



National Day Mega Tour – The Full Set

TOUR

September 2 – 23/24, 2017
21 nights in the DPRK + 1 on the train

OVERVIEW

One epic life changing journey - our longest tour of the year!

Want to see everything? Then join us for the full set!

This version of our Mega Tour sees everything that the DPRK has to offer on one epic life changing journey! Included in the tour cost are charter flights to the sacred Mt Paekdu and the beautiful, rarely visited Mt Chilbo. Tour the white sand beaches of the east coast and hike in stunning scenery! See more of this fascinating country than almost anyone else!

HIGHLIGHTS

- Everything from Pyongyang, the West Coast, the East Coast and up to the far North East

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.

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DAILY ITINERARY

SEPTEMBER 1 – FRIDAY (BRIEFING DAY)

AM

- *Recommended latest arrival in Beijing.*

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- **16:00: Our group assembles for a pre-tour group briefing at the Koryo Tours office in Beijing.** 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. *Please be punctual - you can come early, pay any outstanding tour fees and browse our collection of Korean art.*

Overnight: *Hotel in Beijing not included in the tour. Contact us for recommendations near our office!*

SEPTEMBER 2 – SATURDAY (ARRIVAL IN PYONGYANG)

AM

- **Free bus** from the Koryo Tours office to Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 2. *Exact time TBC at the pre-tour briefing. Alternatively meet the group at the Air Koryo check-in counter.*

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- Flight departure from Beijing on **Air Koryo flight JS 152** at 12:55. *A 1.5 hour flight with basic lunch (no vegetarian option).*
- **Arrival to Pyongyang's Sunan International Airport (FNJ)** at 15:25. DPRK immigration and customs, meet your Korean guides, and transfer to the city.
- **Arch of Triumph** - Massive archway commemorating the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonial rule. Made for the 70th anniversary of President Kim Il Sung in 1982.
- **Hero's Cemetery** - Large gun, flag, and bayonet monument surrounded by rows of tombstones commemorating individual heroes of the Korean War.

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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.

SEPTEMBER 3 – 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.
- **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.
- **Kim Il Sung Square** - Pyongyang's central square lined with government ministries, museums, and The Grand People's Study House.

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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.
- **Railway Museum** - Museum dedicated to the development of the DPRK's railways with a number of antique engines and cars on display.
- **Pyongyang Zoo** – Newly renovated zoological gardens at the foot of Mt. Taesong popular with locals. *(entrance fees for special exhibits apply here)*
- **Pyongyang Feature Film Studio** - See the home of 'Cholliwood', the DPRK's domestic film industry. Visits sets of traditional Korea, colonial Korea, China, Europe, and more!

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OVERNIGHT

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SEPTEMBER 4 – MONDAY (PYONGYANG CITY TOUR)

AM

- **Ride the full Pyongyang Metro** - One of the deepest metro systems in the world with stunning artwork reflecting the name of each station. Ride the full length of both lines, stopping at every station to get the full experience!
- **Mt. Ryonggak BBQ** - A BBQ lunch in a woodland setting just outside of the city.

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- Drive west along the 'Youth Hero Highway' to **Nampo**, the port city of Pyongyang on the Taedong River estuary. A *45 minute to 1 hour drive*.
- **Kangso Mineral Water Factory** - Bottling plant for the DPRK's most popular brand of sparkling water.
- **Chollima Steelworks** - A major heavy industry site of the DPRK, known to Koreans as the birthplace of the Chollima Movement and famous for making 'Juche Steel'.
- **West Sea Barrage** - An 8 km concrete, steel, and earthen barrage constructed between the Taedong River estuary and the West Sea for land reclamation, irrigation, flood prevention, and power generation. It also acts as a ship locks and fish ladder. One of the DPRK's greatest engineering feats.
- Optional **Petrol Clam BBQ** (*approx 7 EUR per person*), fired up by your very own driver this is a great local experience - just make sure to wash the clams down with sufficient soju!

Overnight:

Ryonggang Hot Spa Hotel - a compound with holiday houses and a main building for dinner and entertainment. *Bring a torch!* Spa bath in every room with mineral water from the Sindok Spring - the most famous mineral spa in the DPRK. Billiards, karaoke, and ping pong.

