



## LUNAR NEW MINI-BREAK (FROM SHANGHAI)

### TOUR

January 26 - January 29 2017  
2.5 nights in the DPRK - 8,000 RMB

### OVERVIEW

Here's your chance to escape the chaos of Shanghai for a mini-break over the Chinese New Year holiday and experience a city tour of Pyongyang as well as get down to the DMZ, where North and South Korea continue their decades-old face-off.

*This tour includes must see sights such as the mausoleum of Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il, the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the Mansudae Grand Monuments. You'll also get to taste Pyongyang's beers at a local bar and shop at a local department store using Korean Won.*

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Kumsusan Memorial Palace (Mausoleum of leaders), captured spy ship USS Pueblo and other Pyongyang highlights
- Panmunjom/DMZ - the border with South Korea
- Walking tour through Pyongyang

*Please note that the itinerary may differ slightly to what is below but your tour leader will do their best to ensure that as much is covered as possible and will also add in extras when there is time such as a visit to a local bar or a funfair. We visit the DPRK regularly and know all the best places to go to make your trip even more unique. We will make the most of your time in the DPRK to guarantee the experience of a lifetime.*

### DAILY ITINERARY

#### JANUARY 26 - THURSDAY (BRIEFING DAY)

##### PM

- Meet your Koryo Tours tour guide and fellow travelers at Shanghai Pudong Airport for a pre-tour briefing and check-in for your late night flight to Pyongyang. This briefing will last approximately one hour and designed so that you will get the most out of your tour. It will cover travel etiquette, safety, and practicalities for travel in the DPRK. Have your last minute questions answered and meet your fellow travelers.

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## JANUARY 27 – FRIDAY (ARRIVAL IN PYONGYANG)

### AM

- **Early morning arrival at Sunan Airport, Pyongyang and transfer to hotel for breakfast**
- Drive 160 km south the 'Reunification Highway' to **Kaesong**, historic capital of the Koryo Dynasty (918-1392) and today located near the Korean Demilitarised Zone. A 2.5 hour drive.
- **Panmunjom Armistice Village and DMZ** - The site of the signing of the 1953 armistice that ended the Korean War and demarcation line between north and south. On some days it is possible to visit the hut straddling the line, where negotiations between both sides once took place. Here we will be accompanied by military guides from the Korean People's Army.
- **Kaesong Koryo Museum** - Once the Songgyung Academy, a Confucian school, and now a museum on the Koryo Dynasty exhibiting historical objects, statues, pagodas, and porcelain from that era. A UNESCO World Heritage Site.
- **Kaesong Korean Stamp Exhibition Hall** - Store selling stamps, postcards, local *ginseng*, souvenirs, art, and more! One of the best postcard collections in the country and friendly staff.
- **Traditional Royal Korean Lunch (pangsanggi)** - A meal made of 12 dishes served in brass bowls fit for the kings of old. The more dishes, the more distinguished the guest! Traditional Korean 'sweet meat soup' is an option here (5 EUR).

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- **Old City Walk and South Gate** - A stroll through Kaesong's historic district lined with homes dating back to the late Ri Dynasty to the city's historic South Gate.
- Drive back to **Pyongyang** with a stop at the **Monument to the Three Charters of Reunification**, a large stone archway over the highway memorializing joint agreements between north and south. A 2.5 hour drive
- **Golden Lane Bowling Centre** - Where Pyongyang locals go for their ten-pin fix (2.5 EUR per person per game). Also has billiards and arcade games. Non-bowlers can head next door to the **Kumrung Leisure Centre** for an airgun shooting range (approximately 6 EUR per 20 round cartridge) and some of the best coffee in Pyongyang.

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- **Optional screening of *Comrade Kim Goes Flying***, a DPRK film about a young rural coal miner, Kim Yong Mi, who dreams of becoming a trapeze artist at the Pyongyang Circus. Her plans are complicated by the arrogant trapeze star Pak Jang Phil who believes miners belong underground and not in the air. North Korea's first "girl power" movie about a young woman achieving her dreams. Produced and directed by a British, Belgian, and Korean team. The film is 78 minutes long and will be shown at the **Pyongyang International House of Cinema**, a short distance from our hotel (100 RMB entry fee paid on the spot). A Koryo Tours Exclusive!

