



LIBERATION DAY: LONG TOUR

Tuesday 13th August 2019 to Thursday 22nd August 2019
(9 nights in the DPRK)

**Pyongyang / Kaesong & DMZ / Nampo / Mt Myohyang / Pyongsong /
Wonsan / Mt Kumgang**

Liberation Day on August 15th celebrates Korean liberation from Japanese colonial rule. Join us on this historic day as we take in the special atmosphere of Pyongyang, plus visit to Kaesong and the DMZ, the stunning Myohyang Mountains, home to the international friendship exhibition, Pyongsong, Wonsan, the famous Mt Kumgang, as well as the port city of Nampo.

The Day Before: Monday 12th August

We will gather at the Beiyiping 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:** Tuesday 13th August 1305 hrs: Beijing-Pyongyang - **Exit:** Thursday 22nd August 1035 hrs: Pyongyang-Beijing).

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

Day 1: Tuesday 13th August

Those entering by flight:

1305 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.

1605 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 **Changgwangsan Hotel (3*)**, located in the heart of the city, where you can check in, relax and freshen up. Dinner will be served in a nearby restaurant

Day 2: Wednesday 14th August

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 then visit the **Tower of the Juche Idea** and the nearby **Party Foundation Monument**. Dinner is served at a restaurant in the newly built Ryomyong Street.

Day 3: Thursday 15th August: *Liberation Day*

"Liberation Day": 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.

Next there is a chance to enjoy 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**.

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**. Next there will be a trip on the **Pyongyang Metro**. 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: Friday 16th August

AM: Today begins with a visit to the centre for the **Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled**, a charity which works to support those with disabilities in the DPRK (small donations can be made on site). 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. A seafood lunch is served in the city.

PM: Your final stop is at 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!

Your dinner will be served at the **hotpot restaurant**.

Day 5: Saturday 17th August

AM: The 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: Sunday 18th August

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

PM: Returning to Pyongyang it is then time for a trip to the **Pyongyang Film Studios** to see the makings of the DPRK film industry and visiting their large set mock ups. Afterwards you'll have a go at bowling at Pyongyang's famous **Gold Lane bowling alley**. This is followed by a drink with the locals at the **Mansugyo Standing Beer Bar** (soft drinks also available).

Day 7: Monday 19th August

AM: Today begins with a tour of the **Kumbob Foodstuff Factory**. You then visit the **Masudae Artists Studio**, where the country's finest artists ply their trade. Before lunch you will enjoy a scenic walk around **Moran Hill**. Lunch will be served at a local restaurant.

PM: You then begin the journey east towards Wonsan (around 4 hours). On the way there will be a stop at the **Tomb of King Tongmyong**. There is also a rest stop at the **Sinpyong Resthouse** where you can enjoy the stunning natural scenery.

PM: Arriving into Wonsan you will check in to the **Tongmyong Hotel**. This is followed by a sunset walk along the pier to **Chondokdo lighthouse**. Dinner will be served at a **local seafood restaurant**.

Day 8: Tuesday 20th August

AM: You continue driving towards Mt. Kumgang. The morning is then given over to exploring the picturesque **Mount Kumgang and Kuryong** regions, with flowing waterfalls and mountains making for great photo opportunities and spectacular hiking routes along **Kuryong waterfall** and **Sangpaldam**. A picnic lunch can be taken from the **Moknan restaurant**, at the foot of the Kuryong waterfall path.

PM: In the afternoon you will enjoy **Sea Kumgang** and a walk around **Samil Lake**. Tonight you will stay at the **Kumgangsang Hotel**, where you can relax from the travels with a hot spa bath (extra cost). Dinner is served in the comfort of the hotel.

Day 9: Wednesday 21st August

AM: The group departs to Wonsan where you begin with a tour around the **Central Square** and nearby port where the DPRK cruise ship, Mangyongbong-92, is moored. Next you will then tour the **Songdowon International Children's camp** (depending on availability). Lunch is served at a local restaurant in Wonsan.

PM: You then begin the journey back to Pyongyang (around 4 hours). Arriving into Pyongyang you will return to the hotel to relax and freshen up and prepare for tomorrow's departure. The farewell dinner is served at the **Pyongyang Duck BBQ Restaurant**.

Day 10: Thursday 22nd August

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 1,860/ 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 275 / person.

Standard Tour price includes:

- 9 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 10 per person, 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)
- Single room supplement (+EUR 275)
- Return flight upgrade (+EUR 240)
- Soft sleeper train upgrade (+EUR 120)