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SEPTEMBER 5 – TUESDAY (SINCHON & SARIWON)

AM

- This morning we'll drive to **Sinchon County**, known to every North Korean as the site of the Sinchon Massacre, one of the most famous events of the Korean War in North Korea. We'll learn about this in the **Sinchon US Atrocities Museum** - a recently renovated museum dedicated to 'crimes committed by the US imperialists'

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- We'll drive on to **Sariwon City and Folk village** - recently built mock-up of a traditional Korean walled city which includes a history museum, food street and pavilions. Make sure to try the homemade makkolli here!
- Drive to **Kaesong**

OVERNIGHT

Minsok Folk Hotel - Traditional style hotel where guest sleep on heated floors in Korean-style. Hot water not guaranteed and erratic electric supply - *please bring a torch*. Beautiful setting in Kaesong old city with stream running through the center and Ri dynasty furniture.

SEPTEMBER 6 – WEDNESDAY (KAESONG & DMZ TOUR)

AM

- **Old City Walk and South Gate** - A morning stroll through Kaesong's historic district lined with homes dating back to the late Ri Dynasty to the city's historic South Gate.
- **Panmunjom Truce Village** - Located in the middle of the 4 km wide Demilitarised Zone, Panmunjom is the site of the signing of the 1953 armistice at the end of the Korean War. This is the only location where visitors can directly view soldiers from both sides and the demarcation line dividing Korea. On some days it is possible to enter the hut straddling both Koreas and there cross temporarily into the south.
- **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.

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- **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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- **Pakyon Waterfall** - Light walking in relaxing wooded area to a scenic waterfall.
- **Concrete Wall and view of DMZ** - View of a complex fortification system erected on the southern boundary of the DMZ accompanied by a military guide. The wall is seen as evidence of intent to permanently divide the nation. A 45-minute drive each way from Kaesong through scenic countryside.

Overnight: Minsok Folk Hotel, Kaesong

SEPTEMBER 7 – THURSDAY (HAEJU)

AM

- Drive to the rarely visited town of **Haeju** (*approx. 2 hrs drive, very dependent on road conditions but a guaranteed adventure*), the provincial seat of South Hwanghae Province and a port city on the West Sea.
- **Gyenam Stock Farm** - A livestock farm with goats, cows, and also rabbits. You can see all the processing facilities at this farm, one of the only places in the whole DPRK where tourists can see livestock.
- Picnic lunch at **Sokdam Ravine** - Made up of 9 valleys spread over a large area the Sokdam scenic area is a worthy place to visit for the views alone. Sokdam ravine means the scenic spot which was seated on the 9 ravines with mountains, rocks and streams.

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- **Haeju Central Square and Statues**
- **Puyong Pavilion** - The largest pavilion in the whole DPRK and the only one in Korea built on footstalls in water, originally built in 1500.
- **Koryo Fortress** - A major military base in its day, this fortress is situated above the magnificent Suyang waterfall
- Drive back to **Pyongyang** (*approx. 2.5 hrs drive, depending on road conditions*)

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SEPTEMBER 8 – FRIDAY (PYONGYANG)

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- **Mansudae Art Studio** – The DPRK’s centre of artistic excellence, where the majority of sculptures, mosaics, and paintings around the country are made.
- **Grand People’s Study House** – National library and public university in traditional Korean style with great views of Kim Il Sung Square.
- **Jongsong Revolutionary Site** – A system of underground tunnels and bunkers used by Korean government’s cabinet during the 1950’s.

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- **Vintage 1970s Tram Ride** - A ride through Pyongyang on one of city’s trams from Kwangbok Street.
- **Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum** - Tour this world-class museum led by a local museum guide. Renovated in 2012 and its exhibits of 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.
- **Drinks in Mansugyo Beer Bar** - A standing bar serving seven type of local beer (*0.50 -1 EUR per beer*). Popular with locals after work and on weekends!

Overnight: Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang.

SEPTEMBER 9 – SATURDAY (DPRK NATIONAL HOLIDAY)

National Day!

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.
- **Mangyongdae Native House** - Birthplace and childhood home of President Kim Il Sung. A traditional Korean house in beautiful natural surroundings.

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- **Moranbong Park** - We'll take a stroll in Pyongyang's central park popular with locals for picnics, dances, and sports, especially on national holidays. The park is filled with historic pavilions, walls, and monuments- modern and ancient, a few of which are among the traditional 'Eight Great Sights of Pyongyang'.