## OVERNIGHT

Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang. Home away from home for most (but not all!) foreign visitors to Pyongyang, this 47-story hotel is located on an island in the middle of the Taedong River and offers great views of the city. Comfortable rooms and comprehensive leisure facilities: swimming pool, spa, billiards, bowling, gift shops, tea houses, beer brewed on-site, and a Chinese-run casino.

## JANUARY 28 – SATURDAY (PYONGYANG CITY TOUR)

### AM

- **Mansudae Grand Monument** -Enormous bronze statues of President Kim Il Sung and Leader Kim Jong Il overlooking downtown Pyongyang. A presentation of flowers and bow by the group is customary here (5 EUR). Here we will also see the **Chollima Monument**, or 'thousand ri (400 km or 250 mile) horse' -a symbol of speed- commemorating the quick rebuilding of the country in the 1950's following the Korean War.
- **City walk** from Pyongyang's Grand Theater to **Kim Il Sung Square** - Pyongyang's central square lined with government ministries, museums, and The Grand People's Study House.
- **Foreign Languages Bookshop** -Store selling Korean publications translated into English, German, French, Russian, Chinese, and Spanish. Also pick up DVDs, postcards, and small works of art.
- **Pyongyang Metro Tour** -One of the deepest metro systems in the world with stunning artwork reflecting the name of each station. Ride six stations on the Chollima Line.

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- **Kwangbok Department Store** -Opportunity to use Korean currency and shop with the citizens of Pyongyang! Try the snack stand on the first floor for some of Pyongyang's best local eats.

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- **Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum** - Tour this world-class museum led by a local museum guide. Renovated in 2012 and it exhibits the Korean War from the DPRK perspective containing artifacts, documents, photos, and lifelike dioramas. The exterior grounds house the War Victory Monument and displays of Korean People's Army Hero Equipment and captures equipment from the US military, including the USS Pueblo. Central to the understanding of the country today and highlight of the trip.

**Overnight:** Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang.

## **JANUARY 29 – SUNDAY (PYONGYANG CITY TOUR)**

### **AM**

- **Kumsusan Palace of the Sun** -Mausoleum of the DPRK leadership where President Kim Il Sung and Leader Kim Jong Il lie in state and the most solemn location on the itinerary. *Please note formal dress is required. Men require collared shirt with tie, dark non-jean pants, and dark shoes. Women require covered shoulders, knee-length dress or pants, and closed toed shoes. The visit will take most of the morning and visitors are asked to bow a number of times inside. This is a state administered site and visits are subject to local conditions. Cancellations are rare but possible.*
- **Revolutionary Martyrs' Cemetery** -Hilltop cemetery with dozens of bronze busts of those who took part in the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonial rule. It is customary to present flowers here.

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- **Walking tour of East Pyongyang** -A walk on the other side of the river from the Juche Tower (5 EUR to take the lift to the top) to the Monument to Party Foundation, Taesong Department Store, and/or Munsu Water Park!
- **Duck Barbecue Restaurant** -South Pyongyang's famous grilled duck restaurant that has seen many teary-eyed farewells.
- **Transfer to Pyongyang airport** for late evening flight back to Shanghai with arrival at Shanghai Pudong Airport at approx. 11:30pm

### **End of Tour**

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## TOUR PACKAGE

### INCLUDED

- Flight Shanghai - Pyongyang - Shanghai
- All meals on the tour apart
- Hotel accommodation
- A Koryo Tours tour leader, two local Korean guides, and a driver per group
- All transportation in the DPRK

### NOT INCLUDED

- DPRK visa fee
- Meals include a complimentary beer and water, but you will need to purchase extra drinks if needed
- Optional single room supplement
- Tips for the local Korean guides and driver
- Optional activities such as the lift up the Juche Tower (5 EUR) or a visit to the funfair (approx. 2 EUR entrance fee per person)
- Entry tickets for special events if applicable - for example Pyongyang Circus (approx. 20 EUR per person)
- Spending money for souvenirs

## ADDITIONAL NOTES

- Please note that when on tour your day-to-day itinerary may differ to what is advertised above. Your tour leader will ensure, however, that everything available at the time is covered, and replacement options are provided where needed. We will also add in extras when there is time (such as a visit to a local bar or amusement park).
- We visit the DPRK regularly so know all the best places to go, and how to make the most of your days there to guarantee the experience of a lifetime.
- After the tour, we will send out a list of all participants' emails so you can keep in touch, swap photos etc. If you do not wish to be on this list then please let us know.

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