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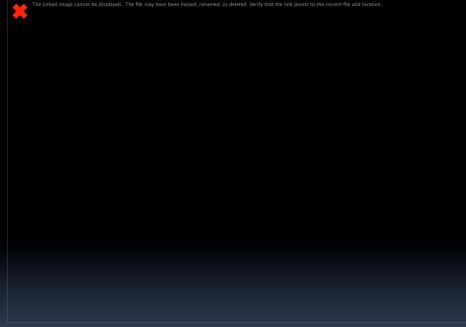
# CHINA: TIAN TAN AND THE SUMMER PALACE

### Tian Tan and The Summer Palace Locations



## Temple of Heaven

- Literal meaning is the Altar of Heaven
- Constructed from 1406 –
   1420 during the reign of the Yongle Emperor



#### The Hall of Prayer for Good Harvest

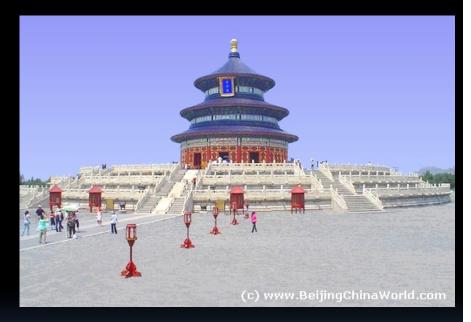
- Highlight of the Temple of Heaven, originally built 1420
- The inner, twelve middle and twelve outer pillars, represent the four seasons, twelve months and twelve traditional Chinese hours respectively.
   Combined together, the twelve middle and twelve outer pillars represent the traditional solar term.





#### Heaven and Earth

- All the tiles on the roof are blue representing heaven
- Earth was represented by a square and Heaven by a circle; several features of the temple complex symbolize the connection of Heaven and Earth, of circle and square.
- Entire complex surrounded by two cordons of walls; the outer wall has a taller, semi-circular northern end, representing Heaven, and a shorter, rectangular southern end, representing the Earth. Both the Hall of Prayer for Good Harvests and the Circular Mound Altar are round, each standing on a square yard, again representing Heaven and Earth.



### 2008 Summer Olympics

- The Temple of Heaven underwent a \$5.9 million restoration in preparation for the 2008 Beijing Summer Olympics. The restoration was completed on May 1st, 2006.
- It is a popular exercise park



#### The Number 9 - the "Ultimate Masculine Number"

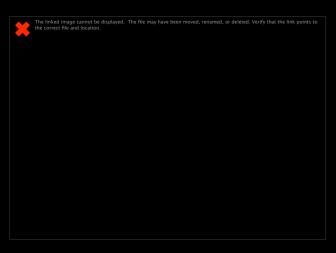
- The number 9 is evident in the design of the Circular Mound Altar: a single round armor plate is surrounded by a ring of nine plates, then a ring of 18 plates, and so on for a total of nine surrounding rings, the outermost having 9×9 plates
- Temple of Heaven





## UNESCO World Heritage Site

 In 1998 both Tian Tan and the Summer Palace were included as World Heritage Site locations





### The Imperial Vault of Heaven, Temple of Heaven

 Surrounded by a smooth, circular wall, The Echo Wall, that can transmit sounds over large distances





#### Summer Palace History

- First constructed in the Jin Dynasty (1115-1234)
- During the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911) it became a luxurious royal garden providing rest and relaxation

   Kunming lake created during this time
- Destroyed by fired during Anglo-French invasion in 1860
- Rebuilt by Empress Dowager Cixi by embezzling navy funds, 1888





#### Kunming Lake

- The Summer Palace is comprised of Kunming Lake and Longevity Hill
- Covers an expanse of 2.9 sq km – three quarters of which is water!
- The lake was entirely manmade
- Excavated soil was used to build longevity hill