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- **Tower of the Juche Idea** - Iconic tower dedicated to the DPRK's guiding philosophy on the Taedong River. Take the elevator to the top for great views of the city (*elevator ticket is 5 EUR*).
- **Monument to the Party Foundation** - Iconic structure featuring the hammer, sickle, writing brush which represent the workers, farmers, and intellectuals that make up the Worker's Party of Korea.
- **Mass Dance** – As it's a national holiday, we expect to see large student organised dances held around Pyongyang on major holidays (*weather dependent*). Join in the fun!
- **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 air gun shooting range (*approximately 6 EUR per 20 round cartridge*) and some of the best coffee in Pyongyang.
- **Taedonggang Bar No. 3** - Upscale bar across the street from the Tower of the Juche Idea. There are a variety of beers on tap produced at Pyongyang's Taedonggang Brewery outside of town (*2-2.5 EUR per glass*).
- **Kaesong Funfair** - We'll take on the rides of Pyongyang's newest funfair with the locals: pirate ship, vominator, rollercoaster, bumper cars, arcades, and more. Tickets purchased on the spot (*1 EUR entry, 2-7 EUR for rides*).

Overnight: Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

SEPTEMBER 10 – SUNDAY (PYONGSONG)

AM

- **Munsu Waterpark** – We'll take a break at this outdoor and indoor water park with water slides, lap pools, and hot tubs.
- Drive north to **Pyongsong**, a satellite city of Pyongyang and centre of scientific research. *A 45 minute to 1 hour drive.*

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- **Pyongsong Central Square and statues** - Central square of Pyongsong City with statues of the DPRK leadership and flanked by the provincial revolutionary museum. Presentation of flowers customary.
- **Visit to Kim Jong Suk Middle School** - One of the DPRK's top middle schools for gifted students, tourists are encouraged to help teach an English class!

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- **Paeksong Revolutionary Site** - Location of Kim Il Sung University during the Korean war. Tour the old classrooms and hear about how students lived during the war.
- **Pyongsong Conservatory of Performing Arts (including performance)** - local school focusing on talents in the performing and visual arts, see an excellent performance here.
- **Drive to Mt Myohyang** (*approx. 2 hours drive north of Pyongyang*)

Overnight: Chongchon Hotel, Mt Myohyang

SEPTEMBER 11 – MONDAY (MT MYOHYANG)

AM

- **International Friendship Exhibition** - A subterranean exhibition hall displaying gifts of all kinds given to the DPRK leaders by foreign states, leaders, and organizations. The exhibition is a fascinating look into material culture in the second half of the 20th century. Highlights include a plane given by the Soviet Union, basketball signed by Michael Jordan from the US State Department, and vodka given by Dennis Rodman. The visit takes most of the morning.
- **Pohyon Buddhist Temple** - A peaceful temple dating back to 1042 with stone pagoda and repository of a print blocks and historic text of the *Tripitaka Koreana*, Buddhist scriptures first produced to invoke divine assistance from foreign invasion during the Koryo Dynasty.

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- **Manpok Valley Walk** - A gentle stroll passing waterfalls, interesting rocks, lovely wooded areas and viewing points.
- **Ryongmun Caves** - A subterranean complex of limestone caves and grottoes. Led by an experienced local guide, you will see weirdly (and suggestively) shaped rocks and stalactites/stalagmites and hear a wealth of stories and legends about each - some not appropriate for young audiences.

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- **Drive back to Pyongyang** (*approx. 3 hrs drive*)
- **Diplomatic Club for dinner and drinks** - Leisure complex with restaurant, swimming pool, bar, karaoke, billiards, and banquet hall for foreigners residing and visiting Pyongyang. Open late!

Overnight: Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

SEPTEMBER 12 – TUESDAY (PYONGYANG)

AM

- **Walk through central Pyongyang** from the Grand Theatre to Kim Il Sung Square
- **Korean Central Art Museum** - We'll tour the galleries exhibiting Korean art from ancient times on through the socialist realist works of today.
- **Kim Il Sung University Museum and Campus**

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- **Paekdu Architectural Academy** - Studio where many of Pyongyang's iconic buildings were designed. Learn about architecture and design in the DPRK and see architects at work.
- **June 9th Middle School** – we'll visit one of Pyongyang's middle schools and if we're lucky also see a students' performance
- **Pyongyang fruit farm**

Overnight: Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

SEPTEMBER 13 – WEDNESDAY (HAMHUNG)

AM

- Drive east across the width of the peninsula before heading north to **Hamhung**, the second largest city of the DPRK and major centre of industry. *A 6 to 7 hour drive.*
- We'll stop for a rest at **Sinpyong Lake Guesthouse** for a beautiful view over Sinpyong lake surrounded by mountains
- **Ulim Waterfall** - Hidden amongst the mountains on the road to Wonsan, 'Echo' Waterfall is a scenic stopover to enjoy lunch, stretch your legs, or go for a dip in the pool beneath.

