



## DAY OF THE SHINING STAR: LONG TOUR

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 2019 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2019  
(7 nights in the DPRK)

**Pyongyang / Kaesong & DMZ / Nampo / Mt Myohyang / Pyongsong  
+Kumsusan Palace of the Sun**

*The “Day of the Shining Star” is the name given to the birthday of General Kim Jong Il, on 16th February. We will join the Korean people to celebrate and commemorate this historic day with them, whilst enjoying some of the popular tourist sights of the country.*

### The Day Before: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> February

We will gather at the Haiweirensheg Restaurant in Beijing at 1200 hrs for a **pre-tour briefing and visa handover**, where any last minute questions you have can be answered. This will be followed by a complimentary **welcome lunch** held in a private dining room, providing a great opportunity to meet your fellow tour members over a few drinks. 1727 hrs – You depart aboard the K27 towards Pyongyang. Please note that this is an overnight train.

Alternative: Upgrade to Air Koryo flights (**Entry:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February 1400 hrs: Beijing-Pyongyang - **Exit:** Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February 1035 hrs: Pyongyang-Beijing).  
Flight upgrade supplement: EUR 140 /person (single) EUR 240 / person (return).

### Day 1: Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> February

#### **Those entering by flight:**

1400 hrs – **Depart Beijing** aboard Air Koryo flight JS252 to Pyongyang. We recommend arriving 2 hours prior to departure to ensure plenty of time for customs and immigration formalities.

1700 hrs – **Arrival at Pyongyang** Sunan International Airport. Welcome to the DPRK! After clearing customs and immigration, you will be met by your KITC guides and driven into Pyongyang.

**Those entering by train:**

1750 hrs – Arrival at **Pyongyang International Train Station**. Welcome to the DPRK! Here you will be met by your KITC guides and driven the short journey through the city.

Both groups will then meet and enjoy a **city orientation walk** and a close up view of the **Arch of Triumph**, before being dropped off at the **Koryo Hotel (4\*)**, arguably Pyongyang's finest, where you can check in, relax and freshen up. Dinner will be served in the comfort of the hotel.

**Day 2: Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February**

AM: Rising early, you will depart Pyongyang for **Kaesong and the DMZ**, where you can see at first hand the physical division of Korea and the immense historical legacy this has had on the nation. You will be shown around by officers in the Korean People's Army who will talk to you first-hand about the situation on the ground. The next stop is the **Koryo Museum**, consisting of preserved Confucian buildings and a replica mausoleum depicting life in Korea during the Koryo dynasty.

PM: Lunch will be taken at the historic **Kaesong Folk Hotel**, built in traditional Korean style, where you will enjoy a hearty 'Royal Court' style meal in the customary manner, served on the floor from bronze bowls. After lunch is the return journey to Pyongyang, and en route there will be a brief stop of the **Monument to the 3 Charters of National Reunification**. You will visit the **Tower of the Juche Idea** and the nearby **Party Foundation Monument**. Next there will be a trip on the **Pyongyang Metro**. Dinner is served at a restaurant in the newly built Ryomyong Street.

**Day 3: Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February: \*Birthday of General Kim Jong Il\***

*"Day of the Shining Star"*: We start the day with a visit to **Kim Il Sung Square**, the centre point of the country where many of the military parades take place. Next you will have an opportunity to visit the **Foreign Language Bookstore**. You will then see the country's finest figure skaters dance over the ice at the **Pyongyang International Figure-Skating Exhibition** (Entrance ticket price to be confirmed). Before lunch you will stop at the **Kwangbok Street Department Store**, where you can also exchange cash and use local Korean won!

Lunch will be served at the **KITC Restaurant** where you can try Korean Bibimbap or the local Pyongyang Cold Noodles! You will then visit the **Fatherland Liberation War museum**, where you will also have a chance to go around the captured **US spy ship Pueblo**. The next stop is a visit to the **Kimjongilia Flower Exhibition**. Dinner tonight is taken at the **Taedonggang Diplomatic Club** and is

followed by an optional visit to the **Taedonggang No.3 bar**, serving a full range of locally brewed beers from the nearby Taedonggang Brewery (soft drinks also available). Afterwards you will head to **Kim Il Sung Square** to join the locals in watching the **firework display**.

#### Day 4: Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> February

AM: In the morning, you will have the special privilege of visiting the **Kumsusan Palace of the Sun**, the final resting place of President Kim Il Sung and Leader Kim Jong Il. Please note that formal attire is **required** – please avoid open-toe shoes, jeans, T-shirts etc.

