

# 2008 JAPAN/CHINA INFORMATION PACKAGE



## Hakuba / Tokyo, Japan January 19-27, 2008

Beijing, China  
January 27 - February 1, 2008

**Please verify & sign Statement, sign the Waiver and return to Gene immediately.**

Congratulations on your choice of a 2008 Asian Ski Vacation with the Pacific Rim Alliance to Hakuba, Japan for the week of January 19-27, 2008 with an optional trip to Beijing on January 27 - February 1, 2008. Your reservation has been confirmed. **Your FINAL PAYMENT is due to Gene by NOVEMBER 15, 2007.** You can pay by credit card (Discover, VISA, MasterCard) for an additional 3%.

### **Finalizing—**

Carefully read the information contained in this package. **We are asking that you sign the enclosed Waiver, verify & sign the enclosed statement and send via US Mail to Gene Fulkerson [10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124] ASAP.** To guarantee your reservation and lock in your hotel choice and air, your trip payments [check payable to Pacific Rim Alliance or credit card number] must be sent by the specified dates to Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124.

<b>\$200</b>	Initial Payment due at sign up
<b>FINAL</b>	Payment due by <b>NOVEMBER 15, 2007</b>

We hope this will be the best ever ski vacation for you. If there is anything we can do to help, any questions or suggestions, please call or email us.

Gene Fulkerson & Catherine Ohl  
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858-467-9469  
ohl@acatmeowz.com

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A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Catherine".

**Please sign the Statement and Waiver. Return to Gene immediately.**

# PACIFIC RIM WAIVER & RELEASE AGREEMENT

Hakuba & Tokyo, Japan & Beijing, China, January 19 - February 1, 2008

## ASSUMPTION OF RISKS

I am aware that participation in the Pacific Rim Ski Week listed above, has, in addition to the usual risks, dangers and hazards associated with travel, alpine, Nordic, Heli or off-piste skiing and snowboarding, certain additional risks, dangers and hazards including, but not limited to: boarding, riding and disembarking ski lifts; changing weather conditions, exposed rock, earth, ice, trees or other natural objects; the condition of snow or ice on or beneath the skiing surface; changes or variations in the skiing surface or subsurface, including changes due to man-made or artificial snow, streams, creeks, glaciers and exposed holes in the snowpack above streams, creeks or glaciers; impact or collision with natural objects or ski lift towers, snow making equipment, snow grooming equipment or other structures, objects or equipment used in connection with skiing, snowboarding or ski racing; impact or collision with other skiers, snowboarders or spectators; avalanches; the failure to ski safely or within one's own ability or within designated areas; negligence of other skiers or snowboards; and negligence on the part of the organizations or their staff. I am also aware that the risks, dangers and hazards referred to above exist throughout the ski area and that many are unmarked. I FREELY ACCEPT AND FULLY ASSUME ALL SUCH RISKS, DANGERS AND HAZARDS AND THE POSSIBILITY OF PERSONAL INJURY, DEATH, PROPERTY DAMAGE OR LOSS, RESULTING THEREFROM.

## RELEASE OF LIABILITY, WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND INDEMNITY AGREEMENT

In consideration for my being permitted to participate in the Pacific Rim European Ski Week [hereinafter referred to as "the Ski Week"], I hereby agree to the following:

- To waive any and all rights and claims for damages I have or may have in the future against Pacific Rim Alliance, Holidayz, Toyko Hotel, Le Meridien Hotel, Starwood Hotels, Oriental Bay Hotel, ANA airlines, and their owners, directors, officers, agents, and employees, and their representatives [collectively referred to as the "Releasees"];
- To release the Releasees from any and all liability for any loss, damage, injury or expenses [including reasonable attorney's fees] that I may suffer or that my next of kin may suffer as a result of my participation in the Ski Week, due to any cause whatsoever, including negligence of any kind or nature, whether foreseen or unforeseen, arising directly or indirectly out of any damage, loss, injury, paralysis, or death to me or my property, breach of contract, or breach of any statutory or other duty of care;
- To hold harmless and indemnify the Releasees from any and all liability for any property damage or personal injury to any third party, resulting from my participation in the Ski Week;
- This agreement shall be effective and binding upon my heirs, next of kin, executors, administrators, assignees and representatives in the event of my death or incapacity.
- If any part of this contract is determined to be unenforceable for any reason, it is intended that all other terms will be enforced in all other circumstances.

