



KOREAN LANGUAGE SUMMER SCHOOL 2019

Saturday 20 July – Monday 12 August 2019 (23 nights in the DPRK)

**Pyongyang / Kaesong & D.M.Z. / Mt. Myohyang & Pyongsong
[Sinuiju & Dongrim] / Hamhung & Wonsan**

**+ 7/27 Victorious Fatherland Liberation War (Korean War)
Celebrations & Kumsusan Palace of the Sun**

Kim Hyong Jik University of Education was founded in 1946 and specialises in teaching Korean as a second language. The Korean language summer school offers an immersive Korean learning experience alongside experienced professors and covers a wide range of topics across listening, speaking, reading and writing. Join us for a once in a lifetime opportunity with daily language instruction combined with tourism sightseeing, as well as weekend excursions to a variety of locations in all corners of the country, including the historic city of Kaesong near the D.M.Z., the special economic zone of Sinuiju or the beautiful mountains of Myohyangsan, and a weekend retreat to the wonderful 5 beachside Majon Deluxe Hotel in Hamhung.*

Korean Language Summer School Daily Schedule (Monday – Friday)

Mornings (Class)

08:30 – 09:30	Lecture 1: Reading
09:30 – 09:45	Break
09:45 – 10:45	Lecture 2: Writing
10:45 – 11:00	Break
11:00 – 12:00	Lecture 3: Speaking and Listening

Afternoons (Study)

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch
14:00 – 15:00	Self-study and language lab/Homework
15:00 – 16:00	Extra Curricular activities (Taekwondo/Korean Dancing)

Evenings (Tourism)

16:00 – 18:00	Pyongyang city tour, Sports games (with local students), Activities
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner
19:00 –	Relaxing

***Wednesdays Only**

15:00 – 16:30	An exclusive three-part lecture series at Kim Il Sung University, Pyongyang's elite educational establishment, providing an insightful take on contemporary themes from top local professors.
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Daily Itinerary

The Day Before: Friday 19th July

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!**

We recommend arriving 1-2 hours before your scheduled time of departure to ensure a smooth journey.

Air Koryo flight upgrade: **€150/person (single)** or **€250/person (return)**. Those entering by Air Koryo flight will spend the evening in Beijing and depart for Pyongyang the following day on Saturday 20th July.

Day 1: Saturday 20th July

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 to meet the rest of the group.

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.

The group will then be dropped off at the **Local Hotel or University Dormitory* (To be confirmed)**, where you can settle in to your new life as a student in the DPRK! Dinner will be served at a restaurant in the city.

Day 2: Sunday 21st July

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 there is a stop by a natural **waterfall** followed by a visit to the **Tomb of King Kongmin**, a UNESCO nominated world heritage site of Royal Tombs from the Koryo Dynasty.

You then begin the journey back to Pyongyang, with a brief stop at the **Monument to the 3 Charters of National Reunification**. Dinner is served at a restaurant in the city.

Day 3: Monday 22nd July

Classes begin! We start with a **meet and greet session** with your Korean professors and fellow classmates. The group will be divided according to ability.

Please note that no previous knowledge of the Korean language is required to attend the course! Beginners will jump right in to the action whilst intermediate and advanced students will take a short test to assess your ability. Textbooks are provided by the university as per your language level.

Lunch is then taken at a local restaurant before you then return to the dorm to relax and freshen up. Afterwards, you will have an opportunity to join our collaborative language lab session **alongside a local student mentor**, completing homework or simply practicing what you have learned.

Depending on timings, optional **extra-curricular activities** such as Masterclasses in **Taekwondo**, the traditional martial art of Korea, and traditional **Korean dancing** will be available.

Your tourism itinerary this afternoon will explore the heart of Pyongyang. You will firstly have a look round the **Mansudae Fountain Park** followed by a visit to **Kim Il Sung Square**, where many of the military parades take place. There is also a stop by the **Foreign Language Bookstore**. The group then heads to dinner at the **Taedonggang Diplomatic Club**.

Day 4: Tuesday 23rd July

The second day of classes begins again at 8:30AM. Koreans are known for their punctuality so be sure to arrive on time for morning class!

