

ITU Regional Seminar on Costs and Tariffs and Meeting of the Study Group 3 Regional Group for Asia and Oceania (SG3RG-AO)

26-28 April 2010, Beijing, P.R.China

General Information

I. Venue

Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel

Add: No.8 Beichen Dong Road
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Web: <http://www.bcghotel.com/English/jiudian/index.asp>



II. Transportation from Airport

Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel is located in the northern part of the city, approximately one hour drive from airport.

Please visit the following website for detailed information of Beijing Capital International Airport (BCIA): <http://en.bcia.com.cn/>.

1 Transportation information

Upon Arrival

Please pick up some useful information (City Maps, Tourist Information booklet, Subway Directions, etc.) at Information Center at the airport.

Taxi

A taxi service is available all the day at the airport. The fare is about RMB100, including the Express Way charge.

Airport Shuttle

Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel is located near Anhui Qiao Station of the Airport Shuttle. Please take the Airport Shuttle running from **BCIA to Zhongguancun** outside Terminals 2 or 3, and get off at **Anhui Qiao Station**. The hotel is not far from the station, you may take taxi or bus to the hotel. (Fare of taxi is about RMB13.)

Airport Shuttle service is available at all Terminals (1, 2, and 3). The ticket is RMB16/person for single trip.

Airport Express

Airport Express (ABC, Airport Beijing City) service is available at both Terminals 2 and 3. Each ticket costs RMB25/person for single trip.

Please take the Airport Express (ABC) to **Sanyuan Qiao Station**, and transfer to subway Line 10, heading to **Ba Gou**, and transfer to subway Line 8 at **Bei Tucheng**, then get off at the **Olympic Centre**. Now you are at the central zone of the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. It will take you 10 to 15 minutes to walk to the hotel.

*This would be an easily-get-lost journey from the airport to the hotel, however, if you are willing to adventure the Beijing subway system and experience the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games, you may try this way. The fare of subways in Beijing is RMB2Yuan/person for single trip.

2 Hotels

Two hotels are recommended by the host organization, i.e. **Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel** and **Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou**. The two hotels are next to each other.

Brief Introduction of **Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel** (Recommended accommodation):

Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel is a large four (4) star hotel with 538 elegant and comfortable rooms. The guest rooms are equipped with the latest, advanced technology which demonstrates the international quality and hospitality.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.bcgghotel.com/English/jiudian/index.asp>.

Room Rates of **Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel:**

Room Type	Single	Double
Standard Room	USD110	USD125
Deluxe Room	USD120	USD135
Executive Room	USD130	USD145
Executive Suite	USD190	USD200

Brief Introduction of **Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou:**

Crowne Plaza Park View Wuzhou Beijing is a luxury hotel located in the northern part of Beijing next to the Beijing International Convention Centre and within walking distance to the Olympic Green and much celebrated Bird's Nest Stadium.

For more information, please visit: <http://www.ichotelsgroup.com/h/d/cp/1/en/hotel/PEGPV>.

(See registration and hotel booking forms in Annexes 3 and 5)

- Hotel rooms will be assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis, thus early reservation is recommended.
- In order to guarantee your reservation, your credit card information is necessary for a deposit equivalent to one night. Total amount of the hotel fee will be charged directly by the hotel when checking out.
- Any changes or cancellations regarding room reservation should be informed by e-mail or faxed to the hotel.

III. Travel Information

1 Visa

Any foreign visitors wishing to enter the People's Republic of China must have a valid passport and a valid visa. For more information, please visit the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of PRC at <http://www.fmprc.gov.cn/eng/default.htm>.

2 Currency & Exchange

The Chinese currency unit is the Yuan. Bank notes are 100, 50, 20, 10, 5, 1 bills and coin denominations are 1(Yuan), 5(0.5 Yuan), 1(0.1 Yuan). Money can be exchanged at Beijing Capital International Airport, banks, and hotels.

Approximate exchange rate at 18 January 2010:

USD 1 = RMB 6.8272

For exchange rates information, please visit <http://www.boc.cn/sourcedb/whpj/enindex.html>.

3 Weather

The Weather in late April is usually warm. The average temperature is 15°C (59°F). For more detailed climate information, please visit the web site of China Meteorological Administration at <http://www.cma.gov.cn/en/>.

4 Electricity

The standard supply is 220 volts with AC/60 cycles. Outlets for 220 volts are available at the hotels.

5 Emergency Calls

Police: 110

Fire Department: 119

Medical Emergencies: 120 or 999

6 Business Hours

Government offices are open from Monday to Friday between the 08:00 and 17:00.

Banks open from 09:00 to 17:00 on weekdays and weekends.

Major department stores are usually open from 10:00 to 21:00, including weekends.

7 Automated Teller Machines (ATM) for Foreign Travellers

Travellers who carry internationally recognized credit cards can get a cash advance in RMB at Automated Teller Machines (ATMs) installed at airports, major hotels, department stores, and some buildings on the street.

8 Tipping

Tipping is not a traditional Chinese custom. A 10% service charge is added to your bill at all tourist hotels and 10% at some famous restaurants.

9 Tourism Information

Please visit the following Websites for more information of Beijing tourism:

<http://english.visitbeijing.com.cn/>.

10 Local Time

GMT + 8 hours

11 Computer Networking

Each meeting room will be equipped with wireless access (Wireless LAN, supporting IEEE802.11b, 2.4GHz band) to the Internet. Those who wish to use the wireless access must be equipped with the necessary hardware and correctly configured PC.

12 Let the Pic Talk

If you have difficulty in communicating with the taxi driver, try to show him this picture which means “Please drive me to **Beijing North Star Continental Grand Hotel.**”

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