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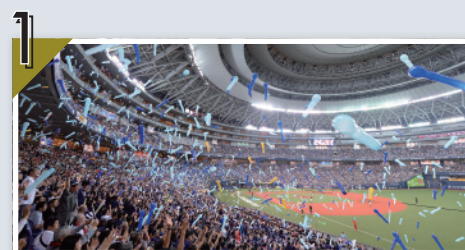
ABOUT THE TEAM

The Orix Buffaloes are professional baseball team based in Osaka belonging to the Pacific League of NPB. Baseball is one of Japan's national sports and its season is held from late March to late October. You can feel the excitement and energy that you can only experience at the live stadium. You can also buy many kinds of great foods and drinks at the stadium as if you were in the festival. Even you don't know the rules of baseball, that's fine! This page shows you how to enjoy baseball just like the way locals do!

DID YOU KNOW?

The Orix Buffaloes is the team that has produced Major Leaguers such as Ichiro Suzuki, currently as an active player for the Seattle Mariners, the former outfielder So Taguchi, and the former pitcher Shigetoshi Hasegawa. Along with the games, you can enjoy performances by the professional dance and vocal group, BsGirls, and also at the end of top of the 7th inning, you can launch balloons into the sky.

HOW TO ENJOY Watching Baseball



1 Enjoy the atmosphere of the stadium!

There are lots of good items to choose from at the merchandise shop. You will fit right in with the crowd with your own jersey or fan gear. While watching the game with delicious stadium food, raise your voice and add to the energy of the incredible atmosphere!



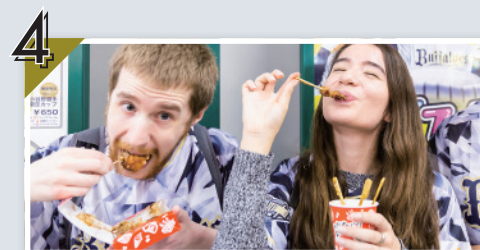
2 Take pictures with the mascot

The mascots for the Orix Buffaloes are Buffalo BULL and Buffalo BELL. Be sure to spot them before and during the game! You may cross their paths around the stadium concourse, so be sure to ask for a photo to remember the experience!



3 Shoot off your balloons into the sky

Do you know the chant for the Orix Buffaloes? At the end of the seventh inning while everyone join the stadium anthem for the team, you release long balloons into the air. All of the thousands of balloons flying towards the top of the dome makes for an incredible spectacle! You can buy your own balloons for the game at the merchandise shop on the second floor of Kyocera Dome.



4 Enjoy the stadium food!

Enjoy games with Osaka's soul food, Takoyaki and Okonomiyaki in your hand. The food at the stadium ranges from 500 yen - 1,000 yen. Dive into Osaka's food culture here at the stadium.

COSTS & ACCESS

□ Food and Drink

You can enjoy different kind of food such as takoyaki and curry here at the stadium! Soft drinks and alcohol are also available.

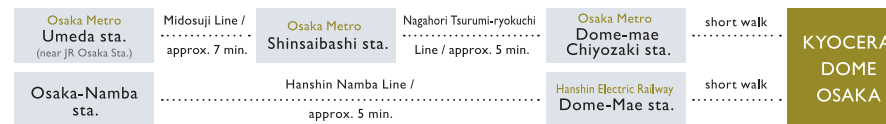


Toribo 450yen Takoyaki 420yen

□ Tickets(※)

At the door tickets during weekdays: Adults 1,800 yen (unreserved outfield seats)
Elementary/Middle/High School Students 700 yen (unreserved outfield seats)
At the door tickets on weekends: Adults 1,900 yen (unreserved outfield seats)
Elementary/Middle/High School Students 700 yen (unreserved outfield seats)

□ Access



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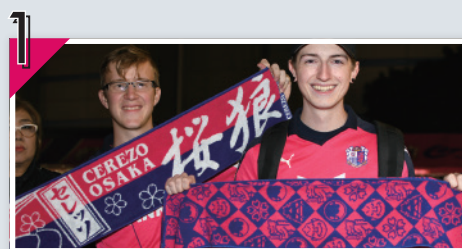
ABOUT THE TEAMS

Osaka has two soccer teams: Cerezo Osaka and Gamba Osaka. Because both teams are in the same league, there is talk of a derby match between them. J-League tournaments are held from the end of February until the beginning of December every year, with games that make the crowds go wild!

