

Japan During Cherry Blossom Season – Precision Meets Tradition



At the Tokyo factory, CEO Osama Nasser (3rd from left) and Co-CEO Anja Nasser (5th from left, 1st row)

The trip to Japan began with a flight from Hanover via Amsterdam to Osaka. After a comfortable first leg of the journey, the long-haul flight took us directly to Japan. Even during the approach, the dense development along the coast around Osaka was clearly visible. Upon arrival, the distinctive blend of modern metropolis and traditional culture quickly became apparent.

The following day, we explored Osaka. A highlight of the itinerary was a visit to Osaka Castle. The sprawling park grounds, massive stone walls, and imposing castle tower provided a vivid glimpse into Japan's history. From the castle, we enjoyed a great view of the city, where modern skyscrapers and historic

buildings harmonize architecturally in an impressive way.

The journey then continued to Nara and Iga, where a visit to DMG Mori was on the agenda. DMG Mori is an internationally active company specializing in the manufacture of metal-cutting machine tools for turning, milling, and grinding, as well as for additive manufacturing. In Nara itself, we had the opportunity to experience the quieter and more traditional side of Japan. The onward journey to Iga ended at a small guesthouse, which offered an authentic glimpse into everyday life thanks to its family-like atmosphere and regional cuisine.

The next day, we toured the DMG Mori plant in Iga. The focus was on the modern production facilities, the high degree of vertical integration, and the precise organization of workflows. The insights into the manufacturing processes and the opportunity to interact with the on-site staff were particularly fascinating.



Cherry blossoms and Co-CEO Anja Nasser



Traditional Japanese restaurant

On the way to Kyoto, we also visited Nara Park. The free-roaming, tame sika deer and the temple complex provided a unique backdrop. Kyoto itself is characterized by a peaceful, culturally rich atmosphere. In addition to a personal meeting with Dr. Mori, the itinerary included visits to significant temple complexes, which left a lasting impression with their architecture and gardens.

Another highlight of the program was the ride on the famous Shinkansen high-speed train to Tokyo. The journey there was very comfortable and smooth. Thanks to clear weather conditions, we even had an excellent view of the majestic Mount Fuji, Japan's highest mountain, during the trip.

From Tokyo, we took the Shinkansen on a day trip to the city of Nagaoka, about 270 kilometers away. There, we toured the facility of Taiyo Koki, a manufacturer of vertical grinding machines. The round trip on the same day impressively demonstrated the high efficiency of the Japanese rail network.

In Tokyo itself, the trip continued with a city sightseeing tour. A visit to the observation deck of the SkyTree offered a spectacular view of the metropolis's impressive size and structure. In addition, a visit to a traditional temple provided a peaceful contrast to the urban surroundings.

On the ninth day of the trip, the return journey to Germany finally took place from Tokyo via Paris to Hanover. The trip combined fascinating insights into Japanese industry with profound cultural experiences. The combination of business meetings, cultural highlights, and the country's impressive organization made this trip to Japan an unforgettable experience.



View at Osaka Castle