In the afternoon there will be a visit to the **Kwangbok Street Supermarket**, where you can mingle with the local Koreans and even exchange foreign currency to use Korean won! This is followed by an optional **bicycle tour around the city** (bike rental price to be confirmed). Dinner will be served at a restaurant in the city.

Day 5: Wednesday 24th July

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

The group heads to **Kim Il Sung University** in the afternoon. You will firstly be shown the grounds, buildings, and sport facilities of the university before then joining the first part of the special lecture series, hosted by expert professors on a variety of themes including Korean history, language, culture, and revolutionary science.

Dinner tonight is served at the **hotpot restaurant**. Before dinner, there will be an optional visit to the **Taedonggang No. 3 Bar**, serving a full range of tasty locally brewed beers from the nearby Taedonggang Brewery.

Day 6: Thursday 25th July

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

After class, students will remain on campus to join (optional) extra-curricular activities such as **Korean Dancing** or **Taekwondo**. In the afternoon, you will visit the **Kumbob Foodstuff Factory**, followed by a **city walk** to take in the warm summer evening and beautiful cityscape of Pyongyang by night. Dinner is served at a restaurant in the city.

Day 7: Friday 26th July

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

PM: After classes you will visit the **Dolphinarium** on Rungna Islet followed by a look round **Rungna Fun Fair**. Dinner is served at a local restaurant.

Day 8: Saturday 27th July (7/27: "Victory Day")

AM: The morning kicks off with a visit to the **Mirim Flying Club** where you can enjoy low-level sightseeing flights over the city. Alternatively you can visit the **Mirim Horse-riding Club** next door. You will then visit the impressive **Tower of the Juche Idea**, the largest stone tower in the world representing the self-reliant ideology of the DPRK. The Juche Tower also offers breathtaking views of the summer sunsets from its summit. This is then followed by a stop at the **Party Foundation Monument** and nearby **cultural exhibition**. Lunch is served in a local restaurant.

PM: In the afternoon you start with a walk around **Moran Hill** to see the locals enjoying the day and join in with a spot of folk dancing. According to availability you will have the chance to spectate a local football match at the nearby Kim Il Sung Stadium. The next stop is a visit to the **Kimjongilia-Kimilsungia Flower Exhibition**. Later there will be a performance of traditional **Mass Dancing** on the streets of Pyongyang. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant. In the evening you will then join the locals to watch the **fireworks** from Kim Il Sung Square.

Day 9: Sunday 28th July

AM: 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. **Formal attire** is required – please avoid open-toe shoes, jeans, T-shirts etc.

After the visit, the group will return to the hotel to change and freshen up before lunch is served at a restaurant in the city.

PM: Next there is a chance to enjoy a ride on the **Pyongyang Metro**, an important public transport artery and decorated in fine style with mosaics, marble and chandeliers reminiscent of the Moscow metro. You may even be lucky enough to try out one of the new DPRK-manufactured metro trains! After getting off, you will view the **Arch of Triumph**, built to commemorate the anti-Japanese struggle.

Later, there is a chance to enjoy the **Changgwangsan Health Complex** where you can take some time to relax and unwind. Services available here include massage, sauna, beauty treatments, hair cuts, swimming, gym and other facilities.

The rest of the evening will be dedicated to catching up on outstanding homework and rest before classes begin afresh tomorrow! Dinner is served at a restaurant on the new Ryomyong Street.

Day 10: Monday 29th July

Week two will commence as per the daily schedule.

In the afternoon you will first see the **Mansudae Artist Studio** where the country's finest artists ply their trade. 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.. Dinner is served at a local restaurant.

Day 11: Tuesday 30th July

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

After class, students will remain on campus to join (optional) extra-curricular activities such as **Korean Dancing** or **Taekwondo**. The group will then head to the **3 Revolutions Exhibition**, a showcase of DPRK achievements in heavy industry, light industry and technology.

A little light relief follows with a visit to the **Circus**, to witness impressive physical feats and light comedy. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant on Kwangbok Street.

Dinner will be served this evening at the **KITC Restaurant**.

Day 12: Wednesday 31st July

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

In the afternoon you again head to **Kim Il Sung University** for the second instalment in the expert lecture series.

Dinner will be held at the **duck barbecue restaurant** followed by an optional evening visit to the **Kaeson Youth Funfair**.