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- Upon arrival in Hamhung we will stop by **Hamhung Grand Theatre and Central Square** for an exterior view of the DPRK's largest theatre on the city's central square.
- **Ancient home of Ri Song Gye** – Home of the first king of the Ri Dynasty (1392-1910) who extinguished the Koryo Dynasty, only to be then ousted by his own son.

Overnight:

Majon Beach Guesthouse - A beachside holiday compound with basic, but comfortable chalets. Rooms have heated floors but no running water. Bring a torch! There is a main building with restaurant, bar, billiards, table-tennis, bookshop, and Korean karaoke.

SEPTEMBER 14 – THURSDAY (PUJON COUNTY)

AM

- **Hungnam Fertiliser Factory** - Massive chemical-industrial plant producing various kinds of fertilisers. Tour of the plant control room, production facilities, and packing plant - just don't light up next to the Ammonium Nitrate!

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- **Pujon Highlands** - A scenic drive through the highlands above Hamhung, traditionally considered as one of the 'Eight Great Sights of Korea'. Home to the **Pujon Stone River**, a multi-kilometer river of boulders running down the side a mountain and the Okryonsan Revolutionary Site - a base for anti-Japanese guerillas during the colonial period. This region was the sight of some of the most brutal fighting of the Korean War in the middle of the unusually cold winter of 1950. Notice how the local architecture differs from the lowlands beneath.

Overnight: Majon Beach Guesthouse

SEPTEMBER 15 – FRIDAY (WONSAN)

AM

- **Tongbong Co-operative Farm** - Local farm in the outskirts of Hamhung. View the machinery barn, a local home, and the farm shop to buy some locally made products.
- Drive south to **Wonsan**, a major port city on the East Sea, stopping at scenic spots along the way. *A 2.5-3 hour drive.*

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- **Songdown International Schoolchildren's Camp** – A classic socialist summer camp where Korean and international children can spend two weeks learning socialist values and teamwork.

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- **Wonsan Agricultural University** – The DPRK's premier agricultural university set among beautiful hillside scenery. Tour the grounds and the neo-Romanesque teaching hall, originally built by Germans living in the area in the early 20th century.
- **Wonsan City Centre and Docks** - Central square and ship terminal in downtown Wonsan. The Mangyongbong-92 ferry/cargo ship which once shuttled Koreans living in Japan back and forth across the East Sea of Korea is moored here.
- **Kangwon Province Art Gallery** - Small art exhibition selling artwork by local artists.
- **Jangdok Island and Lighthouse** - Take a stroll on the breakwater to a small island in the middle of Wonsan harbor (*1 EUR/USD entry fee*).

Overnight:

Dongmyong Hotel -Waterfront hotel with stunning seaside views of Wonsan Harbor. Limited hours of hot water, bar, billiards, ping-pong, barber shop, beauty salon, dry-sauna, and indoor seawater swimming pool.

SEPTEMBER 16 – SATURDAY (MT KUMGANG)

AM

- Drive south along the East Sea coast to the scenic **Mt. Kumgang**, the 'Diamond Mountain' noted in East Asian history and famous in Korean legend. Home of some of Korea's most spectacular natural landscapes and best hiking. *A 2.5 -3 hour drive.*
- **Samil Lagoon** – A charming green-water coastal lagoon lined by pine forests. Named for the 'three-day' stay (sam-il) of a king in days gone-by to take in the full beauty of the area.

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- **Spend the afternoon hiking in the Mt Kumgang area** – ‘The Diamond Mountain’ – a series of peaks and canyons rising above Korea’s eastern seaboard and regarded since time immemorial as one of the most scenic regions in East Asia. A 8 km (round-trip) hike to a scenic ‘Nine-Dragons’ waterfall will take us through forests, along mountain streams and by emerald pools.

