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Thu 9/7 **MAIN TOUR Guests Arrive - Tokyo Airport: Narita or Haneda**

Tokyo Airport Refer to your **Arrival Instructions** sheet that explains next few lines.

Obtain local currency at airport currency exchange or ATM.
 Exchange rail pass voucher for actual rail pass, then get train tickets for trip.
 Depending on your Arrival Instructions, depart airport by train or monorail.
 Arrive downtown Tokyo. Taxi to hotel.
 Check-in at hotel. Front desk will ask to photocopy your passport cover page.

7:15 PM **Meet in hotel lobby.** Get hotel business card. Walk to JapanBall Hall of Fame.

7:30 PM Tour-hosted group dinner gathering at JapanBall Hall of Fame

Return Walk back to hotel.

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Fri 9/8 **In Tokyo to see Tokyo Yomiuri Giants**

8:00 AM Office Hours in Lobby. Bob and Mayumi available to answer questions.
 Will give directions and help for self-guided tours that we have put together.

If you have nothing planned, you might choose one of these self-guided tours:
 Yasukuni Shrine / WWII Museum; Asakusa Temple / Souvenirs;
 Skytree Tower; Ueno Park; Cosplay Village / Electric Town

Before leaving hotel take along a hotel business card from front desk.
 Always have rail pass, train tickets, and hotel card within easy reach.
 Double-check all baseball tickets being sure you have that day's game.

9:00 AM Office Hours Conclude.

Afternoon You probably won't feel jet lag arriving in Japan, but to extent you do you'll

Nap generally feel it this afternoon. A nap is a good idea if you can squeeze it in.

4:15 PM Meet in lobby. Always bring hotel card, rail pass, and game tickets.
Walk to JR Ochanomizu Station.
JR Sobu Line (yellow) toward Shinjuku to Suidobashi Station. One stop.
Explore Tokyo Dome City before entering stadium.

6:00 PM Giants (vs Yakult Swallows) at Tokyo Dome

Return Depart JR Suidobashi Station toward Akihabara to Ochanomizu.
Arrive Ochanomizu Station. One stop.
Use Ochanomizubashi exit out of station. Cross bridge.

If trouble locating hotel, use your hotel card and help note:

"I'm trying to get to my hotel, can you please point me in the right direction?" このホテルに帰りたいのですが、どちらの方向か教えていただけませんか。
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Sat 9/9 In Tokyo to see Chiba Lotte Marines

8:00 AM Office Hours in Lobby. Mayumi and Bob to help with touring, directions, etc.
See previous day's entry above for info on self-guided tours.

9:00 AM Office Hours conclude

11:30 AM Meet in lobby. Always bring hotel card, rail pass, and game tickets.
Walk to JR Ochanomizu Station. Chuo Line (orange) to Tokyo. Transfer.
JR Keiyo Line Rapid toward Soga to Kaihin-Makuhari.
Taxi or possible bus to ballpark. Note ballpark stop for return.

2:00 PM Marines (vs SoftBank Hawks) at Chiba Marine Stadium

Return Taxi or possible bus from ballpark to Kaihin-Makuhari Station.
JR Keiyo Line Rapid (red) to Tokyo (end of the line). Transfer.
Take Chuo Line (orange) from Tracks 1 or 2.
At Chuo Line often two trains wait. Whichever is most full will leave first.
Off at second stop at Ochanomizu. Use Ochanomizubashi Exit. Cross bridge.

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Sun 9/10 Tokyo to Osaka via Nagoya to see Nagoya Chunichi Dragons

8:15 AM Meet in lobby. Return key. Pay incidentals, if any.
Be sure you have rail pass, train tickets, and game tickets.
Front desk can hold items that you may not want to take to Osaka.

8:30 AM Depart hotel. Taxi to Tokyo Station.

9:33 AM Hikari 507 - Depart Tokyo Station (Track 19) for Nagoya

11:17 AM Arrive Nagoya Station. Leave luggage at room in the station.

12:02 PM Depart Nagoya Station on Chuo Line - Track 7 or 8. This on 8.

Arrive Ozone Station.

Transfer to Meijō Subway Line (purple) to Nagoya Dome-mae Yada

2:00 PM Dragons (vs Hiroshima Carp) at Nagoya Dome

8:09 PM Hikari 525 - Depart Nagoya Station (Track 16) for Shin-Osaka.

9:16 PM Arrive Shin-Osaka. Transfer to local train on Track 15 to Osaka. Walk to hotel.

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Mon 9/11 In Osaka - Baseball Off Day

Free day, but we have options, each of which will take the balance of the day:

7:30 AM Hiroshima Tour and Train Spotting. Meet in lobby for prompt 7:30 AM departure.

8:00 AM Office Hours in Lobby. Mayumi available to answer questions.

Will give directions and help for self-guided tours that we have put together.

Three self-guided options: Around Osaka; Visit Kyoto; Visit Nara

9:00 AM Office Hours conclude

7:10 PM Meet in lobby. Tour-hosted Dinner. Pick up hotel business card.
Group walk to restaurant. Walk back to hotel upon conclusion of meal.

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Tue 9/12 In Osaka to see Hanshin Tigers

8:00 AM Office Hours in Lobby. Mayumi and Bob to help with touring, directions, etc.
See previous day's entry above for info on self-guided tours.

9:00 AM Office Hours conclude

3:45 PM Meet in lobby. Walk to JR Osaka Station.
Attached to JR Osaka Station is Umeda Station and the Hanshin Railway Line.

4:14 PM Take Hanshin/Sanyo Through Ltd. Exp. for Sanyohimeji.

4:32 PM Arrive Koshien Stadium.

6:00 PM Tigers (vs Tokyo Yomiuri Giants) at Koshien Stadium

Return At stadium station, use far left entrance tunnel for track back to Umeda Station.
Train to Umeda Stn, which is adjacent to JR Osaka Stn, then walk to hotel.

If question whether on correct train or when to get off train, use help note:

"I'm going to JR Osaka Station, can you please point me in the right direction?"
JRの大阪駅に行きたいのですが、どちらの方向か教えていただけませんか。

At Osaka Station if trouble finding hotel, show your hotel card and help note:

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Wed 9/13

Osaka to Tokyo to see Tokyo Yakult Swallows

8:30 AM Meet in Lobby. Check out hotel. Pay incidentals. Walk to JR Osaka Strn.

Depart Osaka Station (Track 7 or 8) on JR Kyoto Line to Shin-Osaka.
\\ Arrive Shin-Osaka. Transfer to bullet train.

9:16 AM Hikari 514 - Depart Shin-Osaka (Track 23) to Tokyo.

12:10 PM Arrive Tokyo Station. Taxi to hotel.

4:30 PM Meet in lobby. Walk to JR Ochanomizu Station.
JR Sobu Line (yellow) toward Shinjuku to Shinanomachi Station. Walk to park.

6:00 PM Swallows (vs Nagoya Chunichi Dragons) at Jingu Stadium

Return JR Sobu Line (yellow) toward Akihabara to Ochanomizu.

At Hotel Hosted Don Robbs Invitational at JapanBall Hall of Fame

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Thu 9/14 MAIN / SEE IT MORE - Ends this morning. See **Departure Instructions**.