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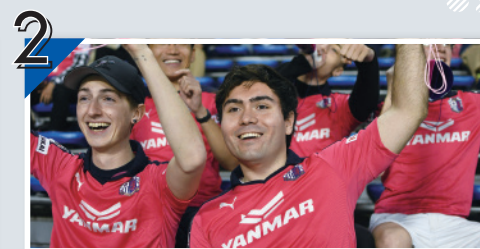
	CEREZO OSAKA	GAMBA OSAKA
Championship	J League 2017 YBC Levain Cup 97th Emperor's Cup (2017)	J League 2005, 2014 J League Cup 2007, 2014 Emperor's Cup 2008, 2009, 2014, 2015 AFC Champion League 2008
Stars	Diego Forlan (Uruguay) Shinji Kagawa (Japan) Takashi Inui (Japan)	Patrick Mboma (Cameroon) Yasuhito Endo (Japan) ※ Joined Hwang Ui-jo (Korea) ※ Joined

HOW TO ENJOY Watching Soccer



Hunt for merchandise!

You can find sportswear and merchandise to cheer on the team at each home stadium. From towels and keyrings to megaphones and flags, there are plenty of things you can buy to show your spirit. Stop by before the game starts, and maybe buy something to support your team!



Enjoy the atmosphere of the stadium

Get your merchandise, change into uniform, and prepare to cheer on your team. Even before the game begins, the stadium will be roaring with excitement from the fans. During the game, the teams' and players' chants will be echoing through the crowd. Cheer along with all the supporters and feel the excitement!



Find the Mascot!

Where would a team be without its mascot? Cerezo Osaka, has Lobby and Madame Lobina. Gamba Osaka's mascot is Gamba Boy! You can usually spot them before the game or during half time, so make sure to keep an eye out!



Grab some food and watch the game!

While famous Osaka foods like takoyaki and kushikatsu are a given, there are other exclusive foods for you to discover. In and around the stadium you will be able to find stalls selling great snacks for you to eat while watching the game. Try the high quality street food while enjoying the festive atmosphere!
*Cerezo Bar Takoyaki Do-raku WANAKA †9 Takoyaki Balls 500 Yen

COSTS & ACCESS

Food and Beverages

An exclusive Gamba Osaka and Cerezo Osaka menu is available. You can try authentic Osaka flavors for 500 to 1,000 yen.

Tickets (※)

YANMAR STADIUM NAGAI...Supporter Unreserved Seats: Adults 2,700 yen
Elementary/Middle/High School Students 1,000 yen
PANASONIC STADIUM SUITA...Gamba Supporter Unreserved Seats: Adults 3,000 yen
Elementary/Middle/High School Students 1,500 yen

Access



Gamba Osaka Katsu Curry (Pork) 850 yen

Takoyaki [Large pieces of octopus inside] 8pieces) 700 yen

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KINTETSU LINERS



RED HURRICANES

For more details!



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ABOUT THE TEAMS

The Kintetsu Liners team was created in 1929, at the same time as the Hanazono Rugby field. It's a team with a long history in the Kansai area, with eight wins in national competitions.

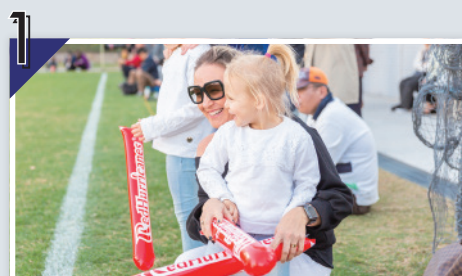
The group NTT docomo Red Hurricanes was established in 1993. They brought a new kind of excitement to the rugby world. You will be able to feel the powerful energy of the team from the bleachers!

Osaka is one of Japan's leading rugby cities and is known for its amazingly large number of junior/high school rugby players.

DID YOU KNOW?

Rugby is a game between two 15 player teams. The game is broken down into two 40 minute halves for a total of 80 minutes. The basic goal of rugby is to move forward, aiming to get a player with the ball inside the other team's goal area to score. One of the highlights of the game is watching the players rush into one another and tackle during the scrum, when the two teams' eight forwards each try to gain possession of the ball. A "try" is another exciting way of scoring points in rugby. A try is worth five points, and is scored when a player touches the ball inside the opposition's in-goal area.

HOW TO ENJOY Watching Rugby



1 Get close to the action!

Rugby fans get to sit close to the action. The sounds of the players colliding into each other, and the speeding wind of the ball adds to the excitement of the game. Enjoy the electrifying atmosphere at a match near you.



2 Meet and Greets with the players

Not only can you watch the game at the stadium, you can get the chance to spend time with the star players of the team. It's a great time to chat with them, take pictures and interact with the team. Spending time with their fans gives the players a big energy boost!



