



DPRK ADVENTURE TOUR ITINERARY

Saturday 21st September to Saturday 28th September 2019
(7 nights in the DPRK)

Featuring

Pyongyang International Trade Fair / Kimchi Cooking Class / Volunteer Farm Experience / Pyongyang Film Festival / Hiking in Mt. Myohyang

Whilst also Visiting

Pyongyang / Kaesong & DMZ / Mt. Myohyang

As well as having the special chance to attend both the Pyongyang International Autumn Trade Fair and the Pyongyang International Film Festival, this tour offers adventurous travellers the opportunity to experience the DPRK at an intimate level – from cooking classes to volunteering on a local farm to hiking and exploring in the north and south of the country, this is one experience you'll not want to miss!

The Day Before: Friday 20th September

You will meet the JTS Representative at a DPRK restaurant in Beijing at 1200 hrs for a **pre-tour briefing, visa handover** and **optional lunch**, where any last-minute questions you have can be answered. Afterwards, you head to Beijing Station and board the **K27 towards Pyongyang**. At 1727 hrs the train departs Beijing for Pyongyang!

Air Koryo flight upgrade: **€150/person (single)** or **€200/person (return)**. Those entering by Air Koryo flight will spend the evening in Beijing and depart for Pyongyang the following day on Saturday 21st September.

Day 1: Saturday 21st September

For 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. 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.

For those entering by train:

0717 hrs: Arriving at the Chinese border city, Dandong, the group will exit the train and proceed through Chinese immigration and customs. 10:00 hrs: You re-board the train and proceed directly to Pyongyang.

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. You will enjoy a city walk and a chance to stretch your legs.

Both groups are then be dropped off at the **Changgwangsan Hotel (3*)**, 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 22nd September

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 3: Monday 23rd September

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 will then have the special opportunity to attend the **opening ceremony of the Pyongyang Autumn Trade Exhibition**.

PM: Lunch is served at a local restaurant. You take a trip to the top of the **Tower of Juche Idea** and nearby **Party Foundation Monument**. This is then followed by a trip to the **Pyongyang International Film Festival** where you can enjoy viewing a blockbuster alongside the locals.

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 4: Tuesday 24th September

AM: You begin the morning with a specialist **DPRK Kimchi Cooking Class** alongside local chefs! You can then sample your cooking over lunch!

PM: In the afternoon you visit **Chongsan Cooperative Farm** where you can learn about socialist farming methods. On the farm you will also be invited to meet and work with the local farmers (one hour).

Afterwards, the group departs Pyongyang and begins to travel north towards **Mount Myohyang**, one of the sacred mountains of Korea (2 hours' drive). Upon arrival you will check in at the **Hyangsan Hotel (5*)**, with a chance to freshen up and enjoy dinner. The evening is spent relaxing and enjoying the hotel spa and leisure facilities.

Day 5: Wednesday 25th September

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 on the mountain as you pass scenic views and waterfalls.

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

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

Day 6: Thursday 26th September

AM: You depart early to scale **Hyangro Peak** (1956m) and **Chontae Peak** (1655m), where lunch is served.

PM: After lunch you continue to **Wonmang Peak** (1825m) and the summit at **Piro Peak** (1909m). You then set up camp in Wonmang and enjoy a well-earned meal.

Day 7: Friday 27th September

AM: You begin the return trek from Wonmang 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 28th September

1010 hrs – The overnight sleeper departs Pyongyang for Beijing via Dandong, arriving in Dandong at 16:23 and in Beijing at 0838 local time the following day.

Air Koryo flight upgrade: **€150/person (single)** or **€200/person (return)**. JS 151 departs Pyongyang at 0850 hrs and arrives in Beijing at 0950 hrs LT.



Tour Price

EUR 1,935/ 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 160 / person.

Tour price includes:

- 5 nights hotel accommodation (including 1 night in the Hyangsan 5* Hotel)
- 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;
- Cooking Classes
- Visit to local farm
- Movie Entrance Ticket
- Trade Fair Entrance Ticket
- 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 single flight upgrade (+EUR 150/person)
- Air Koryo return flight upgrade (+EUR 200/person)
- Tent and Sleeping pad rental (+EUR 60/person)