



7 NIGHT HIKING THE DPRK TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday 8th June to Saturday 15th June 2019
(7 nights in the DPRK)

Pyongyang / Kaesong & D.M.Z / Mt. Myohyang

While 'Pyongyang' refers to 'flat lands' in Korean language, the rest of the country is dominated by stunning hills, mountains, lakes and waterfalls. This tour offers a unique chance to explore and traverse this natural beauty, spending time in places tourists rarely have the chance to visit and all alongside an experienced local mountain guide.

The Day Before: Friday 7th June

1800hrs: 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.

After the briefing you can also enjoy a complimentary welcome meal to become better acquainted with your fellow group members. Drinks are available for cash purchase at the bar.

Day 1: Saturday 8th June

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. You can enjoy a city walk from **Kim Il 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 **Koryo Hotel (4*)**, arguably one of the finest in the country, where you can check in, relax and freshen up. Dinner will be served in the comfort of the hotel or nearby restaurant.

Day 2: Sunday 9th June

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 top of 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 **Mansugyo Standing Beer Bar**.

Day 3: Monday 10th June

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.

Day 4: Tuesday 11th June

AM: Today the group departs Pyongyang and begins to travel north towards **Mount Myohyang**, one of the sacred 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 **Hyangsan Hotel (5*)**, 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.

Day 5: Wednesday 12th June

AM: After a hearty breakfast, the hiking will begin. You make your way to the entrance of the **Sangwon Climbing Route**. Here you will **meet your personal mountain expert and tour guide** and begin the hike. Lunch is taken at the **Pulyongdae Temple** on the mountain.

PM: You continue the hike in the afternoon, reaching the overnight camping spot at the **Tangun Temple** where you enjoy dinner and set up camp**.

***Travelling light? Tent and sleeping mat rental €60 (per person)*

Day 6: Thursday 13th June

AM: You depart early to scale **Hyangro Peak** and **Chonju Peak**, offering stunning views over the mountain range. Lunch is taken at Chongju Peak (1794m).

PM: You then continue on to the summit at **Piro Peak** (1909m), where you set up camp and enjoy a well-earned meal.

Day 7: Friday 14th June

AM: You begin the return trek from Piro Peak. A **BBQ Lunch** is served en route.

PM: You begin the journey back to Pyongyang where, upon arrival, there is a chance for any last minute souvenir shopping and photo opportunities. A celebratory farewell dinner is served at the **Paradise Microbrewery Restaurant**.

Day 8: Saturday 15th June

0850 hrs – You **depart Pyongyang** aboard Air Koryo flight JS151 to Beijing arriving at 0950 hrs LT.

Tour Price

EUR 1,999/ person



Tour price includes:

- All hotel accommodation (4* and 5*).
- Welcome meal in Beijing
- 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;
- Trip to the top of the Juche Tower
- Personal Mountain Guide + Hiking Fees;
- All transportation inside the DPRK, in an air conditioned vehicle with driver;
- The use of two English speaking KITC guides.

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/from tour start, hotel in Beijing etc.
- Hiking Equipment (including tents and sleeping pads);
- Beverages and other incidental expenses incurred, for example souvenirs, funfair rides, bullets, extra beverages etc.
- Travel and medical insurance (required);
- Gratuities for your guides and driver (we recommend budgeting EUR 10/person/day).

Optional Extras:

- Air Koryo Return Business Class flights (+EUR 360/person)
- Single room supplement (+EUR 35/person/night)
- Tent and Sleeping pad rental (+EUR 60/person)