I AM OF THE FULL AGE OF 18 YEARS AND I HAVE CAREFULLY READ AND CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY PRIOR TO SIGNING IT. I AM AWARE THAT BY SIGNING THIS RELEASE OF LIABILITY I AM WAIVING CERTAIN LEGAL RIGHTS WHICH I OR MY HEIRS, NEXT OF KIN, EXECUTORS, ADMINISTRATORS AND ASSIGNEES MAY HAVE AGAINST THE RELEASEES. I VOLUNTARILY SIGN THIS PARTICIPATING WAIVER AND RELEASE AGREEMENT. IF UNDER THE AGE OF 18, PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST SIGN.

PARTICIPANT: \_\_\_\_\_  
[PARENT/GUARDIAN] [PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY]

SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

This ORIGINAL agreement [both the above Waiver and Release Agreement and the Registration Form] must be completed in full, dated, and signed by the participant [parent or guardian] before the participant will be permitted to take part in this Ski Week.

# HAKUBA/TOKYO PACKAGE INCLUDES—

- 5 Nights **Lodging in Hakuba** in 5-star Tokyu Hotel [dbl. occ.].
  - Breakfast Buffet & Dinner Daily.
  - Three Minute Walk to Happo'one Ski Area.
  - Free use hot mineral spring baths at Hotel Mominoki.
- 2 Nights **Lodging in Tokyo** at the 4-Star Le Meridien Pacific Tokyo [dbl. occ.].
  - Breakfast buffet Daily.
- Round-Trip Non-Stop **Air** LAX to Tokyo via ANA.
- **Transfers**
  - Narita Airport to Hakuba via Private Coach.
  - Hakuba to Nagano via Private Coach.
  - Nagano to Tokyo via Bullet Train.
  - Luggage from Hakuba to Tokyo (2 bags).
  - Tokyo to Narita Airport via Private Coach.
- Free **Shuttle Service** to the 10 surrounding Ski Resorts.
- **Welcome Party** with Drinks and Snacks in Hakuba.
- Half-Day **City Tour** of Tokyo.
- All Local Taxes

# BEIJING PACKAGE INCLUDES—

- **Air** from Tokyo to Beijing and to LAX.
- **Transfer** from/to Airport via Private Coach.
- 5 Nights **Lodging in Beijing** at the 5-Star Beijing Oriental Bay International Hotel [dbl. occ.].
- **Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner** Daily.
- 5 days of Fully **Escorted Tours**.
- All Local Taxes

# AIR TRANSPORTATION—

Air has come together quite nicely but is still subject to the whims of the airlines. All flights are on ANA and will be out of and back to LAX.

## Air for the Basic Ski Week Trip and Tokyo—

19 JAN.	NH 005	LAX / NRT	11:35AM – 4:25PM
27 JAN.	NH 006	NRT / LAX	5:05PM – 9:45AM

## China Flight Schedule— (Subject to change!)

27 JAN.	NH 955	NRT / PEK	5:25PM – 8:30PM
01 FEB.	NH 956	PEK / NRT	8:45AM – 1:00PM
01 FEB.	NH 006	NRT / LAX	5:05PM – 9:45AM

ANA was selected as the "Airline of the Year for 2007" by Air Transport World, the leading monthly magazine serving the airline and commercial aircraft manufacturing and support industries since 1964. Every year from 1974, it has selected and recognized a top airline based on its excellence in performance. This "Airline of the Year" award is one of the most prestigious awards in the global airline industry.

## Frequent Flyer Miles

It is your responsibility to get your Frequent Flyer Miles when you check in. ANA is a Star Alliance Member and is partnered with Swiss, Thia, VARIG, Air New Zealand, United, US Airways, Lufthansa, Air Canada, and others.

## Baggage Restrictions [This is important stuff]

**Carry-on bags**— Carry-on baggage should be limited to one piece, must not weigh more than 10kg (22 lbs) and fit underneath the seat in front of you, or in the overhead baggage compartment. The dimensions of carry on baggage should not exceed linear maximum length of 115cm (45 inches), and each side should not exceed 55cm\*40cm\*23cm (22\*16\*9 inches), including any baggage attachments such as handles, wheels, etc. Personal belongings such as cameras, may be carried on in addition to the above limitation.