3 Osaka's rugby culture

The Hanazono Rugby Stadium was created in 1929 as Japan's first rugby stadium. It finished renovation in September 2018, and is almost a sacred place to fans. Chosen to be the stadium for the 2019 Rugby World Cup, it will be in the spotlight around the globe.



4 Rugby museum

The redesigned Hanazono Rugby Stadium has Japan's only rugby museum. It exhibits the history of the sport and the historic balls and jerseys of the players. Beginners can try a VR rugby simulation!

COSTS & ACCESS

Tickets(※)

Top League Unreserved seating Regular/Adults:2,000 yen High School Students and under 700 yen

For more details on pricing and tournament dates, please refer to the websites below.

Kansai Rugby Football Union:<http://rugby-kansai.or.jp/gametopleague/>

Access

Rugby games can be watched at Hanazono Rugby Stadium and Expo '70 Commemorative Stadium.

Kintetsu Nara Line
Higashi Hanazono sta.

walk / approx. 8 min.

HANAZONO RUGBY STADIUM

Osaka Monorail
Koen-Higashiguchi sta.

walk / approx. 2 min.

EXPO '70 COMMEMORATIVE STADIUM

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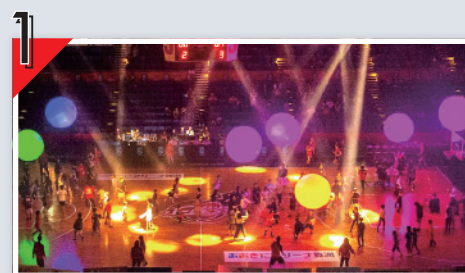
ABOUT THE TEAM

Osaka Evessa is a professional basketball team based in Osaka. They play in the Japan men's basketball league, B.League. In fact, Evessa is famous as the original B.League champions. Every year from October to May, you can watch basketball games across the country, as well as must-see collaboration shows with the teamLab ultratechnologists at Oookini Arena Maishima.

DID YOU KNOW?

The name EVESSA comes from the Japanese god of business and good luck, Ebisu-san. EVESSA's cheer-leading squad BT is known as the "Fukumusume" or "good-luck-girls" because, like Ebisu-san, they bring so much energy and good luck to the games when they pump up the crowd.

HOW TO ENJOY Watching Basketball



1 Pre- and Post-game performances!

Before and after games at Oookini Arena Maishima, there are collaborative performances with teamLab! Projection mapping is used to introduce players, put on light shows, and create the all-new teamLab Ball experience!



2 Make sure to not forget your original merchandise!

Around the entrances and exits, you can find stands selling towels and uniforms. There are also large cut-outs of the players: line up next to them and grab a selfie!



3 Enjoy some food with the game!

Around the entrances and exits of the arena, there are many stands selling delicious snacks and finger foods, so you can grab a bite while watching the game. Discover all the famous food options around the stadium! Put your uniform on, grab some grub, and wait for the game to start!



4 Activities and meet-ups with the players!

Fans from the bleachers are randomly chosen to participate in activities and games on the court! If you are lucky, you just might win something, too! Lucky fans sitting at the first floor have a chance to join the meet and greet with the players, with high fives all around after the game!

※During the winter season, meet and greet events are infrequent.

COSTS & ACCESS

□ Food and Beverages (※)

You'll be able to find fried chicken, French fries, and more inside the stadium. Soft drinks and alcohol are also available for purchase.



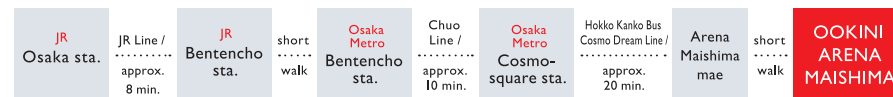
Fried Chicken 500 yen
French Fries 300 yen

□ Tickets (※)

Door tickets for unreserved seats:

First floor: Adults 3,200 yen Elementary/Middle/High School Students 2,200 yen
Second floor: Adults 2,700 yen Elementary/Middle/High School Students 1,000 yen

□ Access



Free shuttle buses to Sakurajima Station and Osaka Metro's Cosmosquare station are available after the game.

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※Listed information is for seasons during 2018 and 2019. Some content is subject to change by season.

SPORTING EXPERIENCES

Connect with the people of Japan by enjoying the country's most popular sports. Beginners, families and everyone else should be sure to try these one-of-a-kind experiences while staying in Japan.



Enjoy all kinds of sports in one place!