Overnight:

Mt. Kumgang Hotel, Mt. Kumgang - A comfortable hotel with good hot water supply and clean rooms. Top floor bar and karaoke, outdoor balcony barbeque, billiards, gift shops, and small sauna facilities.

SEPTEMBER 17 – SUNDAY (WONSAN)

AM

- Drive back north to **Wonsan**. *A 2.5-3 hr drive.*
- **Former Wonsan Railway Station Revolutionary Site** - Preserved Japanese colonial era train station, waiting room, guesthouse, and the train which future President Kim Il Sung rode to Pyongyang during the liberation of the country in 1945.

PM

- **Time to relax and swim on the beautiful beaches of Wonsan!**
- **Drive back west to Pyongyang.** *Approx. 4 hrs drive.*
- **Rakwon (Paradise) Department Store and Microbrewery** - Department store selling domestic and foreign made goods. The bar next door sells beer and *makkolli* (traditional rice wine) brewed on site (*1 EUR a pint*).

Overnight: Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

SEPTEMBER 18 – MONDAY (MT PAEKDU)

Charter flight to sacred Mt Paekdu

AM

- In the morning, we will take charter flight to **Samjiyon Town**, the gateway to Mt. Paekdu located in the far north of the country. *A 1 hour flight.*

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- **Mt. Paekdu** - 'Birthplace of the Korean Nation' and 'The Sacred Mountain of the Revolution', Mt. Paekdu is one of the most important locations in traditional Korean history and the modern revolutionary history of the DPRK. Atop the mountain sits volcanic Lake Chon in the massive caldera formed in a giant eruption in the 10th century, one of the largest in recorded history. This eruption left behind a decapitated 2,744 meter peak which remains the tallest in Korea. Rarely visited and absolutely unforgettable.
- **Lake Chon** - The highest crater lake in the world. It is possible to hike the last few km of the overlooking summit or ride a funicular railway to the top for spectacular views. From here one can either walk down or cable car (weather permitting) to the lake itself to sample the crystal-clear waters.

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- **Mt. Paekdu Secret Camp** - The guerilla headquarters of General Kim Il Sung during the anti-Japanese struggle set in hidden alpine valley lined by towering peaks and said to be the birthplace of leader Kim Jong Il. See the reconstructed camp telling of how the guerillas lived year in and year out.
- **Rimyongsu Waterfall** - A scenic waterfall which never freezes due despite chilling alpine winters. The waterfall also provides hydroelectric power to neighboring villages.

Overnight:

Paegaebong Hotel, Samjiyon - Very basic hotel with limited hot water. *Bring a torch!*

SEPTEMBER 19 - TUESDAY (MT CHILBO)

Charter flight to Mt Chilbo

AM

- **Samjiyon Grand Monument** - Group of bronze statues, including one of President Kim Il Sung, and stone monuments next to a scenic alpine lake. One of three 'grand monuments' in the country.
- We will catch our charter flight onwards to **Orang Airport** in North Hamkyong Province. *A 1 hour flight.*

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- Upon arrival at **Mt. Chilbo**, we will start our tour of the mountain range. The 'Seven Treasures' mountain is one of the DPRK's most remote and scenic areas with a vast array of strangely shaped peaks and unique geologic formations. This primordial landscape is home to many colourful (and

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suggestive) legends and offers a contrast to the densely populated cities and agricultural areas seen in much the rest of the country.

- **Local games and dinner at the homestay village** – The only place in the DPRK where foreigners can stay with local families. Brush up on your Korean (or body-language) as for an evening spent with the family. It is also possible to play volleyball against or wrestle the village team.

Overnight:

Homestay Village - The only place in the DPRK where foreigners can stay with local families in either a Korean-style or European-style home. Each home has a bedroom and washroom for guests.

**For US citizens:*

Outer Chilbo Hotel - A basic hotel located in a forested valley lined by primeval geologic formations. US citizens must stay here during their stay at Mt. Chilbo. This hotel has pleasant rooms and hot water is brought to you in the morning. In season you can also try fresh Pine Mushrooms, sold for hundreds of dollars abroad, at bargain prices. Great stargazing on clear moon-less nights.

SEPTEMBER 20 – WEDNESDAY (CHONGJIN)

AM

- We'll leave Mt. Chilbo by way of the scenic coastal road (weather permitting) that leads to Kyongsong and **Chongjin** - The DPRK's third largest city, provincial seat of North Hamkyong Province, and Korea's 'city of steel' - home to the massive Kim Chaek Iron Works.
- **Chongjin Revolutionary Museum** – Museum depicting the revolutionary struggles of the region.
- **Chongjin Central Square** - Central Square of Chongjin city with statues of the DPRK leadership. A presentation of flowers is customary (2-3 EUR).

