

# Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics

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Beijing makes Olympic history, becoming the first city to host both the summer and winter Games, when it opens the XXIV Winter Olympics. The Chinese capital was the focus of world attention in 2008 with its spectacular opening ceremony at the "Bird's Nest" stadium. Now, 16 adrenaline-filled days will see some of the world's finest athletes compete in 109 events across 15 winter sports disciplines

**Bing Dwen Dwen** Olympic mascot 2022

Stylised Giant Panda wearing shell of ice that is intended to mimic a space suite – recognising winter sports, embracing new technologies and China's advances in space exploration



## Freestyle skiing

### Eileen Gu

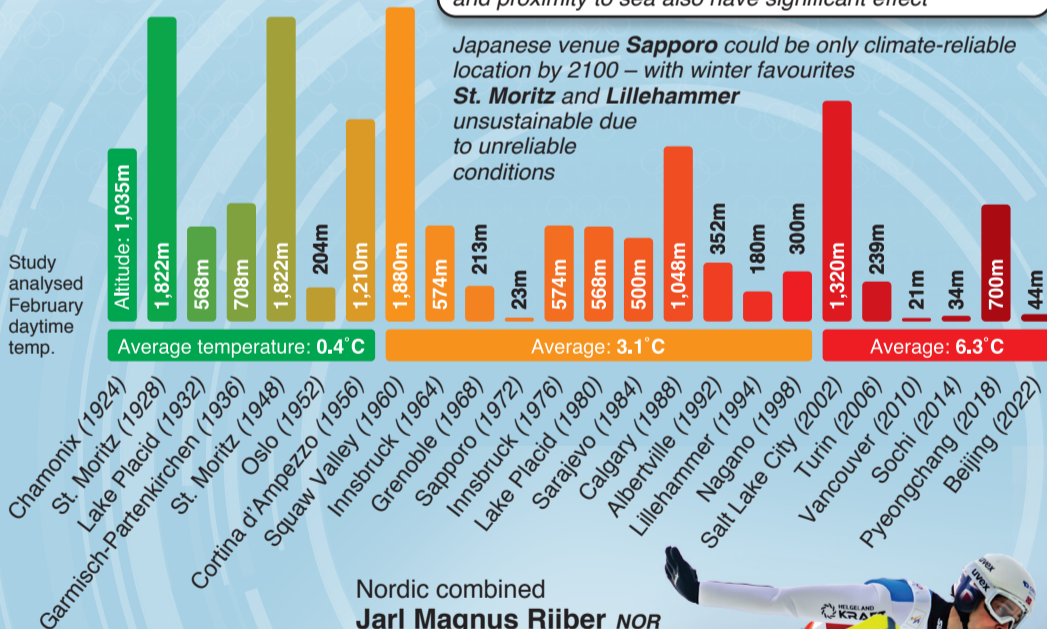
San Francisco-born Chinese podium contender – celebrated double gold at both **Winter X Games** and **FIS Freestyle Ski and Snowboarding World Championships** in 2021



## Changing climate

Last six Winter Olympic venues, including Beijing, have been found to be on average 5.9°C warmer than first seven, according to study by **University of Waterloo, Ontario**. Future Winter Games could be under threat, if emissions are not reduced

Temperature typically drops average 1°C for every 100m increase in altitude. Factors such as latitude and proximity to sea also have significant effect



## Athletes to watch

**Alpine skiing**  
**Mikaela Shiffrin** **USA**  
Four-time slalom World Champion chasing third Olympic gold

Source: IOC  
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**Nordic combined**  
**Jarl Magnus Riiber** **NOR**  
Three-time World Champion dominating slopes

**Freestyle skiing**  
**Mikael Kingsbury** **CAN**  
Most decorated mogul skier of all time

**Snowboarding**  
**Chloe Kim** **USA**  
Halfpipe queen

**Luge**  
**Natalie Geisenberger** **GER**  
Most successful female luger in Olympic and world championship history

**Figure skating**  
**Yuzuru Hanyu** **JPN**  
Seeking third successive Olympic gold – feat not achieved since 1928

## Venues

Olympic venues spread over three cities – **Beijing, Yanqing** and **Zhangjiakou** – forming 13 competition venues, five repurposed from 2008 Summer Olympics

High speed train station (journey time from Beijing)  
Event venue

**Genting Snow Park**  
Freestyle skiing  
Snowboard

**National Cross-Country Centre**  
Cross-Country  
Nordic Combined

**National Ski Jumping Centre**  
Nordic Combined  
Ski Jumping

**National Sliding Centre**  
Bobsleigh  
Skeleton  
Luge

**National Biathlon Centre**  
Biathlon

**National Alpine Ski Centre**  
Alpine Skiing

**National Speed Skating Oval**  
Speed Skating

**National Stadium\*** (aka **Bird's Nest**)  
Opening and closing ceremonies

**National Indoor Stadium\***  
Ice Hockey

**National Aquatics Centre\***  
Curling

**Big Air Shougang**  
Freestyle Skiing  
Snowboard

**Wukesong Sports Centre\***  
Ice Hockey

**Capital Indoor Stadium\***  
Short Track Speed Skating  
Figure Skating

\*Repurposed Beijing 2008 Summer Olympic venue

## Medal count

Medals named **Tong Xin** – "together as one" – represent Olympic spirit, uniting world through sport

**ALL-TIME WINTER OLYMPIC MEDAL TABLE**  
Norway leads all-time ranking with haul of over 350 medals, winning 132 golds. Topped medal table for record eighth time in 2018, ahead of Germany and Canada

Table sorted by number of gold medals

132	125	111	Norway	Total medals: 368
105	112	88	United States	305
100	94	65	Germany (1928-52, 1992-)	259
78	57	59	Soviet Union (1956-92)	194
73	64	62	Canada	199
64	81	87	Austria	232
57	46	55	Sweden	158
56	45	52	Switzerland	153
46	39	35	Russia	120

**Total medal events: 109**

Medals awarded: 327 (minimum amount)

**Medal events by day**

Feb	
5	6
6	7
7	8
8	10
9	6
10	8
11	7
12	6
13	7
14	5
15	9
16	7
17	6
18	4
19	9
20	4