Day 13: Thursday 1st August

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

In the afternoon you can test your skills with archery, pistol and rifle shooting at the **Mirae Shooting Range** (bullets 0.5 USD). Afterwards it is then time to visit the **Mangyongdae Schoolchildren's Palace**. In Korea, it is said that 'children are king'. They regularly come to the Schoolchildren's Palace to practice extra-curricular activities such as music, dance, painting, traditional embroidery and other arts.

Day 14: Friday 2nd August

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

After classes there will be a chance to **chat with students from Kim Hyong Jik University**. Together you can **practice your Korean** and play some traditional **Korean games**.

You will then travel together with the local students to enjoy some ten-pin bowling at **Gold Lane bowling alley**. After dropping off the students, dinner will be served at the **Rakwon Restaurant**. On this night there is an optional visit to a local pizza restaurant, depending on the group (extra cost).

Tonight students should also pack an overnight bag in preparation for their **weekend excursion to Sinuiju or Mt Myohyang**.

Day 15: Saturday 3rd August

This weekend includes a choice for your weekend excursion – Those choosing ‘Option A’ will head to the beautiful mountains of Myohyang, home to the international friendship exhibition. ‘Option B’ will take the train (around 4 hours) towards Dongrim and the border town of Sinuiju, a ‘Special Economic Zone’ of the DPRK (Option B Supplement: + €160/person).

Option A:

AM: You make your way north towards **Mount Myohyang**, one of the noted mountains of Korea (2.5 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: The group will check in at the **Chongchun Hotel** 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. You 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 at the hotel.

Option B:

1025 hrs: The group boards the train towards **Dongrim**, a small town just outside Sinuiju special economic zone (SEZ) near the border with China. Enjoying the wonderful scenery along the way, the group will arrive at 1430

hrs. You will then check in at the **Dongrim Hotel** and prepare for a hike in the afternoon.

PM: You will hike up to a **local waterfall** where you can take a dip to cool off from the summer sun. In the evening you will return to the hotel where you can enjoy the hotel services including beauty treatments, karaoke, and swimming. Dinner is served in the comfort of the hotel.

Day 16: Sunday 4th August

Option A:

AM: You check out from the hotel and begin the drive back towards Pyongyang (2.5 hrs). En route there is a stop at the **Ryongmun Caverns**, an underground maze of spectacular karst rock formations. You will then call by **Pyongsong City** where lunch is served at a local restaurant.

PM: You will visit the **Paeksong Revolutionary Site** and **Central Square** in Pyongsong. Returning to Pyongyang you will stop by the **Konjiri Revolutionary Site**. You will then call in at the **Minye handicraft store** for some souvenir shopping before rounding the evening off with a city walk from the grand theatre to the Pyongyang railway station to meet the rest of the group returning from Sinuiju.

Option B:

AM: After an early check out, you **drive 1 hour to Sinuiju city**. On the way you will stop by **Sinamri Co-operative farm** followed by a visit to **Pomhayanggi Cosmetics Factory**. You then visit the central square and see the mosaic of the “Three Tigers of Mt. Paektu”. This is followed by a walk around **Amnok Park** where you can view the DPRK side of the **Friendship Bridge** which was bombed by the US during the Korean War. Next there is time for a cultured look around a local **Art Studio**.

PM: 1309hrs – The **train departs back to Pyongyang**. Lunch is served on board. 1845 hrs – Arriving in Pyongyang the group meets up with those returning from Option B.

Both groups enjoy dinner at a local restaurant before returning to the hotel to catch up on any outstanding homework before classes begin tomorrow.

Day 17: Monday 5th August

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

In the early evening there will be an optional trip to **Munsu Waterpark** where you can cool off from the hot summer sun. Services available here include massage, sauna, beauty treatments, hair cuts, swimming, gym and other facilities. Dinner is served at a nearby restaurant.

Day 18: Tuesday 6th August

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

Today's activity will take you to the vast **Fatherland Liberation War Museum**, accompanied by an opportunity to tour the **captured spy ship USS Pueblo**. Dinner will be served at a restaurant in the city.

