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Tri Travel has secured packages for 5 and 7 nights staying at the **Fengshan Hot Springs Resort** in the Changpin District located 7 kilometres from the event venue. The hotel is a Chinese 4 star (about 3+ Stars by Western standards), & is situated on 500 acres of lush gardens with over 21,000 square metres of thermal pools.

Please read note at bottom of page regarding the race venue and travel to Beijing

Package prices - Double/Twin Share:

5 Nights "Standard" double/twin room from \$845* per person, twin share

7 Nights "Standard" double/twin room from \$1,080* per person, twin share

**** Single prices available on application.**

The above prices include:

- Beijing Airport meet & greet and Airport/Hotel Return Transfers
- All event transfers between hotel and race site
- Daily breakfast
- Tri Travel and Nirvana team members available for logistics
- Team bonding with both Great Britain and New Zealand team members – all staying at same hotel

Fengshan Hot Springs Resort Photographs



Hotel Amenities

Meeting facilities, Business centre, Tour Office, Laundry service, Handicapped friendly rooms, Front desk valuables safe, Bellman, Morning call service, ATM, Free parking, Escalator/elevator, Gift shop & Beauty salon;

Hotel Dining

Chinese cuisine, Bar/lounge;

Room Amenities

Slippers, Umbrella, Writing desk, 24 hours hot water, Electric kettle, Complimentary bathroom amenities, Air conditioning, Mini refrigerator, Bathrobe, In-room safe, domestic direct-dial, International direct-dial;

Fitness & Recreation

Indoor & Outdoor swimming pools, Massage, Sauna, Foot massage, Tennis, Golf, Simulated Golf, Basketball, Water sports, Ten pin Bowling, Pool/billiards room, Table Tennis room, Karaoke, Chess/poker room and more .

Airfares:

Tri Travel has a group (ex. Sydney) Air China economy airfare of **\$1,080*** per person (including taxes).

CA176 05SEP SYDBJS	1020	2300
CA173 12SEP BJSSYD	1650	0650 + 1 (13 SEP)

We can also have airfares available with other airlines to suit to your travel requirements

*Conditions apply.

Additional Tours:

Below are two examples of post-race tours you are able to book. We also have longer pre & post-race tours (including Yangtze River Cruise) available and can "tailor make" tours to suit your individual requirements.

At the end of your stay in Changpin, (Race Venue), on the morning after the race you can either travel home or:

- Transfer to Beijing for 3 night stay to include hosted tours to Ming Tombs, Great Wall, Tian'anmen Square, Forbidden City, Summer Palace boat trip, Temple of Heaven;

Total Cost **\$440*** per person, twin share

At the end of your stay in Changpin or your 3 night extension tour in Beijing, you can either travel home or undertake a further extension tour including:

- Flight to Xian, visit Ancient City Walls, overnight stay, visit to Museum of the Terracotta Army in an area known as the 8th wonder of the world, further overnight stay;
- Flight to Shanghai for 2 night stay, including visit to Jade Buddha Temple, Yuyuan Garden, Pearl Factory, visit to Bund waterfront district, cruise to Zhujiajiao, the 1700 year old water town, optional evening river cruise on Huangpu river. After 2 nights in Shanghai, fly home from Shanghai.

Total Cost **\$1,070*** per person, twin share

Travel Insurance

For all International travel we strongly recommend that you have Travel Insurance

Note: All Australian Team athletes who are current members of TA and travelling to ITU Beijing World Triathlon Championships will be covered by the Triathlon Australia travel insurance policy for international travel.

For non Triathlon Australia members travelling to China, including partners, families and friends and who book with Tri Travel, Tri Travel offer a **30% discount** on Travel Insurance.

Tri Travel strongly recommends that Travel Insurance be taken out at time of paying non-refundable deposits and airfares.

Visas

When travelling to China, all Australian passport holders will require a Visa.

We strongly recommend applying for a Chinese Visa **at least 30 days prior to travel.**

You may wish to use the Visa service offered by Visalink www.visalink.com.au

Please note that it is your responsibility to ensure all visa requirements have been met for your destination/s.

Health Requirements

For travel to China, we also strongly recommend that you speak with your Doctor or travel health specialist/s such as <http://www.traveldoctor.com.au>

*Conditions apply

General Travel Notes

The Airport

For people who have not travelled to Beijing before, the airport is absolutely huge and even on a relatively quiet day it takes some time and patience to go through the relevant channels. No-one questions authority in China.

Beijing Traffic

Tri Travel staff have in the last 12 years been to many worldwide race venues and have driven in some of the most difficult driving locations in the world, e.g. rush hour in the middle of Rome, Paris, Hamburg, Budapest, Sydney, Amsterdam, Melbourne etc. and they don't come close to Beijing traffic.

No dual language road signage, 5 lanes entering a roundabout with no priorities, 8 cars playing chicken to see who gives way first. Most strongly recommend that you don't self drive in Beijing. We will be using professional, properly qualified, local drivers.

The distances between things in Beijing are phenomenal. There is no orthodox city centre, giving foot access to a number of major tourist sights. Everything is a 30 minute drive apart.

Virtually the entire stock of Beijing hotels are on the edge of the town in the Central Business District. You virtually cannot stroll out of your hotel and have a sightseeing stroll.

The Event Site

Just to compound all of the above, the Championships will take place in **Changping**, some 45 minutes at least, (depending on traffic conditions), outside of the city of Beijing. This was the competition site for the Olympic Triathlon in 2008.

This is where the Team Hotel is located.

Can you stay in Beijing and commute to the event site?

We would not advise this. Cycling is impossible in Beijing and to undertake the daily commute to the Race Venue is not only dangerous, but would be long and tedious.

The Chinese Puzzle?

So how to deal with the problems and create a memorable trip? We have spent many more hours on analysing the components and logistics of the trip than probably any other tour we have been involved in as the "Official Travel Provider" for Triathlon Australia (TA) to ITU World Championships, and we have come up with a solution, or combination of solutions, we are truly proud of.

The secret, we believe, is to remove as many of the negatives as possible and all of the anxieties by creating a structured, flexible vehicle for seeing as much or as little as you want while in China, travelling with like-minded people, and with the help of Nirvana, (who are looking after the UK and NZ teams), to ensure you have an enjoyable and memorable time at the 2011 ITU Beijing World Triathlon Championships.