

10 NIGHT PRIVATE TOUR SAMPLE ITINERARY

This is a sample itinerary

This itinerary can be booked as shown however you are also welcome to customise the itinerary to suit your travel wishes – just email us with your preferences!

The Day Before

You meet with our representative in Beijing to receive your visa and travel documentation. You will receive a pre-tour briefing and have an opportunity to ask any last minute questions you may have. You may also enjoy an optional pre-tour meal at a Korean restaurant in Beijing.

Next it is time to head to BEIJING STATION and board the K27 towards Pyongyang. 1727 hrs: **Depart Beijing for Pyongyang!** Please note that this is an overnight train and dinner is not included on this night. Dinner boxes are available for purchase at the station or on board the train.

Alternative: Air Koryo flight from Beijing Capital Airport to Pyongyang Sunan Airport (journey time 1.5hrs) depart and arrive on 'Day 1'.

<u>Day 1</u>

0717 hrs: At the Chinese border city of Dandong you will exit the train and collect your onward ticket from our representative who will be waiting for you at the station exit. After proceeding through Chinese immigration, you will board the No. 52 train direct to Pyongyang!

1845 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. You can enjoy a city walk from **Kim II Sung Square** to the **Grand Theatre** to stretch your legs and take in the sights of the city.

You will then be dropped off at the hotel, where you can check in, relax and freshen up. Dinner will be served in the comfort of the hotel or nearby restaurant.

Day 2

AM: You begin the day with a tour of the **Grand People's Study House** with an opportunity to browse the **Foreign Language Bookstore** and the nearby **Kim Il Sung Square**, where the famous military parades take place. You then take a trip to the **Tower of Juche Idea** and nearby **Party Foundation Monument**.

PM: Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Next you can check out the **Fatherland Liberation War Museum** including the captured **US spy ship "USS Pueblo"**. Afterwards you can test your marksmanship with a visit to the **Mirae Shooting Range**. Dinner is served at a local restaurant. Before dinner there is also the option to enjoy a drink alongside the locals at the **Mansuyo Standing Beer Bar**.

Day 3

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 firsthand 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**. Dinner is served at the **Pyongyang Duck Restaurant**. After dinner, there will be an optional visit to the **Taedonggang No.3 bar**, serving a full range of locally brewed beers from the nearby Taedonggang Brewery.

<u>Day 4</u>

AM: You depart Pyongyang and make your way South East to **Nampo** and visit the **Chongsan co-operative farm**, gaining an insight into DPRK farming methods and organisation. You then have a chance to see DPRK industry in action at either the **Chollima steelworks** or the **Kangso mineral water bottling plant**, depending upon availability.

PM: Lunch will be served at a local restaurant in Nampo before heading onward to the **West Sea Barrage**, an impressive feat of engineering completed in 1986 that regulates water levels along the Taedong River. You will then return to Pyongyang and visit the **Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace** (depending on availability).

Afterward there will be an opportunity to shop at the **Kwangbok Street** supermarket, where you can mingle with the locals and even exchange foreign currency to use Korean won! Your evening meal will be served at the **KITC** restaurant.

<u>Day 5</u>

AM: You begin today with a look round the **Mansudae Artists Studio** where the country's finest artists ply their trade. This is followed by a ride on the **Pyongyang Metro;** upon exit you will see the impressive **Arch of Triumph**. This is followed by a visit to the **3 Revolutions Exhibition**, a showcase of DPRK achievements in heavy industry, light industry and technology.

PM: Lunch is served at a local restaurant. Next you visit the **Revolutionary Martyr's Cemetery**. This is followed by a chance to explore the **Pyongyang film studios** which feature full scale sets of both Korean and Western settings. In the evening you'll have a go at bowling at Pyongyang's famous **Gold Lane bowling alley** before enjoying dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 6

AM: Today you will pack an overnight bag to travel north towards **Mount Myohyang**, one of the noted mountains of Korea (2 hours' drive). The first stop will be the intriguing **International Friendship Exhibition**, a vast underground structure housing all the gifts bequeathed to Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il from foreign dignitaries and nations.

