Culture in this guided week long tour of some of Japan's leading companies, including Toyota automotive plants where we will see how customer value is the key focus, and the relentless pursuit of perfection is built into the work that each employee does.

Whether you are new to Lean or looking to take your understanding to the next level, this tour explores every aspect of today's business from operational excellence and business modelling to customer centric challenges.

Our careful selection of hosts will enable participants to go beyond the classroom and experience Lean first hand, with experts guiding the way.

Lean is now being successfully applied in all types of service related industries, Our expert guides are experienced in retail, finance, utilities, healthcare and local government as well as manufacturing and will make the experience relevant to you whatever your background.

You will have unique opportunities to share and learn how others apply flexible Lean solutions to their business needs.

Why Japan?

Japan is famous for its commitment to quality, and for its ability to align employees to contribute to company improvement.

We will visit 5 exemplar sites including Toyota, a supplier to Toyota and others who will showcase Lean in a non manufacturing environment.

To visit Japanese businesses is an opportunity to learn from the “original roots” of continuous improvement and world class operations systems.

Lean Concepts

During site visits you will see excellent examples of lean concepts in action, featuring the following tools and principles.

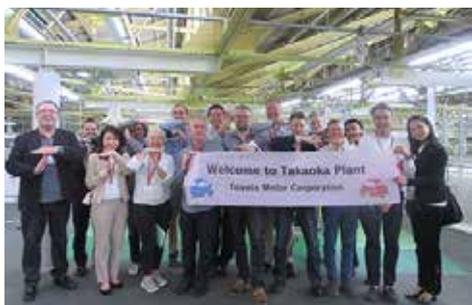
- 5S & Environmental Sustainability
- TPM–Total Productive Maintenance
- TPS - Toyota Production System /Jidoka
- TQM - Total Quality Management
- Standardised Work/ Standard Work for Leaders
- Kanban/Pull systems/Just-In-Time
- Visual Management/ Hoshin Kanri/Strategy Deployment

Facilitation and Learning

The week will begin with an introduction to Japanese culture so that you can get the best experience from the site visits.

After each visit there will be a de-brief to discuss key take aways. Our experts will help you to understand how to apply what you have seen in your own organisation.

There will also be presentations, practical activities, case studies and indepth discussions to enable you to get the most from this unforgettable lifelong learning experience.



Our Expert Guide

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In his 20 years experience as a Lean Consultant Richard has worked with over 100 organisations on operational excellence and business transformation programmes.

He has guided many of his clients on previous visits to Japan and has become an enthusiastic advocate of the experience after seeing how they benefitted.

For the 2019 Japan Lean Experience we are partnering with Brad Schmidt from Makoto Investments who is based in Tokyo.

Brad is an experienced Lean Practitioner who has been organising tours to Japan for more than 18 years and has relationships with more than 250 host organisations.

How to register

To reserve your place contact Richard.

Contact us info@sapartners.com



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About us

Founded by Professor Peter Hines (co-founder of the Cardiff University Lean Enterprise Research Centre) in 1996. S A Partners are Leading global providers of Lean training and consultancy dedicated to helping organisations embed a sustainable culture of improvement.