PM: You return to the hotel for a quick change of clothes before enjoying lunch in a local restaurant. You then depart Pyongyang and make your way South East to **Nampo** with a visit en route at the **Chongsan co-operative farm**, gaining an insight into DPRK farming methods and organization. You will then see the **West Sea Barrage**, an impressive feat of engineering completed in 1986 that regulates water levels along the Taedong River. Your final stop in the city is to a local factory (depending on availability) where you will see DPRK industry in action.

Returning to Pyongyang you'll have a go at bowling at Pyongyang's famous **Gold Lane bowling alley**. The farewell dinner for those joining us on the short tour will be served at the **hotpot restaurant**.

#### Day 5: Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February

The long tour group continues by travelling north towards **Mount Myohyang**, one of the noted mountains of Korea (2.5 hours' drive). First up is **The International Friendship Exhibition**, a vast underground structure, which houses the gifts bequeathed to President Kim Il Sung, Chairman Kim Jong Il, and Marshal Kim Jong Un from foreign dignitaries and nations. Included in the exhibition are a range of items, artefacts, vehicles, and the private Ilyushin-14 (535) aircraft gifted from the Soviet Union.

PM: You will then check in at the **5\* Hyangsan Hotel**, where lunch is also served. Next you can visit the historic **Pohyon Temple**, a preserved and partially restored Buddhist shrine in a beautiful mountainous setting. In the late afternoon you may elect to enjoy the hotel amenities including the spa, sauna, and swimming pool or enjoy a pre-prandial **hike up a nearby picturesque waterfall**. Dinner is served in the comfort of the hotel.

#### Day 6: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> February

AM: You check out from the hotel and begin the drive back towards Pyongyang (2.5 hrs). You will call by **Pyongsong City** where you will visit the **Paeksong Revolutionary Site** and **Central Square**. Lunch is served at a local restaurant.

PM: Before departing Pyongsong you will visit **Kim Jong Suk Higher Middle School** to greet the children and have the chance to exchange some words in English. Arriving back into Pyongyang you will see a performance at **the Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace**. This is followed by a drink with the locals at the **Mansugyo Standing Beer Bar** (soft drinks also available). Dinner is served at the **Rakwon Restaurant**.

### Day 7: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February

AM: The last full day in the DPRK begins with the **3 Revolutions Exhibition**, a vast showcase to the ideological, cultural and technological achievements of the nation. You then make your way to the **Grand People's Study House**, a public university and place of learning for the masses constructed in traditional Korean style. Next you will visit the centre for the **Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled**, a charity which works to support those with disabilities in the DPRK. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

PM: In the afternoon you visit the **Meari Shooting Range** to try your hand at archery, pistol, and rifle shooting (0.5 USD/bullet). This is then followed by a little light relief with a visit to the **Circus**, to witness impressive physical feats and light comedy. You then visit the **Masudae Artists Studio**, where the country's finest artists ply their trade. Your farewell dinner is served at the **Pyongyang Duck BBQ Restaurant**.

### Day 8: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> February

1010 hrs – The overnight sleeper departs Pyongyang for Beijing via Dandong, arriving in Dandong at 16:23 and in Beijing at 08:00 local time the following day.

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### Standard Tour Price

EUR 1455/ person

Accommodation is in shared twin rooms. If travelling solo, we will match you with another single traveler. If you would prefer a single room, the single room supplement is EUR 245 / person.

### **Standard Tour price includes:**

- 7 nights accommodation as listed in the itinerary;
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner (with one drink);
- Return international transportation Beijing – Pyongyang – Beijing as listed;
- All entry fees to the places of interest to be visited;
- All transportation inside the DPRK, in an air conditioned vehicle with driver;
- The use of two English speaking KITC guides

### **Tour Prices do not include:**

- The DPRK tourist visa fee, which is EUR 50 if collected in Beijing;
- Any expenses incurred outside of the DPRK e.g. Chinese visa fee, international transportation to and from, accommodation in China etc.
- Beverages and other incidental expenses incurred, for example souvenirs, funfair rides, trip up to the top of the Juche Tower, breakfast coffee, bowling games etc.
- Ice Skating show entrance ticket
- Travel and medical insurance (required);
- Gratuities for your guides and driver (we recommend EUR 5 – 10 per passenger, per day)

### **Optional Extras:**

Whilst the train offers scenic views you may find it more convenient to upgrade to single or return flights – just let us know on your application form!

- One way Air Koryo flight upgrade (+EUR 140)
- Return Air Koryo flight upgrade (+EUR 240)
- Single room supplement (+EUR 245)
- Soft sleeper train upgrade (+EUR 120)