

**The 2008 World Team Table Tennis Championships
Media Information # 1**

1. Authority

Under the auspices and authority of the International Table Tennis Federation, the 2008 World Team Table Tennis Championships will be hosted by the Chinese Table Tennis Association and Guangzhou Government, and organized by the Administration of Sport of Guangzhou Municipality and Guangzhou City Table Tennis Association.

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3. Introduction of Guangzhou City

Location

As the origin of the ancient Maritime Silk Route, Guangzhou is an international city of goodwill and a famous cultural city with a history of more than 2,200 years. Guangzhou is located in the south of China and bordered on the South Sea, with Hong Kong and Macao as its neighbors.

Guangzhou is a dynamic city in South China. It's an ancient and modern city with a population of more than 10,000,000 and an area of 7,434.4 square kilometers. Numerous talented people, rich cultural heritages, unique geographic location and a long history of opening up to the outside world all combine to make domestic and foreign cultures merge here and evolve into the rich Lingnan Culture.

Climate

Guangzhou is located in southern subtropical zone with a typical monsoon ocean climate, in which the four seasons are always spring-like with enough rainfall. Thanks to the favorable climate, flowers in Guangzhou are blooming all year round, hence Guangzhou is reputed as "Flower City".

With an average temperature of 17.7 degree centigrade and an average sunlight of 2.4 hours per day, late February and early March, during which the 2008 World Team Table Tennis Championships will be held, is the season of spring in Guangzhou, which features the highest temperature of 21.6 degree centigrade and the lowest of 14.9 degree? and an average rainfall of 85.3 mm and 10 rainfall days.

Transportation

Guangzhou is an excellent harbor for Chinese ocean transportation and import and export port of the Pearl River Basin. It is well connected with all places around China, because Guangzhou is an intersection of Beijing-Guangzhou Railway, Guangzhou-Shenzhen Railway, Guangzhou-Maoming Railway, and Guangzhou-Meizhou-Shantou Railway, and center of civil aviation for South China. Guangzhou Baiyun International Airport was put into use in 2004 and now has over 40 international air routes linking with five continents. It will be the official airport for the 2008 WTTC.

During the World Championships, we will ensure prompt and simple entry formalities for the participants of the event. The Organizing Committee will provide special reception cars for the officials, VIP guests, players and umpires arriving at the airport. Shuttles will also be offered between the official hotels and venue. There is an advanced transportation system with buses, metros and taxies that provide convenient and inexpensive service in town, which accord with the service standard of an international metropolis.

4. Hotel Information

Mandarin Hotel



Address: 1418 Guangzhou Dadao Zhong, Guangzhou, P.R. China
Web site: www.mandarin-hotel.com.cn

Location:

The Mandarin Hotel is situated at the very heart of *Tianhe* CBD (Central Business District) of the city, with an easy 15 minutes' drive to *China Import and Export Fair (Pazhou) Complex*. Offering 4-star quality, it has nearly 300 exquisite guest rooms. Elegant décor and comprehensive facilities combined with courteous warm service are hallmarks of the hotel. All you could wish for



are provided from the Junhao Garden Restaurant with South Guangdong characteristics serving fine food and wine to the Mandarin nightclub plus the sauna massage center for relax. With a capacity of 150 cars, the parking area guarantees convenient service.

Price for WTTC:

Single Room RMB 330
Double Room RMB 420

The current exchange rate is about 7.5 RMB to 1 US dollar.

Transportation:

Free Shuttle Bus: 3 buses per day between the hotel and Guangzhou Gymnasium

(about 15 minutes' drive)

Oriental Resort



Address: 1068 BaiYun Dadao South, Guangzhou, P.R. China

Location:

Guangzhou Oriental Resort, by Dajin Zhong Lake at the foot of Baiyun Mountain, faces Baiyun International Conference Center and bevels with Guangzhou New Gymnasium. Transportation is easy to Guangzhou Railway station and East Railway station, with an easy 40 minutes' journey to Baiyun International Airport.

The Oriental Resort blends the design style of European classicism and post-modernism. By right of the unique landform by the lake and the mountain, it constructs harmony with nature and creates a grand royal atmosphere. During WTTC2008, it offers feature services which includes business full-course meal and special tasty fish with RMB88 per share; free online surfing, swimming and table tennis and other ball activities at 40% discount; discount of 40% for Commercial Center and discount of 30% for sauna and foot massage.

Price for WTTC guests:

| Room Variety | Preferential Price from Feb. 20 to Mar. 5 (net price, including breakfast per person per night) | Quantity |
|-----------------------|---|--------------|
| Standard Double Room | ¥ 600RMB | 85 rooms |
| Standard Twin Room | ¥ 280RMB | 19 rooms |
| Exclusive Double Room | ¥ 800RMB | 34 rooms |
| Exclusive Twin Room | ¥ 380RMB | 64 rooms |
| presidential building | ¥ 88 , 000RMB/one | 20 rooms/one |

The current exchange rate is about 7.5 RMB to 1 US dollar.

Shanxi Hotel

Introduction

Shanxi Hotel is a three-star tourism international hotel that subordinates to Guangzhou Office of Shanxi Provincial People's Government. Located 200 meters away to the entrance of Sanyuanli Road, the Shanxi Hotel is only 6 minutes to the Guangzhou Gymnasium by car. It is 80 meters from Shanyuanli Metro Station and 10 minutes by car to Guangzhou Railway Station, as well as 25 minutes by car to Guangzhou New Airport. With the convenient transportation, we welcome all kinds of guests from press all over the world.

200 guest rooms include Deluxe Suites, Deluxe Business Rooms and Standard Rooms; the Multi-functional Conference Hall has a capacity of 120 people

Containing 400 seats, Shanxi Special Restaurant serves famous cuisines from Shanxi, Canton and Sichuan Provinces

At the ticket-booking center, you can book the air tickets around China with a 30%-70% discount.

Price:

Single room: RMB 200/ per person per day

Double room: RMB 140/ per person per day

The current exchange rate is about 7.5 RMB to 1 US dollar.

The offers below are included in the above price:

1. Broadband internet in the room
2. Shuttle buses to the Guangzhou Gymnasium
3. Buffet breakfast with the Chinese favor
4. The welcoming fruit
5. Intraday newspaper
6. Shuttle buses to the airport and Guangzhou East Railway Station

Reservation and payment

Rooms should be booked in advance by fax or email and then confirmed by the Sales Service Department.

Payment in hotel

Credit cards listed are accepted: American Express, Diners, Visa, Master, JCB and other credit cards in China.

Address: Shanxi hotel, San Yuan Li Road, Guangzhou, P.R.China

Golden Bridge Hotel

Price

| Room Category | Market Price (RMB) | Preferential Price (RMB) | |
|---------------|--------------------|--------------------------|----------------|
| | | One Breakfast | Two Breakfasts |
| Superior room | 880 | 368 | 398 |
| Deluxe room | 1080 | 398 | 428 |
| Deluxe Suite | 1680 | 780 | 780 |

The current exchange rate is about 7.5 RMB to 1 US dollar.

All the rooms are offered broadband internet service for free.

Transportation Service

| Place | Time (minute) | Distance (km) |
|--------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Baiyun International Airport | 30 | 35 |
| Guangzhou East Railway Station | 8 | 5 |
| Tianhe Shopping Mall | 5 | 3 |
| Metro station | 5 | 0.2 |

Shuttle buses between Golden bridge hotel to the airport and to the Guangzhou Gymnasium are offered.

The hotel provides foreign currency exchange. All the credit cards are acceptable.
The current exchange rate is about 7.5 RMB to 1 US dollar.