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- **Steelworker's Kindergarten and Performance** - Visit to a local kindergarten with a small student musical and theatrical performance.
- **Chongjin Fisherman's Club** - Bar, billiards, restaurant, and sauna for merchant mariners visiting the Chongjin Port. A great place to relax after days on the road in the northeast.

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Overnight:

Chongjin Foreigners' Lodging - The former foreign expert apartments of Kim Chaek Steelworks, similar in design to local apartments. Basic rooms, but great food and service.

SEPTEMBER 21 – THURSDAY (HOERYONG)

AM

- Drive north to **Hoeryong**, a rarely visited city on the border with China. A 3-3.5 hour drive.
- **Central Square and Statue of Mother Kim Jong Suk** - Bronze statue of 'The Mother of Korea' in central Hoeryong. A presentation of flowers (2-4 EUR) is customary here.

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- **Native House of Kim Jong Suk** - Traditional Korean home of Kim Jong Suk set among a peaceful apricot orchard.
- **Hoeryong Revolutionary Museum** - Museum depicting the revolutionary struggles of the region. Particularly interesting for its giant mural depicting the 'Three Generals of Mt. Paekdu' during the anti-Japanese revolutionary struggle. The painting was made by artists from the Mansudae Art Studio in Pyongyang and smaller replicas of it can be found throughout the country
- **Kim Ki Sung Middle School** - Local school named after the brother of Kim Jong Suk in Hoeryong City. Tour the facilities and drop in on classrooms to help practice English with the students.

Overnight:

Hoeryong Hotel - A basic hotel featuring large rooms with air conditioning but no hot water, separate sauna/shower block, small shop and bar, and large banquet hall. The staff of the hotel can put on a dinner performance for groups at the cost of approximately 600 RMB.

SEPTEMBER 22 – FRIDAY (CHONGJIN)

Chongjin and flight back to Pyongyang

AM

- In the morning, we will drive back to Chongjin and visit the **North Hamkyong Province E- Library** - A library, study, and computer centre for the province, located just off Chongjin Central Square.

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- **Chongjin Trolley Bus** – We'll take a ride down Chongjin's main drag on one of the city's trolleybuses.

PM

- In the afternoon, we will drive to Oran Airport to catch our charter flight back to Pyongyang. *A 1 hour 20 minute flight.*
- **Drinks in a local bar** – we'll visit one of Pyongyang's bars that we have not stopped by yet on this incredible tour to wrap up this adventurous 21-night trip
- **Duck Barbecue Restaurant** - South Pyongyang's famous grilled duck restaurant that has seen many teary-eyed farewells.

Overnight: Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

SEPTEMBER 23 – SATURDAY (DEPARTURE DAY)

*Departure Day from Pyongyang and Return to Beijing by flight or train. Please indicate your preferred exit method upon booking**

AM

- Flight departure from Pyongyang on **Air Koryo Flight JS 151** at 08:25 with scheduled arrival at Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) Terminal 2 at 09:55. *Please note there is a 50 EUR surcharge for flight return.*

OR

- Train departure by **international sleeper train to Beijing** at 10:10 with scheduled arrival to **Beijing Station** on Sunday September 24 at 08:30. *We typically book soft sleeper (four beds per cabin) for the return journey. Please note that in some rare instances, soft sleeper tickets may sell out and we will book hard sleeper (six beds per cabin) instead.*

End of Tour

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TOUR PACKAGE

INCLUDED

- Flight Beijing - Pyongyang
- Train Pyongyang - Beijing
- All meals on the tour (apart from on the train back to Beijing)
- Hotel accommodation in the DPRK
- A Koryo Tours tour leader, two local Korean guides, and a driver per group
- All transportation in the DPRK (including 3 charter flights)

NOT INCLUDED

- DPRK visa fee
- Optional flight back to Beijing at end of the tour
- 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)
- Meals include a complimentary beer and water, but you will need to purchase extra drinks if needed
- Spending money for souvenirs
- SINUIJU EXTENSION: RMB 50 for the bus across the bridge to Dandong to be paid on the spot to the local guides

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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.