Try a variety of exciting sports or test your thumbs at the amusement area where you can enjoy the latest cutting-edge, video games alongside some nostalgic classics. With ball pits, sports, video games, and a kid's corner, SPO-CHA will keep you moving for hours! Open 24 hours! Stop by anytime while you are sightseeing to enjoy endless hours of fun at SPO-CHA. With our free shoe rental service you can immediately join the experience. There are a lot of activities for children, making it the perfect place to enjoy Japan with your family. You will be able to enjoy archery and other unique sports that only ROUND1 has to offer!

PRICE OF SPO-CHA

Days	Free Time		3-hour package	90-minute package
	Admission from opening to 11PM	Admission after 11PM		
Monday to Friday	¥ 2,580	¥ 2,380	¥ 2,280	¥ 1,880
Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays	¥ 2,880	¥ 2,580	¥ 2,480	¥ 2,080

※One set price. Children under 2 years old are free. Primary school students and children in preschool are discounted.
 ※Please refer to the following QR code for details.



Open 24 hours
ROUND1 STADIUM
 Sennichimae branch

1-3-1, Namba, Chuo-ku, Osaka, 542-0076
 TEL:06-4708-2620 / FAX:06-4708-0880
 (The AM corner is open from 6:00 AM to 0:50 AM)
 Access:

- Three minutes east on foot from Exit 15 of Namba station on Osaka Metro Midosuji Line or Sennichimae Line.
- Three minutes east from Namba Walk. Can enter from Exit 22.



For more details

SPO-CHA



Enjoy Osaka sightseeing
 on the river!

SUP

STAND UP
 PADDLE BOARD

SUP (stand up paddle-boarding) is a water sport that is done by standing on a board and using a paddle to propel yourself through the water. Because the boards used for SUP are incredibly stable, the sport is perfect for beginners and regulars alike. Training your balancing skills on the water not only gives your body a good workout, you will have an unforgettable view of Osaka Bay.

If you would like to spend your time by the waterside, our plan taking you from Nakanoshima to the Dotonbori Glico Sign in about 3-4 hours is perfect! For those accompanying small children or if with limited time, please try our half-route plan (approximately 1.5-2 hours / River Station Hachiken'ya to Dotonbori River's Sluice Gate to Minatocho Docking Station)

River Station Hachikenya

1-2, Kitahama-higashi, Chuo-ku, Osaka, 540-0031

TEL : 06-6125-0550 Time : 09:30~13:00 (with docking break)

Days : Open every day except Tuesdays

(Also may be closed during certain event periods)

Price : Price half-round plan 5,000 yen, Full-round plan 8,000 yen
 (※ children are half price)

Points to Note

- ※Elementary school students and below can ride with a guardian.
- ※Depending on the number of participants, you may have to ride on the board with different people.
- Advance reservation system <https://www.citysup.jp/form-kairou/>
 (Please make a reservation from the above URL. On weekdays, please reserve 5 days before the desired date of participation. For Saturdays and Sundays, reservations are accepted until 17:00 the previous day.)
- ※Consult staff for on the day reservations. Please refer to the following URL for details. <https://www.citysup.jp/>

Sumo is the national sport of Japan. This martial art involves two sumo wrestlers battling in a dohyo, the ring in which wrestling bouts are held. You can join and rent a mawashi, or sumo suit, during this program. You will be able to try sumo yourself and eat chanko-nabe, the power food of the sumo wrestlers.

Opening April 2019! We welcome everyone who would like to experience sumo! Join the sumo wrestling tour and try the sport for yourself, including a chanko-nabe cooking session. You can try it all in a complete 2-hour experience!

Active · Square · Daito

3-28-3, Fukono, Daito City, Osaka, 574-0072

TEL : 0570-001-962 / FAX : 072-872-5288

Time : 10:30 AM ~

Duration : Mid April - Mid December

Closed : Saturday · Sunday · Holidays

Fee including sumo experience : Adults:8,800 yen / per person,
 Children:7,700 yen / per person

Fee without sumo experience : Adult:5,800 yen / person,
 Children:4,700 yen / person

※Adult (over high school student)

※Children (5 years old to Middle School Students)

Access : 5 minutes on foot west from Nozaki station on the JR Gakken city line

Points to note

- ※Groups of 3 to 10 people are accepted for this experience.
- ※Advance reservation system. (Please contact the attached telephone number two weeks in advance.)
- ※Money-back cancellation available up to one week before reserved day. After that full price will be charged.
- ※Please contact us for further questions.



Let's do Sumo wearing a mawashi!

You can have an extra ordinary

experience in Osaka.

SUMO

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