



JUCHE TRAVEL SERVICES GRAND AVIATION TOUR 2020

4 nights in the DPRK from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October with optional +3 night sightseeing extension until Monday 26th October 2020.

Flying on Ilyushin Il-18, Il-62, Il-76, Tupolev Tu-134, Tu-154, Tu-204, Antonov An-24, An-148, and Microlites

Whilst also visiting

Pyongyang / Kaesong & DMZ / Mount Myohyang

Our predictions of interest drying up for these tours has yet to materialise! Back by popular demand, the Juche Travel Services Grand Aviation Tour promises to be an unmissable highlight of the 2020 aviation calendar, featuring rare flights on stunning array of aircraft from Air Koryo's classic fleet, centred at Pyongyang Sunan International Airport and the recently opened Kalma International Airport. You may also elect to add to the experience with an optional 3 night extension which will take you to the D.M.Z, the point which separates the Korean peninsula, as well as the beautiful Mount. Myohyang, home to the International Friendship Exhibition and the private Il-14 (535) which was gifted to President Kim Il Sung from the Soviet Union. Be sure not to miss out on this truly one-of-a-kind aviation experience!

The Day Before: Sunday 18th October

We will gather at the HAIWEIRENSHENG Restaurant in Beijing at 1800 hrs for a **pre-tour briefing** and visa handover, where you will have the chance to meet your JTS tour leaders and ask any last-minute questions you may have. The introductory presentation is then followed by a complimentary **welcome dinner**, providing a great opportunity to get to know your fellow tour members over a few drinks.

Day 1: Monday 19th October

12:00 hrs – **Depart Beijing Capital International Airport** Terminal 2 aboard Air Koryo **Tupolev Tu-204** flight JS 152. We recommend arriving at least 2 hours prior to departure to ensure plenty of time for potential delays, customs and immigration formalities.

1500 hrs LT – **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 to stretch your legs and take in the sights of the city.

You will then be dropped at the **Koryo Hotel**, arguably the finest hotel in the capital. Dinner will be served in the comfort of the hotel.

Day 2: Tuesday 20th October

The group makes its way back to Pyongyang Sunan Airport for a day of optional **classic aircraft charter flights:**

- Air Koryo's last surviving **Ilyushin IL-62**, tail number P-885, return charter flight Pyongyang – Wonsan – Pyongyang (30 minutes each way, total flying time approx. 1 hour);
- The last passenger **Ilyushin IL-18** in service, tail number P-835, return charter flight Pyongyang – Wonsan – Pyongyang (30 minutes each way, total flying time approx. 1 hour);
- One of the airline's **Ilyushin IL-76** cargo planes, 30 minute joyride;
- The latest addition to the fleet, **Antonov An-148**, 30 minute joyride;

As usual, we will try our best to accommodate and arrange photography and filming as much as possible. We will do our best to try and arrange the programme so that non-flyers of the optional flights will still be able to photograph and film the aircraft movements.

Lunch will be taken at Pyongyang Airport between the flights. Customers are free to choose how many pleasure flights they wish to take. Please note pleasure flights are subject to a minimum number of participants however for your reassurance we have never had to cancel a flight due to lack of numbers!

After a day of classic flying, dinner tonight is taken at the **Taedonggang Diplomatic Club**. After dinner, there will be an optional visit to the nearby **Taedonggang No.3 bar**, serving a full range of locally brewed beers from the nearby Taedonggang Brewery.

Day 3: Wednesday 21st October

We return this morning to Pyongyang Airport to complete the series of optional Air Koryo fleet flying;

- **Tupolev Tu-134** return charter flight Pyongyang – Wonsan – Pyongyang (30 minutes each way, total flying time approx. 1 hour);
- **Tupolev Tu-154** return charter flight Pyongyang – Wonsan – Pyongyang (30 minutes each way, total flying time approx. 1 hour);
- **Antonov An-24**, 30 minute joyride;

Lunch will be taken at Pyongyang Airport in between the flights.

Upon completion of the above three flights, the group will return to Pyongyang and make their way to **Mirim Air Club**, home of the city's fleet of sightseeing microlights. Here, you will have the opportunity to take a **Pyongyang city low-level sightseeing microlight flight**, floating above the River Taedong and passing the Juche Tower, May Day Stadium, and other landmarks along the way. Those not taking a flight can relax with a drink and photograph the comings and goings airside.

Dinner this evening is planned to be held at the **Rakwon restaurant and micro-brewery**.

Day 4: Thursday 22nd October

Option 1: For those looking for unique aviation opportunities, we have managed to arrange, for only the second time ever, a **'Round the DPRK'** whistle-stop circular tour of four airports around the country – all covered in one day! This was without doubt the highlight of the trip for many in 2018 so we're really happy to be able to offer it again.

The routing will be **Pyongyang – Orang – Samjiyon – Uiju - Pyongyang**. We are planning for all passengers to disembark at each airport to take a few photos before proceeding onward to the next stop. The intended aircraft is planned to be the **Tupolev Tu-134**. A picnic luncheon will be served en route, most likely at Samjiyon Airport.