**Checked Bags on Flights from States**— Economy Class can check 2 pieces of checked baggage ; The total combined linear dimension of the two baggage should not exceed 273cm (107 inches). The sum of the three dimensions on each piece should not exceed 158cm (62 inches). Each piece should not weigh more than 23kg (50 lbs).

**Checked Bags on Flights between Tokyo & Beijing**— Total weight of checked baggage up to 20kg (44 lbs). This is their stated policy but since we will be on an international ticket, we will be allowed the 50 lbs each bag. We are asking for a written waiver for this.

**Excess Baggage Charges**— Baggage exceeding the free baggage allowance will be charged with excess baggage charge per piece (\$100 from US to Japan). Additional charge may apply depending on the size and weight of excess baggage. For baggage weighing over 23kg (50lbs) and up to 32kg (70lbs), US 25 dollar per piece will be charged for the first two bags. Please note that charge per piece is different between departure from Japan and departure from U.S.A. or Guam.

**Skis/Boards**— In addition to the above, a separate set fee may be charged for sports equipment such as skis, golf bags, surfboards, and musical instruments. This is the policy stated on ANA website. Will be working with tour operator on this. But **we highly recommend that you rent skis in Japan** for lots of reasons including the fact that we will be taking a train from Hakuba and only two pieces are being transported and luggage on the trip to China is very restrictive. **Check out the web site for rentals <http://spicy.co.jp/english/>.**

## Valuables, Fragile, Items—

- The following valuables may **not** be included in checked baggage.

Cash, jewelry, precious metals, securities, bonds, works of art, antiques, business documents, data, computers and accessories, cameras, digital cameras, video cameras, mobile phones, passport or ID cards, credit cards, cash vouchers, bankbooks, checks, commuter passes, keys, watches, relics, medicine.

- ANA will not be responsible for any loss of or damage to such items.

Musical instrument, sporting equipment, china, glass, liquor.

- ANA will not be responsible for any damage or loss as mentioned below.

- damage to oversized or over-packed baggage.
- damage caused by aging or poor quality of the baggage.
- loss or damage to parts such as detachable wheels, straps, hooks, name tags, belts or other attached items.
- damage or deterioration of the contents of the baggage.
- minor damage such as scratches, scuffs, dents, cuts, dirt.

# HAKUBA TOKYU HOTEL—

Happo-wadanonomori, Hakuba-mura, Kitaazumi-gun, Nagano 399-9301  
Tel (81) 261-72-3001  
Fax (81) 261-72-5349

The Tokyu hotel in Hakuba is part of a Japanese chain of hotels, which are known for their prestige, elegance, 5 star service and attention to detail. The hotel is one of the most exclusive properties in Hakuba, with wide-open spaces, visually impressive architectural styles and sophisticated resort style lodging. The interior is decorated with olden day ski memorabilia and an impressive display of traditional Japanese antiques. Keeping with its plush and decorative style, the rooms are larger than normal Japanese hotel rooms and have been furnished with luxury fittings and impressive amenities and most rooms have balconies. The hotel is in a great location, with spectacular mountain and forest views, as well as easy access to mountain lifts, transportation center, local bars and restaurants.

The hotel offers standard, deluxe and suite rooms, which all provide absolute comfort and refinement. The hotel bar and coffee shop is openly spaced, yet offers a warm and inviting ambience, with charming views of the surrounding snow covered fields and forests. The hotel has both a Japanese and French restaurant offering a very high standard of meals, with a selection of wines that can cater to even the most discerning of customer's palates. For the customer who is accustomed to higher standards, the Tokyu hotel is well suited property

## The Hotels Facilities and Services Include—

- A la Carte, buffet & Japanese restaurant
- Natural hot springs
- Coffee shop & bar
- Souvenir and boutique shopping
- Ski and snowboard rentals
- Massage service
- Concierge service
- Karaoke rooms and banquet facilities (200 PAX)
- Complimentary ski resort shuttle buses to various resorts

## Hotel Features—

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| TV (public channels) | Satellite TV       |
| Telephone            | Refrigerator       |
| Hair dryer           | Safety deposit box |
| Bidet toilet         | Slippers           |
| Yukata robes         | Tea set            |

## Internet Lobby—

- Public wireless LAN service (FREESPOT)
- Coin-operated Internet-ready PCs(10 minutes - ¥100 (tax included))

## Restaurants and Bars on the 2nd Floor—

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| Chamonix   | French        | 07:00 - 10:00, 11:30 - 14:00, 18:00 - 21:00        |
| Manyo      | Japanese      | 07:00 - 10:00, 11:30 - 14:00, 18:00 - 21:00        |
| Bar Lounge | Tea/cocktails | 10:00 - 23:00 (hours may vary for certain seasons) |





# SKIING HAKUBA—

Hakuba is widely known as being a first class international resort with some of the best ski/board terrain in all of Japan. Happo-One was the venue for the downhill, the slalom and the ski jumping, and has hosted various world cup events. It boasts over 1080m (3,543 feet) of vertical skiing.



