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What You Need to Know About the Beijing Summer Games

EVENT TICKETS

You can buy Olympic tickets at www.cosport.com, although they are sold out of virtually every event. You can also visit www.ludustickets.com for event tickets.

ACCOMMODATIONS

We offer various hotel/tour packages that range in duration from 6-11 nights and from 2 5 star rated hotels. All of our properties are very well located and safe as well as convenient. Prices start at \$1895 per person (6 nights). All of our packages include:

- Daily Breakfast
- Airport Transfer
- Brooks Gift Pack (backpack, shirt, polo, hat)
- Excursions (Great Wall, Forbidden City)
- Welcome Happy as well Chinese Dinner

For more information about our packages, please visit www.trackandfieldtours.com/packages.html. Most packages can be customized although additional charges may apply. Please write us at info@ludustours.com for more information on your specific needs.

APARTMENTS

Ludus Tours can offer their assistance in helping you find apartments. That being said, we strongly encourage tourists to book hotels vs. private apartments. There are quality and trust issues. Hotels are safe and reliable and easy to find. Having an English speaking staff in the lobby is vital as well.

ACCOMMODATIONS ONLY

For some of our hotels, we may be able to offer bare bones accommodations only quotes based upon the number of rooms requested as well as the specific nights.

TRANSPORTATION

Beware of people trying to sell accommodations in Central Beijing. Central Beijing is a very broad term. The city is bigger than any city you'll ever visit. Getting around is

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efficient, but the distances are much bigger than average metropolitan areas and traffic is very bad at the moment. We hope that the situation will be improved during the Olympics.

The best way to get around is via taxi. Taxis are plentiful and cheap. A good public transportation system will be in place for the Olympic Games. Check www.trackandfieldtours.com/transportation.html for more details. Don't book accommodations just because they are close to a venue. You'll end up taking taxis a lot anyway, so it's better to select a hotel that's close to the subway, restaurants, etc.

FLIGHTS

You can book flights through our airline partner, Terry, at Up & Away Travel (1-800 275-8001). Be sure to mention that you're a Ludus client to receive a discount!

VISAS

All foreigners will need a tours Visa.. They are changing the VISA requirements on a daily basis, so please continue to check www.trackandfieldtours.com/visa.html.

TRIP & TRAVEL INSURANCE

In case of emergency cancellation, you can insure your trip through HTH Worldwide. HTH also offers international health insurance, as many national insurance providers do not cover trips abroad. For links to both insurance policies, visit www.ludustours.com/insurance.shtml

HEALTH

For information on China's immunization requirements, visit: <http://wwwn.cdc.gov/travel/destinationChina.aspx>. HTH also provides detailed information on health issues in China [here](#).

ABOUT US

Ludus Tours specializes in offering tours and accommodations to the Summer Games. We started our business in 2003 before the 2004 Athens Games. As former athletes who competed in the 2000 Olympic Trials, we love the Olympics and we do everything we can do assist family members.

Ludus Tours is the Official Tour Operator for USA Track & Field and USA Triathlon. We have had an office with three staff members operating in Beijing since November 2007. Through this advantage, we offer the insight of showing you around Beijing like a local.

We encourage you to view our Beijing specific website at www.trackandfieldtours.com, where you'll find information about the Chinese capital, as well our Beijing staff blog, transportation and ticketing updates and much more. You can also subscribe to our free e-newsletter with Olympic updates.