



KARMAPA'S OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION,  
UNITED STATES

March 18, 2008

Dear Esteemed Rinpoches and Lamas, members of the Noble Sangha, and dharma friends,

We joyfully announce that His Holiness the Seventeenth Gyalwang Karmapa, Ogyen Trinley Dorje, will visit the United States from May 15 through June 2, 2008. In late February, we received confirmation from the Government of India via Mr. Tempa Tsering, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama in New Delhi and Cabinet Minister of the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, and Mr. Tashi Wangdi, Representative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama to the Americas.

The final details of His Holiness Karmapa's public events will be confirmed shortly by the Karmapa's Office of Administration in Dharamsala, and a confirmed schedule of public events will be available at that time. For travel and vacation planning, please be advised that the broad structure of the public tour is provided on the attached schedule document.

As has always been the intention, His Holiness's focus during his stay in the United States will be to meet with disciples, bless centers, and offer Dharma teachings.

With prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dzogchen Ponlop Rinpoche  
H.H. Karmapa's Office of Administration, U.S.

UNITED STATES SCHEDULE OF HIS HOLINESS THE  
SEVENTEENTH GYALWANG KARMAPA  
MAY 15 – JUNE 2, 2008

The schedule below is not final. All times, dates and events listed herein are subject to change until confirmation. Please check the final schedule for modifications in event dates, content or start times.

Location	Dates	Events
<b>New York City</b>	Thursday, May 15	Arrival in New York Welcome Ceremony with Regional Centers (by invitation only)
	Friday, May 16	Rest and private engagements
	Saturday, May 17	10 am Dharma Teachings in NYC*
		2 pm Dharma Teachings in NYC*
	Sunday, May 18	Audience with the Tibetan Community Audience with Organizing Sangha groups (by invitation only) 4 pm Dharma Teachings in NYC* 7:30 pm Dharma Teachings in NYC*
<b>Woodstock, NY</b>	Monday, May 19 – Thursday, May 22	Karma Triyana Dharmachakra has announced that, due to limited seating, all events are by invitation only ( <a href="http://www.kagyu.org">www.kagyu.org</a> )
	Friday, May 23	Event at New Jersey Karma Thegsum Choling (KTD affiliate center)*
<b>Boulder, Colorado</b>	Saturday, May 24	Arrival in Boulder, Colorado Welcome Ceremony with Regional Centers (by invitation only) Visit to Naropa University
	Sunday, May 25	10 am Dharma Teachings in Boulder* 2 pm Dharma Teachings in Boulder* Audience with Organizing Sangha groups and Tibetan Community (by invitation only)
<b>Private rest time</b>	Monday, May 26 – Wednesday, May 28	No events or meetings
<b>Seattle, Washington</b>	Thursday, May 29	Arrival in Seattle, Washington Welcome Ceremony with Regional Centers (by invitation only) Audience with Organizing Sangha groups (by invitation only)
	Friday, May 30	Audience with Tibetan Community Nalanda West Blessing (by invitation only)
	Saturday, May 31	10 am Dharma Teachings in Seattle*
		2 pm Dharma Teachings in Seattle*
	Sunday, June 1	10 am Chenrezig Empowerment in Seattle*‡
		2 pm Dharma Teachings in Seattle*
	Monday, June 2	Farewell Ceremony (by invitation only) Departure from United States

\*Ticketing information for these events will be made available upon final event confirmation.

‡ Time or content likely to be modified.