The Hakuba Valley is a huge expanse of resorts offering an incredible variety of terrain for skiers and snowboarders alike. Situated in the heart of the Japan Alps, the alpine scenery is truly spectacular with huge rugged peaks towering above the town below. From one end of the valley to the other and with 10 resorts accessing over 200 runs, Hakuba is the skiing mecca of Japan.

From the southern end of the valley Sun Alpina incorporates 3 ski areas to the linked resorts of Hakuba 47 and Goryu-Toomi and the Olympic ski resort of Happo-One situated in the heart of Hakuba. To the northern end of the valley, Iwatake, Tsugaike, Norikura and Cortina resorts are all impressive and rate highly amongst all levels of skiers, boarders and alpine enthusiasts alike.

The combination of world class skiing and state of the art lifts and gondolas, with excellent grooming facilities, makes Hakuba a place that has to be experienced to be truly appreciated

## Happo-One—

Happo-One is a large-scale ski resort, boasting some of the highest snowfalls and longest vertical pitches in all of Japan. Recently it has received international attention in the form of hosting the Winter Olympics and the World Cup skiing events.

From the complete novice to the expert skier, Happo-One provides some of the best skiing in all of Japan. It offers everything from gentle beginner slopes, to bumps and long cruising trails, and from top to bottom it can be sheer thigh-burning hell. Due to its altitude, Happo also boasts some very breathtaking scenery, and its dry climate enables skiers to experience fantastic powder skiing conditions.

## Hakuba 47 & Goryu-Toomi—

Hakuba 47 and Goryu-toomi are two modern resorts, which lay side by side and are adjacent to Happo-one. The terrain on these separate but interlinked resorts is impressive and rates highly amongst skiers and boarders alike. Because of their northwesterly facing direction, the two resorts receive an abundant amount of high quality dry powder. Skiers and snowboarders of all abilities will find the combined resorts of Hakuba 47 & Goryu-toomi to be well designed, offering a wide variety of terrain with consistently good snow conditions.

## Hakuba Iwatake—

Iwatake is situated just to the north of Happo One, with superb panoramic views of the Japan Alps. The ski terrain here is of a good standard with long runs, bumps, and plenty of wide-open runs to suit the beginner and intermediate skiers. The mountain also has some good steep pitches to entertain the more demanding of skiers. Iwatake is a popular mountain amongst snowboarders as there are 2 half pipes and a terrain park. Nordic and cross-country skiing is also popular, and there are some enjoyable trails to be found around the base of the resort. The area also boasts some good restaurants and has a very good hot spring, which is to be found just back from the gondola station.



## Tsugaïke—

Tsugaïke offers a wide variety of facilities, both on and off the mountain, and caters to families, skiers and boarders with its huge amount of ski able terrain. Tsugaïke is situated in and amongst a beautiful national park, encompassing some very good on and off piste skiing. The mountain is particularly suited to the beginner to intermediate, with long cruising trails providing an opportunity for non-stop, uninterrupted skiing. The town of Tsugaïke itself is a myriad of shops, bars and restaurants, and is easily accessible from the mountain, providing a relaxing alternative to skiing.



## Sun Alpina & Sanosaka—

Located in the southern most part of Hakuba's ski area, Sun Alpina and Sanosaka have some of the most spectacular scenery in the valley, with thresort shadowing a picturesque lake at the base of the mountain. The area of Sun Alpina incorporates 3 ski areas on one pass, offering skiers and snowboarders a wide variety of terrain. Telemarkers and Nordic skiers are well catered for with plenty of trails to be explored.



## Cortina and Norikura—

To be found at the northern end of the valley, Cortina and Norikura are two smaller resorts with Cortina boasting the highest snowfalls in the Hakuba valley.

The mountains are serviced by some very good lifts and the grooming is also of a very high standard. What these resorts lack in size they make up for in more challenging terrain and advanced trails.



