



## MAY DAY CELEBRATIONS: LONG TOUR

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019 to Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
(5 nights in the DPRK)

**Pyongyang / Kaesong & DMZ / Nampo**

*May Day is a traditional time for celebration in the DPRK, given its socialist history. Join us on this historic day as we take in the special events of Pyongyang, and explore some of the country's most popular tourist sights.*

### The Day Before: Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April

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.

Optional Air Koryo upgrade: (**Entry:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April 1200 hrs: Beijing-Pyongyang - **Exit:** Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May 0850 hrs: Pyongyang-Beijing).

Flight upgrade supplement: EUR 140 /person (one way) EUR 240 / person (return).

### Day 1: Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April

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

1200 hrs – **Depart Beijing** aboard Air Koryo flight JS152 to Pyongyang. We recommend arriving 2 hours prior to departure to ensure plenty of time for customs and immigration formalities.

1500 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: Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April

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 the **Pyongyang Duck BBQ Restaurant**.

### Day 3: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May: \*May Day\*

*"May Day"*: You start today with a walk from the **Pyongyang Grand Theatre** to **Kim Il Sung Square**, the centre point of the country where many of the military parades take place. Then you will have a chance to visit the **Foreign Language Bookstore**. It is then time to join the locals for some special May Day celebrations at **Mount Taesong Amusement** park.

PM: 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 look around the captured **US spy ship Pueblo**. The next stop is a visit to the **Kimjongilia-Kimilsungia Flower Exhibition**. Afterwards you will catch a performance of the traditional **Mass Dancing** on the streets of Pyongyang.

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: Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May

AM: You start the morning with a visit to the **Hana Music Centre** followed by a look round the **Pyongyang Art History Museum**, located just off Kim Il Sung Square. Next you will head to the centre of the DPRK Film Industry and check out the latest production with a private tour around the **Pyongyang Film Studios**.

PM: You enjoy lunch at the **National Restaurant**. You then depart Pyongyang and make your way 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 the **Chollima steel works** (depending on availability) where you will see DPRK industry in action.

Returning to Pyongyang you'll visit the **Kwangbok Street Department Store** where you can have a chance to shop with the local currency! Next you can have a go at bowling at Pyongyang's famous **Gold Lane bowling alley**. Dinner will be served at the **Rakwon restaurant**. After dinner there is an optional visit to the **Kaeson Youth Funfair**.

#### Day 5: Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May

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 **Mirae 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 **Mansudae Artists Studio**, where the country's finest artists ply their trade. Your farewell dinner is served at the **Hotpot Restaurant**. This is followed by an optional drink with the locals at the **Mansugyo Standing Beer Bar** (soft drinks also available).

#### Day 6: Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May

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 1,295/ 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 175 / person.

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

- 5 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.
- 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 flight upgrade (+EUR 140)
- Return flight upgrade (+EUR 240)
- Single room supplement (+EUR 175)
- Soft sleeper train upgrade (+EUR 120)