Option 2: For those customers not taking the 'Round the DPRK' flight, a day of Pyongyang sightseeing awaits. Our first stop of the day will be at the **Tower of the Juche Idea** before crossing the road to the **Party Foundation Monument**. We then call in at the Grand People's Study House, situated in the heart of the city, prior to lunch at a local restaurant.

The afternoon will be taken up by a visit to the **Fatherland Liberation War Museum**, where you will be able to see preserved aircraft from both sides of the conflict, and take a look on board the **captured US spyship Pueblo**. There will then be time for a stroll around the impressive **Kim Il Sung Square** plus some last minute **souvenir shopping** at the Foreign language bookshop.

For this final evening, the Options 1 and 2 will reunite for a **farewell dinner** is at the **KITC restaurant** followed by the legendary **JTS Aviation Quiz** where there will be prizes to be won!!

Day 5: Friday 23rd October

08:20 hrs: The 4 night group departs Pyongyang aboard Air Koryo flight JS 151, arriving at 09:50 hrs LT in Beijing.

AM: The 7 night group continues the tour 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 **Il-14 (535)** gifted from the Soviet Union.

PM: Checking in at the **5* Hyangsan Hotel**, a barbecue lunch will be served on their pleasant terrace. There will be a chance to relax and freshen up before a visit to 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: Saturday 24th October

AM: We will check out and make our way towards the **Ryongmun Caverns**, an underground maze of spectacular karst rock formations, en route back to Pyongyang.

Upon arrival, those who took the 'Round the DPRK' flight on Friday will visit the **Fatherland Liberation War Museum**, where you will be able to see preserved aircraft from both sides of the conflict, and take a look on board the **captured US spyship Pueblo**.

Those who took the Pyongyang city tour on Friday will enjoy some additional Pyongyang sights at the **Sci-tech complex**, a new e-learning centre located on an island in the middle of the Taedong river.

PM: After lunch, the groups will reunite and everyone will then head into downtown Pyongyang for a ride on the **Pyongyang Metro**, which features stations with stunning artistic statues, murals and mosaics as well as East Berlin GI “Gisela” stock, built between 1978 and 1982, and West Berlin D “Dora” stock, built between 1957 and 1965. Exiting the metro, you will then see the vast **Arch of Triumph**, symbolizing the revolutionary struggle against Japanese imperialism from 1925 to 1945. The group will then take a **Vintage Trolleybus ride**, enjoying the scenic sights of the bustling city.

Tonight’s dinner will be served at the **Kwangbok Department Store** underground restaurant.

Day 7: Sunday 25th October

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 the group will return to Pyongyang, and en route there will be a brief stop of the **Monument to the 3 Charters of National Reunification**.

Your farewell dinner will be served at the **Pyongyang Duck Barbeque Restaurant**.

Day 8: Monday 26th October

08:20 hrs: The group departs Pyongyang aboard Air Koryo Tu-204 flight JS 151, arriving at 09:50 hrs LT in Beijing.

Standard Tour Price

EUR 1395/ person

With 3 night/4 day tour extension: EUR 1695/ person

Accommodation is in shared twin rooms. Should you be travelling solo, we will match you with another single traveler. If you wish to have your own room, the single room supplement is EUR 140 / person for the standard 4 night tour and EUR 245 / person if you are also taking the 3 night extension.

À La Carte Flight Menu

Pyongyang – Wonsan – Pyongyang round trip

(30 minutes each way, total flying time approximately 1 hour)

Ilyushin IL-18	EUR 200 / person
Ilyushin IL-62	EUR 350 / person
Tupolev Tu-134	EUR 200 / person
Tupolev Tu-154	EUR 300 / person

Pyongyang 30 Minute Joyride Flight

Antonov An-24	EUR 100 / person
Antonov An-148	EUR 150 / person
Ilyushin IL-76	EUR 250 / person

Pyongyang 40 Minute Low-Level City Sightseeing Flight

‘Honey Bee’ Microlight	EUR 150 / person
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‘Round the DPRK’ All-Day Sightseeing Flight

Tupolev Tu-134	EUR 495 / person
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Tour price includes:

- All nights accommodation in the DPRK as listed in the itinerary;
- 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;

- 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;
- 'A la carte' pleasure flights;
- Any expenses incurred outside of the DPRK e.g. Chinese visa fee, international transportation to and from Beijing, 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 etc.
- A flower offering at Memorial sites like Mansudae Grand Monument (EUR 5- 10);
- Travel and medical insurance (**required**);
- Gratuities for your guides and driver (we recommend EUR 5 – 10 per passenger, per day)

Optional Extras:

- Return Air Koryo business class flights (+EUR 405)
- Air Koryo Souvenir Pack (+EUR 50)
- Seat booking (+EUR 20 per person per leg. Available on first come, first served basis on Tu-204, IL-62, TU-134, TU-154, An-148 flights)