## Alpine Alternatives—

Hakuba provides an abundant variety of alpine alternatives and adventures for everyone to enjoy.

Groomed cross-country courses wind their way through some of the most spectacular terrain to be found in the Japan Alps. Ski the Olympic cross-country courses or the scenic Nordic courses at Minekata and Tsugaïke ski resorts.

Experience guided ski/snowboard and snowshoe tours in the Alps.

Try out snow tubing, tobogganing, snow rafting and spring heli-skiing that is available at various resorts in the valley.

For those wanting to have a break from the Alps, take in the history and culture of Nagano with tours departing from Hakuba to Matsumoto Castle, Nagano's famous Zenkoji Temple and the snow monkeys at Jigokudani hot springs.

## ONSEEN

An onsen is a Japanese hot spring. Traditionally, onsen were located outdoors, although a large number of inns have now built indoor bathing facilities as well. Onsen by definition use naturally hot water from geothermally-heated springs. Onsen should be differentiated from senty, indoor public bath houses in the city where the baths are filled with heated tap water. Major onsen resort hotels often feature a wide variety of themed spa baths and artificial waterfalls in the bathing area.



Onsen water is believed to have healing powers derived from its mineral content. A particular onsen may feature several different baths, each with water with a different mineral composition. The outdoor bath tubs are most often made from Japanese cypress, marble or granite, while indoor tubs may be made with tile, acrylic or stainless steel.



# LE MERIDIEN PACIFIC TOKYO—

3-13-3 Takanawa, Minato-Ku, Tokyo 108-8567 Japan  
Tel: (81)(3) 3445 6711

Located in the front of Shinagawa station. Only 15 minutes from Tokyo's famous shopping and entertainment areas Ginza and Roppongi, Le Meridien Pacific Tokyo is surrounded by beautiful gardens - an all too rare privilege in Tokyo. The hotel's standards of service and its six restaurants, offering menus in every major world cuisine, will satisfy even the most demanding of guests.

## Room Amenities—

- Air Conditioning (In Room)
- Newspaper (Free)
- Refrigerator
- Telephone
- Television (Cable/Satellite)
- Television
- In Room Broadband Internet Access
- Telephone (Voicemail)
- Kitchen/Kitchenette
- Mini-Bar

## Hotel Details—

- Swimming Pool
- Business Center
- Dining





# SUGGESTED PLACES TO VISIT IN TOKYO—

Other than taking a city tour, we would also recommend the following places as great day tour opportunities for those wanting to get out on their own.

**Shinjuku** — Well known as being one of the liveliest areas in Tokyo. The capital of entertainment, City Hall, site of the most expensive real estate in the world, it houses a massive array of shops, department stores, restaurants and bars. A great place to visit at nighttime, it comes alive with neon lights, the red light district & cosmopolitan places and Tokyoites out for a good time.

**Ginza** — Houses some of the finest department stores in the world, ritzy shops and bars. Be careful, though, as it is also an expensive area to shop.

**Tsukiji Fish Market** — For the early riser, this is an excellent place to stroll through and experience the largest fish market in the world.

**Akihabara** — Electric town, as it is better known, has a huge selection of the latest electronic gadgetry and mind boggling electronic goods available. There are hundreds of stores and a good place, where just about everything is housed, is the Laox electrical department store.

**Kanda / Ochanomamizu** — This area is a ski and snowboarders dream place for shopping. It is one of the largest groupings of ski and snowboard shops located in any one place of anywhere in the world. There are hundreds of stores offering everything that one could desire at discounted prices. Well worth a visit while you are in Tokyo if you are looking to purchase new equipment.

**Imperial Palace** — The home of the Emperor and the Imperial Family. Located not far from Tokyo Station. It presents the visitor with beautiful gardens and glimpses of the royal palace.

**Harajuku** — Home of the Meijijingu Shrine, Tokyo's largest and most splendid shrine. If you happen to be here on a Weekend make sure that you make a foray into the park, as it has live music, street entertainment, dancing and many other unusual sights to see.

Harajuku is also perhaps the fashion capital of Tokyo, with trendy bars, street-side coffee shops, street bars and the testing ground for bizarre new fashions. Harajuku is a must see place and I would recommend going there in the day time and just strolling about taking in the massive array of interesting shops and people alike. A great place to spend the day with shopping, some of the best souvenir shopping in all of Tokyo and interesting sights galore.