Day 19: Wednesday 7th August

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

After today's third and final installment in the expert Korean lecture series at Kim Il Sung University, the group will have an opportunity to check out the newly built **Ryomyong Street** and have a look inside a **local apartment** of a lecturer of Kim Il Sung University. After dinner there is an optional visit to the **Mansugyo standing beer bar**, which serves a wide range of locally brewed beers on-site.

Day 20: Thursday 8th August

Classes commence as per the daily schedule.

After class, students will remain on campus to join (optional) extra-curricular activities such as **Korean Dancing** or **Taekwondo**. Dinner will be served at the **Koryo restaurant**.

Day 21: Friday 9th August

In the morning it is time to put your knowledge to the test! Those who pass the final examination will gather in the afternoon to officially **graduate from Kim Hyong Jik University!** You will receive an official diploma from the university awarded by senior officials and have an opportunity to join in some **sports games** (table tennis / football / volleyball) **with local students and teachers**. We would recommend preparing a small gift for your teacher as thanks on this day.

Lunch today will be served at the famous **Okryugwan Restaurant**. Tonight you should also pack a bag for your final weekend excursion to Hamhung!

Day 22: Saturday 10th August

AM: The group will rise early to **depart Pyongyang for Hamhung** (around 4.5 hours). On the way you will stop at the **Sinpyong Resthouse** for a chance to enjoy the stunning natural scenery. Arriving into Wonsan a fresh lunch will be served at a **local seafood restaurant**, followed by an afternoon walk along the beautiful dockside towards the lighthouse.

PM: The group then continues to Hamhung where you will check in to the **5* Majon Deluxe Hotel**. The rest of the day is given over to relaxing on the beach and enjoying the hotel's excellent facilities. Dinner is served in the comfort of the hotel.

Day 23: Sunday 11th August

AM: You will enjoy a late check-out from the hotel and begin the journey back to Pyongyang. On the way you will stop at the **Cooperative Farm** in Wonsan. There is also a call by the scenic **Ullim Waterfalls**. Amongst the beautiful vistas, the group can enjoy a **picnic lunch** and a **spot of hiking** should you wish.

PM: Arriving back into Pyongyang there will be some time for you to pack and prepare for departure tomorrow. Your farewell dinner will be at the **Korean BBQ Restaurant**.

Day 24: Monday 12th August

1010 hrs: Teary goodbyes commence - The overnight sleeper departs Pyongyang for Beijing, arriving at 08:38 on Tuesday 13th August.

Air Koryo flight upgrade: **€150/person (single)** or **€250/person (return)**.

Tour Price

EUR 2299 / person for the standard itinerary with return overnight sleeper train tickets Beijing – Pyongyang – Beijing.

Accommodation is in shared twin rooms. Should you be travelling solo, we will match you with another single traveller. If you wish to have your own room, the single room supplement is **EUR 695/person**.

Tour price includes:

- 23 night accommodation; 21 nights at the Hotel or University dorm (to be confirmed), 1 night at the Dongrim Hotel or Chongchun Hotel and 1 night at the 5* Majon Deluxe Hotel.
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner every day;
- Return international transportation Beijing – Pyongyang – Beijing as listed;
- All entry fees to the places of interest to be visited;
- 3 hours daily language tuition fee (total 15 days)
- 3x Kim Il Sung University exclusive lectures
- All transportation inside the DPRK, in an air-conditioned coach 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 at the pre-tour meeting;
- Any expenses incurred outside of the DPRK e.g. Double entry Chinese visa fee, international transportation to and from Beijing, accommodation in Beijing, meal in Beijing etc.
- Textbook costs which is EUR 5 – 25 depending on level;
- Graduation Certificate printing (EUR 10)
- Beverages, incidental expenses (souvenirs, funfair rides, trip up to the top of the Juche Tower, trip up to the top of the Arch of Triumph, swimming or beauty services etc.),
- Optional activities such as Taekwondo Class, Korean Dancing Class, Munsu Waterpark, Ten-pin Bowling, Fishing, Shooting Range, Horse Riding, Flying Club, Bicycle rental etc.

- Optional visits e.g. beer bar/pizza restaurant
- Optional overnight trip to Sinuiju (EUR 160)
- A flower offering at Memorial sites like Mansudae Grand Monument (EUR 5- 10);
- Travel and medical insurance;
- Gratuities for your guides, and driver (we would recommend a figure of around EUR 10 per person, per day).