PM: You will then check in at the **Chongchun Hotel** (optional upgrade to **Hyangsan Hotel (5*)** available), with a chance to freshen up and have lunch. It's then time for a visit to the historic **Pohyon Temple**, a preserved and partially restored Buddhist shrine in a beautiful mountainous setting. Afterwards you will make your way into the mountains for a **scenic walk alongside waterfalls**, taking in the beautiful Korean vistas and watching the stunning sunset. The evening can be spent relaxing in the hotel.

<u>Day 7</u>

AM: Returning to Pyongyang, you stop at **Ryongmun Caverns,** a vast underground network which exhibits several curiosities. A picnic lunch is served en route.

Arriving back in the city you can check back in to the hotel to relax and freshen up before stretching your legs with a walk along the banks of the **Taedong River**.

PM: In the afternoon there is an opportunity to browse the **Minye Handicraft store** or **Korean Stamp Museum**. This is followed by an optional visit to the **State Circus** or **Music Performance**, depending on availability (entrance ticket paid on arrival). Dinner is taken at the **Diplomatic Restaurant**.

Day 8

AM: You will depart Pyongyang for **Wonsan** (around 2.5 hours' drive). On the way there will be a stop at the **Sinpyong Resthouse** for light refreshments and a chance to enjoy the stunning natural scenery. Arriving into Wonsan you will visit the **Chonsam Cooperative Farm** and the **Wonsan Revolutionary Site**.

PM: A fresh lunch will be served at a **local seafood restaurant**, followed by an afternoon walk along the pier to **Chondokdo lighthouse**, a good chance to stretch your legs. The day continues with a visit to the **Songdowon International Children's camp**. In the evening you will check into the **Tongmyong Hotel**.

Day 9

AM: You depart Wonsan for **Pyongyang.** A picnic lunch can be enjoyed en route next to a beautiful natural waterfall.

PM: As you arrive into Pyongyang you will stop by the **Tomb of King Tongmyong**. You next enjoy a look round the **Kimilsungia-Kimjongilia Flower Exhibition Hall.** Dinner is then served at a nearby restaurant and followed by an evening visit to the **Kaeson Youth Funfair.**

Day 10

AM: In the morning there is a visit to the **Korean History Museum** or **Korean Art Museum** depending on your preference. You can then can gain an excellent view of the city and see the locals enjoying their day with a scenic walk around **Moran Hill**.

PM: In the afternoon you can have a chance to cool off at **Munsu Waterpark** or enjoy the feats displayed at the **Rungna Dolphinarium** (ticket paid on entry). Your farewell dinner is served at the **Rakwon Restaurant**.

<u>Day 11</u>

1025hrs: The overnight sleeper departs Pyongyang for Beijing, arriving in Dandong at 1623hrs and in Beijing at 0838hrs (the following day) local time.

Alternative: Air Koryo flight from Pyongyang Sunan Airport to Beijing Capital Airport (journey time 1.5hrs).

Tour Price

1 person: EUR 2,620/ person 2-5 people: EUR 2,090/ person 6-9 people: EUR 1,760/ person

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Tour price includes:

- 10 nights accommodation (3*);
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner each day (with one drink);
- Return international transportation Beijing Pyongyang Beijing as listed;
- All entry fees to the places of interest to be visited (unless otherwise specified);
- All transportation inside the DPRK, in an air conditioned vehicle with driver;
- The use of two English speaking KITC guides (we can also offer German, French, Spanish, Russian and Japanese speaking guides if preferred).

Tour Price does 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 tour start point, accommodation in Beijing, meal in Beijing etc.
- Beverages and other incidental expenses incurred, for example souvenirs, funfair rides, Juche Tower lift fee, ski rental, bullets etc.

- A flower offering at Memorial sites like Mansudae Grand Monument (EUR 5- 10);
- Optional extras such as entrance ticket to Munsu Waterpark, Dolphinarium, Circus or musical performance ticket (depending on availability);
- Travel and medical insurance;
- Gratuities for your guides and driver (we recommend budgeting EUR 10/person/day).

Optional Extras:

- Soft Sleeper train upgrade (+EUR 140)
- Air Koryo flight upgrades (+EUR 150 single or +200 return)
- Air Koryo business class flights (+EUR 300 single or +450 return)
- 3* Hotel single room supplement (+EUR 30/person/night)
- 4* Hotel upgrade (+EUR 50/person/tour)
- 4* Hotel single room supplement (+EUR 35/person/night)
- 5* Hotel upgrade (+EUR 30/person/night)
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