**Shibuya** — The time square of Tokyo, this town in itself offers a mass of neon streets scenes, with an abundance of clothing, shops, bars and restaurants. This is a very lively place and is also very accessible, there is much street entertainment and exciting things are happening here.

**Ebisu** — Home of the Tokyo Beer Gardens — The Sapporo Beer Brewing company has spent over 250 billion yen in this area on making the most extravagant beer garden facility of anywhere in Japan.

**Akasaka** — Is part of the old quarter of Tokyo and was a prominent area for dignitaries, government officials and the ruling elite back in the Meiji period. It housed the exclusive geisha houses and became a favorite enclave for many of Japan's politicians. Today many hostesses have joined the geisha in this area and it is home to many of Tokyo's top restaurants, which are all, found in small narrow olden day river stone paved streets. This is still an exclusive area, but it is a most interesting place to see and is also famous for its flea markets, furniture stores and olden day Japanese shops. It makes for an interesting couple of hours and one is likely to find some very good gifts or souvenirs in this area.

**Roppongi** — Is a well-known place for nightlife with a plethora of bars restaurants and clubs. Roppongi is home to the Hard Rock Café and is a 24-hour town that goes all night long. There are hundreds of clubs and restaurants packed into this area and makes for a great place to go if one is looking to party. This area is best enjoyed in the evening



# ORIENTAL BAY INTERNATIONAL HOTEL—

9 Dixingju Ande Road, Dongcheng Distict, Beijing, 10001, China

Beijing Oriental Bay International Hotel is a luxury five-star business hotel offering a full range of dining services, recreational and fitness facilities.

The Oriental Bay International Hotel is located to the south gate of Olympic Games Village, which is the intersection of Dongzhimen Business District and the Lama Temple Technology Garden.

It is a 40 minutes drive from Beijing International Airport, 15 minutes drive from Beijing Railway Station, 5 minutes walk from the subway station. It has a convenient access to the world famous sightseeing such as Forbidden City, Jing Mountain, Lama Temple and Drum Tower.

The hotel has about 360 guestrooms designed for luxury, fashion, and elegance. The hotel has European, Southeastern Asian cuisine and excellent wine, combined with the most stunning view of Beijing City.



## Room Amenities—

- Internet data port
- Satellite TV
- IDD and DDD phone
- Coffee
- Separate walk-in shower

## Hotel Amenities—

- Business Center
- Fitness Center with Gym & Spa
- Indoor Swimming Pool
- Sauna
- Two Restaurants
- 2 Bars
- 24 Hour Front Desk
- Room Service

## Nearby Attractions—

- Bus Station (Andingmen) - 200m
- Beijing Railway Station - 8km
- Binhe Park - 500m
- Bus Station - Andingmen - 200m
- International Exhibition Center - 4.5km
- Capital Airport - 25km



# ABOUT BEIJING—

Beijing, a metropolis in northern China, is the capital of the People's Republic of China (PRC). It was formerly known in English as Peking (English pronunciation (info)). Beijing is also one of the four municipalities of the PRC, which are equivalent to provinces in China's administrative structure.

Beijing Municipality borders Hebei Province to the north, west, south, and for a small section in the east, and Tianjin Municipality to the southeast. Beijing is China's third largest city in terms of population, after Chongqing and Shanghai.

It is a major transportation hub, with dozens of railways, roads and expressways passing through the city. It is also the focal point of many international flights to China. Beijing is recognized as the political, educational, and cultural center of the People's Republic of China, while Shanghai and Hong Kong predominate in economic fields.

Beijing is one of the Four Great Ancient Capitals of China, having hosted the seat of government from Yuan Dynasty in 1264 to the present, with the exception of a period of time during early Ming (1368-1420) and during the period from 1928-1949.

Beijing will host the 2008 Summer Olympics.

## Great Wall at Badaling (Badaling Chancheng)—

China's most spectacular sight stretches over 3,700 miles across China and is most often visited at this Beijing location, where cable cars lift you to dizzying heights to walk along the snakelike path through the mountains.

## Forbidden City (Imperial Palace)—

Consisting of more than 9,000 rooms and spread over 250 acres, this huge palace complex was built in the 15th century and later extensively renovated and restored during the Qing Dynasty in the 18th century.

