



Lean Journey

Study Mission to Japan



Embark on the Lean Benchmarking Tour of a Lifetime

Join Enna on a Study Mission to Japan that will broaden your thinking, bring you depth of understanding, and expand your idea of the possible. See More, Do More with Enna.



Immerse Yourself

From the moment you touch down you will be enveloped in the rich, vibrant, and unique culture that is Japan.



Why Enna?

Our Kaizen factory tour provides the perfect combination of education, exposure to best-in-class Lean practices, in-depth tours, and interactive discussion.

Visit Best-in-Class Lean Companies



See What You Want to See

Not just any study mission will do. You are investing a substantial amount of time and money to go to Japan – be sure you see and experience what you want. From the tour preparation package, host companies, and management interactions, everything on the tour is centered around your needs.

Whether you are looking for industry or tool specific learning, the Lean Study Mission to Japan will deliver above and beyond your expectations.

Benchmarking

The hallmark of Lean manufacturing is innovation, built up through the sharing of ideas. Utilize benchmarking to compare your processes with best practices, both within and outside of your organization. Join us in Japan to learn how to **maximize your Lean transformation** through the discovery of best practices and strategies. Observe and discuss improvement methodology as it is being implemented in real time and benchmark your own company's Lean journey against World Class.

Kaizen Workshop

See and experience the dynamics of Kaizen in action on the shop floor. Utilize your senses to see and hear training in action on the shop floor. The host companies you visit are eager to hear your input and questions as they show you their practices. Nowhere else will you be afforded the opportunity to witness such dynamic workshops.

Lean Topics covered

While the tools of Lean may be simple in theory, there are many obstacles that may need to be overcome in order to put them into practice within your unique organization. Gain insight into the various uses of Lean tools and how these tools integrate together and can be adapted to fit your organizational needs.

- TPS
- 5S
- Visual Management
- Kanban
- Suggestion Systems
- Waste Identification
- QC Circles
- Engagement
- VSM
- TPM
- SMED
- Kaizen Training
- Just In Time (JIT)
- Mistake-Proofing

You talk to plant managers and Lean experts; learning how they address problems and being able to observe problems on the shop floor makes the connection so powerful and so strong that it is hard to imagine getting this type of exposure in any other way.

Douglas Meckley, Master Black Belt, Monsanto

Host Companies We Visit

- Toyota
- Nissan
- Honda
- Mitsubishi
- Denso
- Omron
- Kawasaki
- Lexus
- Aishin
- Ricoh
- Sony
- Nikon
- TOTO
- Daihatsu

Don't see a company from your industry on the list? Contact us to discuss how we can customize a tour to visit industries and companies who will benefit your organization.

Exclusive access to the right people to find the answers to your questions.



Exposure to Multiple Industries

Although Toyota is responsible for popularizing Lean, you will learn from more than just the automotive industry. You don't need to go to Japan to sit in classrooms and have professional consultants simply speak to you; go to Japan to master World Class Lean operations applied in varying industries with differing business climates. Visiting locations in multiple industries demonstrates a wide breadth of application, ensuring you take home real applicable knowledge to shift your Lean Transformation paradigm.



Networking with Lean Experts

We encourage opportunities to create business relationships on the tour with Host Businesses and fellow participants.

Host Companies – Exclusive Access

Enna has built strong relationships with the best Lean companies in Japan. Our network of companies adds depth and understanding to the experience for participants. The companies we visit will welcome you and are willing to share their insight and production systems with you. You will learn new management tools that are successful for continuous improvement.

It's really the seeing. Seeing how all of the tools and components of Lean come together on the floor and work. The opportunity to see Lean where it was invented and to talk with executives of these companies is nothing but sensational.

*Dieter Lange, Director
Competitive Dynamics International*

Traction Lean Experts

Imagine having your questions answered directly by Senior Management Experts, not outside Lean consultants. These company experts provide you with the most important information straight from the source. They have lead Kaizen for years, refining and improving their organizational approaches to a leaner, more sustainable business.



Highest Level of Service – Enna Staff

Enna's team of professionals works hard to ensure your safety, comfort, and enjoyment of your Lean Study Mission. From the moment we welcome you to Japan until your reluctant departure, we anticipate and answer each and every question you may have. From our industry professional sensei, to our tour coordinators and travel logistics personnel, you are sure to enjoy every moment of your tour.

Stop & Interact

The best way to learn is to be able to question the people, process, or tool used at the point needing clarification. On your tour you are able to stop, question, and interact with shop floor workers and senior managers to enhance your understanding of the area in question. Because tours are available at multiple areas within a company you will experience a wide variety of Lean subjects to learn from.



Fine Dining

Experience the delight of world class restaurants every day of the tour, with each offering a variety of culinary options.

Interpreters

Enna uses only the best interpreters to ensure that the nuances of Lean are not lost in translation. This professionalism facilitates the best possible learning atmosphere.

Maximize Your Time

Your time is a valuable asset that, once lost, cannot be regained. Spend your time wisely in the environments that benefit you the most. With Enna you will visit more locations than any other tour, without feeling rushed; spending as much time as needed per location. Discussions between locations allow for reflection and engaging conversation between participants. Superior logistics and exclusive relationships make it possible for you to discuss the issues you would like to have addressed with World Class Organizations.



“Any leader of an organization is always concerned what the future looks like for their organization. We are constantly trying to see that ‘vision’, that ‘direction’, and that ‘purpose’. This tour is the single most important investment of my career and without a doubt, a catalyst for the future of our competitiveness and success. Go, as I did, and you will have a clear direction for your organization.”

Edward Schoessler
CEO, Schoessler Group

Study Mission Details

Dates:

Fixed Date Tours are scheduled at least a year in advance, so check in with our website **japantrip.enna.com** to find our upcoming tour dates. Please contact us to schedule a Private Group Tour. We require approximately 4 months notice to schedule your tour.

Participants need to arrive in Japan in the early afternoon of the day before the tour in order to be fully prepared for the week’s study mission.

Tour Cost

The tour cost will vary depending upon the type of tour (Fixed Date, Private Group, Full Management Team, etc.). Pricing includes all hotels, meals, miscellaneous expenses, and domestic transportation while in Japan. Airfare to/from Japan is not included. *Prices subject to change. Visit our website for our most up to date pricing. Please contact us for information regarding available group discounts.

Travel:

All your travel needs in Japan are pre-arranged by Enna. Please let us know if you have any special requests.

Group Size:

The size of our tour group is limited to no more than 20 in order to maximize the value of the tour for each participant.

Registration

Please register by phone, or fax us your registration by filling out this form below.

Name(s): _____

of Participants: _____ Company(s): _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____ Email: _____

Full payment is due six weeks prior to departure. A non-refundable deposit of \$1,000 USD is due upon registration to secure your seat. Online payment methods are also available at www.enna.com.

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