Beijing Tips

Location
Beijing is located on the western coast of China on the Pacific Ocean. Beijing stands at the northern tip of the North China Plain. Beijing lies at approximately the same latitude as Philadelphia in the U.S. and Madrid in Spain. The city is 39% flat land and the other 61% is quite mountainous area. Beijing is surrounded by the Yanshan Mountains on the west, north, and east while the small alluvial plain of the Yongding River lies to its southeast. Beijing faces the Bohai Sea, and the area is also called the Beijing Bay.

Climate
October is a golden season in Beijing, with an average temperature of 12°C to 20°C (54°F to 68°F).

Time
Time used in Beijing and all over China is called Beijing Standard Time. It is 8 hours ahead of Greenwich Mean Time (GMT +8).

Electricity
The electric voltage in China is 220V/50Hz and the standard wall socket has three-connectors (L, N and E).

Tipping
Tipping is not expected by service attendants in China, except for tour guides, hotel porters, and housemaids.

Area
Greater Beijing has an area of 16,808 sq km.

Final Program
The final program will be available on-line 3 weeks before the Congress on the ICA's website http://www.intlcollegeofangiology.org. A printed copy of the final Scientific Program, Abstract Book, and Congress badge(s) will be mailed to each registered participant in advance of the Congress.

Visa Invitation
Please see your local embassy information regarding visa requirements for your country. A formal invitation for visa application will be sent upon request. Your request for a formal invitation must include **NAME, NATIONALITY, ADDRESS, OCCUPATION, AND PASSPORT NUMBER,** addressed and sent to:

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Expert Visa Service
Participants residing in the United States may wish to utilize the following Visa Service to obtain your travel visa to China: **Expert Visa Service,** 28 East Jackson Boulevard, Suite 1520, Chicago, Illinois 60604. Tel. +312.663.6667.

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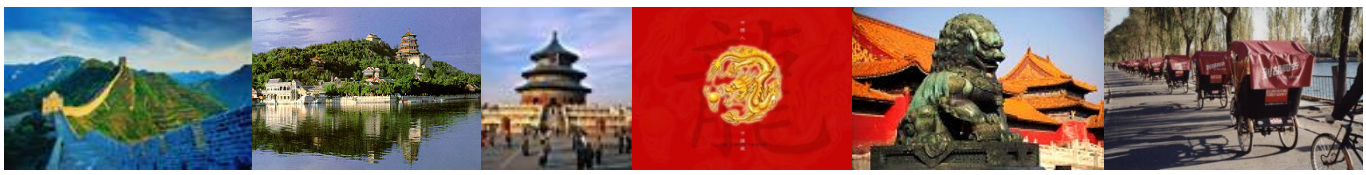
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