## Tiananmen Square (Tiananmen Guangchang)—

Located in the heart of modern China and the site for massive parades and rallies, this was the site when in 1949, from a rostrum on the Gate of Heavenly Peace, Chairman Mao announced the establishment of the People's Republic of China.

## Summer Palace (Yiheyuan)—

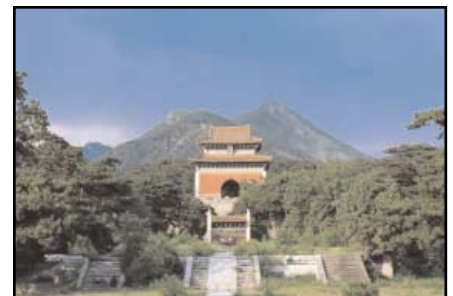
Once a summer retreat for emperors, this 290-acre park is still a retreat for the crowd-weary tourist, who can relax here or stroll around ancient pavilions, mansions, temples, bridges and huge lake, stopping occasionally at a shop or tea-house.

## Temple of Heaven (Tiantan)—

Built in 1420 with a total area of 270 acres, this is the largest building for religious worship in China, which was originally used by the Ming and Qing emperors to pay homage to Heaven and to pray for a year of rich harvest.

## Lama Temple (Yonghegong)—

A series of beautiful pavilions comprise this Mongolian-Tibetan yellow-sect temple, which features an impressive fifty-four-foot high Buddha carved from one piece of Tibetan sandalwood.





# GENERAL INFORMATION

## Membership Requirements—

To attend a Pacific Rim Ski Week you must be a member of the Pacific Rim Alliance. If you are not a current member of Pac Rim, please send a check made out to Pacific Rim for \$8 for individuals or \$10 for families with your final payment.

## Smoking—

We are almost exclusively a non-smoking group so that whenever Pac Rim has control, such as on the bus and at any of our parties, smoking will not be allowed. As most of you must know, smoking is pretty common place outside California. They do not as a rule have non-smoking sections and when they do they are practically right on top of the smokers. Smoking will NOT be permitted on the flight.

## Travel Documents—

You are responsible for the correctness and validity of your travel documents. A valid passport is required by the airlines. The name on your airline tickets must match your name on your passport. Your passport should be valid until at least April 2008.

## Credit Card Charges—

Since the tour prices indicated herein are based on the lowest possible rates, the use of credit cards for payment will necessitate a surcharge. The amount of such surcharge is as follows: Discover Card, Visa and Master Card : 3%. Sorry, but we cannot accept American Express.

## Lift Ticket Options—

Believe it or not, quite a bargain in Japan. Our negotiated rate for a 1 day pass is only \$41 and only \$34 per day on a 3 day pass for 2007. We do not expect any major changes for 2008. Multi day tickets are on a voucher system where one would present a voucher to the ticket office on any given day and receive a pass with a computer chip. There is a deposit for the chip of 1000Yen (about \$10) which is refunded when the ticket is turned in at the end of the day. Since the day tickets are so inexpensive, it is just as easy to purchase the tickets as needed. Ticket vouchers can be pre-purchased at the hotel once we arrive. This voucher system is good for 7 resorts in the Valley and since we use vouchers, the days do not have to be consecutive.

Number of days	Price per day
1 day	\$41
2 days	\$40
3 days	\$34

## Ski Equipment Rental—

Top quality rental equipment is available in town and at the mountain. A 10% discount off the regular retail rates will be available club members. Please be advised, again that situations in Japan are quite different. The ski rental shops are limited in the boot sizes they would have available. Especially if one requires larger than a size 12. Our recommendation in that event would be to bring your own boots. [Check out the web site for rentals http://spicy.co.jp/english/](http://spicy.co.jp/english/).

## Deposits & Payments—

To guarantee your reservation and lock in your hotel choice, your trip payments [check to Pacific Rim Alliance] must be sent by the specified dates to Gene Fulkerson, 10818 Viacha Dr., San Diego, CA 92124.

\$200 Initial Payment due at sign up.  
FINAL Payment due by November 15, 2007.

## Substitutions—

In the event that a canceling passenger is able to provide a substitute for that canceled space there will be an administrative charge of \$25. to effect that substitution. All substitutions must follow the same itinerary as the passenger they are replacing with the exception that there may be occasions where the substitute may wish to purchase additional options. In this event, we will make every effort to satisfy such requests.



# INSURANCE IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED

Health, accident, luggage and trip-interruption insurance IS HIGHLY RECOMMENDED.

