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World Athletics Championships - Osaka 2007

From the 25 August until 2 September 2007, Osaka will be hosting the 11th IAAF World Championships, with 212 countries attending. The event is being held at the Nagai stadium in downtown Osaka. If you are an avid athletics follower, then Osaka 2007 is a great warm up for the Beijing Olympics 2008, or London 2012.

The IAAF World Championships began in Helsinki in 1983 and were originally convened every four years. After the IAAF World Championships in Athletics Tokyo 1991, where Carl Lewis broke the world record when he finished the men's 100m in an amazing 9.86 seconds, the events were held once every two years. The IAAF World Championships bring the world's greatest athletes together in one place to vie for the title of World Champion, before a worldwide audience of many millions.

After a 16 year absence the IAAF world Athletics will return to Japan this summer. If you are thinking about travelling to Osaka this summer to see the Athletics and are unsure about how to go about it or what to do when not watching the Championships then InsideJapan Tours can help. InsideJapan are offering a 4 night package, accommodation in the bustling Namba area of Osaka, tickets to the event for three days, breakfast every day and a travel pass to cover all your transport on the trains, subways and buses including transport to the stadium for 5 days. Prices start from £495 per person, based on 2 people sharing a twin room. InsideJapan also supply the Japan Rail Pass, which would mean you could travel freely on the World Famous "Bullet Train" from Osaka Station to anywhere in the country!

For more details, please contact InsideJapan Tours on 0870 120 5600 or email info@insidejapantours.com.

For more information or to book tickets online visit the IAAF Osaka World Athletic Championships official website www.osaka2007.jp