## Insurance Option 1—

Holidaze offers a plan that is administered by Travel Guard. The premium depends on the amount of coverage desired and is based on the tour cost as indicated and will cover all non-refundable amounts in the event of a covered cancellation or trip interruption up to the amount of coverage selected, plus the following additional coverage:

- \$300. for Travel Delay (\$100. maximum per day)
- \$500. for Baggage and Travel Documents.
- \$100. for Baggage Delay.
- \$5,000. for Medical Expense.
- \$20,000. for Emergency Medical Transportation.
- \$25,000. for Accidental Death & Dismemberment.

<b>Total Trip Cost per Person.</b>	\$1,501-\$2,000	\$2,001-up
<b>Premium due with Final Payment</b>	\$123	\$172

## Insurance Option 2—

You can buy an insurance policy directly from Travel Guard. Check them out at <http://www.travelguard.com/> or call them at 800-826-4919. Cost varies based on your age and cost of the trip. Coverage can be purchased any time up to 24 hours before departure but it is recommended that you do it sooner. The package includes the following benefits.

- 150% Trip Cost: Trip Interruption Protects your travel investment if you interrupt your trip for a covered reason.
- \$1,000: Trip Delay Reimburses you up to \$100 a day for additional accommodations if delayed for more than 12 hours.
- \$750: Lost, Stolen, Damaged Baggage & Travel Documents Reimburses you if your luggage is lost, damaged, or stolen.
- \$200: Baggage Delay Reimburses you for essential items if your bags are delayed more than 24 hours.
- \$10,000: Medical Expenses Covers necessary medical expenses up to one year after the sickness or injury, provided you sought initial medical treatment while on your trip.
- \$20,000: Emergency Medical Transportation Covers evacuation and transportation to the nearest medical facility.
- \$25,000: Collision Damage Waiver Provides primary coverage if your rental car is damaged while on your trip.
- FREE Lost Baggage Tracking Assists in locating lost or stolen possessions.
- Travel Guard™ Assistance Offers emergency live 24-hour assistance for your peace of mind anywhere in the world.

## Insurance Option 3—

You can buy an insurance policy directly from CSA. Check them out at <http://www.csatravelprotection.com/> or call them at [800] 873-9855. Cost will depend on your age and trip cost. The package includes the following benefits. The policy is underwritten by Monumental General Casualty Company.

- Trip Cost: Trip Cancellation Protects your travel investment if you cancel your trip for a covered reason.
- 150% Trip Cost: Trip Interruption Protects your travel investment if you interrupt your trip for a covered reason.
- \$750: Trip Delay.
- \$1,000: Lost, Stolen, Damaged Baggage.
- \$250: Baggage Delay.
- \$20,000: Medical Expenses.
- \$25,000: Collision Damage for your rental car.
- Assistance Services 24-Hour Emergency Hotline, Emergency Medical Transportation [Unlimited], Medical Referral, Emergency Cash Transfer, Legal Referral, Lost Ticket and Passport Assistance, Pre-Travel Advice.

## Insurance Option 4—

You can always buy your own insurance or choose not to have the coverage.

## Insurance Option 5—

Holidaze has already included the cost of the following Insurance Benefit:

Travel Guard? Assistance which includes:

LIVE TRAVEL: 24 hour, 7 day hotline, to make emergency travel changes.

LIVE MESSENGING Relay of email or phone message to family, friends or business associates.

PRE-TRIP TRAVEL ADVICE: Around-the-clock access to passport, visa, inoculation and vaccine requirements; travel advisories; embassy and consulate contacts; travel health advisories; weather and currency information-all for your planned destination.

EMERGENCY CASH TRANSFER: Assistance in coordinating an emergency cash advance.

## CANCELLATION POLICY—

Charges for cancellations depend on the date that the written notice of cancellation is received in our office. Please note that all cancellations must be received in writing before calculating the amount of refund due. Those dates and charges are as follows:

Up to 100 days prior to departure	No penalty
Between 99 and 70 days	\$100 per person *
Between 69 and 55 days	\$250 per person *
Between 54 and 31 days	\$550 per person *
After 30 days prior to departure	Trip Amount

\* plus any other nonrefundable charges incurred by the hotels, airlines & suppliers.

**Requests & changes will not be accepted unless submitted in writing.  
PLEASE No Exceptions!**

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