



May Day Tour: International Workers Day in North Korea

May Day is one of the best times to visit North Korea during the calendar year for the fine weather and festivities. Also known as **International Workers' Day**, or **Labour Day**, May Day is a day off and locals take to the outdoors for picnics, dancing, and sports. Join in the celebrations as you experience North Korean culture like a local.

In addition to the highlights of the North Korean capital Pyongyang and historic Kaesong on the Demilitarised Zone (the North/South border), we'll have time for walks in the city, dining at **Pyongyang's most famous restaurant**, shopping at the **Kwangbok supermarket**, a picnic lunch, and a **volleyball game against a Korean company** team. Volleyball is one of the most popular sports in North Korea and almost every company, school, office, section, or unit has a team!

On this May Day tour, we'll also get the chance to chill out and spend the night at the exclusive hot springs hotel in **Nampo**, the port city of Pyongyang, and take a day trip to **Pyongsong**, a centre of scientific and commercial development. Here we'll have a look at the country's economic heartland. Despite their proximity to the capital, both cities have their own distinct atmosphere and offer insights into life, society, and economy of today's North Korea.

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Date	AM	PM	Overnight
Sunday 26 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Tour briefing at the Koryo Tours office at 10:00 for those departing the same day by train. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pre-Tour briefing at the Koryo Tours office at 16:00 for those departing the next day by flight. Train departure from Beijing Station at 17:27. <i>Travellers should make their own way to Beijing Station.</i> 	N/A
Monday 27 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Free bus from the Koryo Tours office to Beijing Capital Airport for those departing by flight.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Flight departure from Beijing Train arrival to Pyongyang Railway Station Walk on Future Scientists' Street Train group arrival to Pyongyang Railway Station Walk on Future Scientists' Street 	Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang
Tuesday 28 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mangyongdae Native House Mansudae Art Studio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sariwon Folk Village Drive to Kaesong 	Minsok Folk Hotel, Kaesong

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tomb of King Kongmin 	
Wednesday 29 April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Panmunjom and DMZ tour Kaesong Koryo Museum Stamp Shop Traditional Korean royal lunch 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concrete Wall and DMZ Janam Hill Return to Pyongyang 	Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang
Thursday 30 April	<p><i>Requested visit -- Visitations are by special request only and 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. The Palace closes for maintenance between late April / early May to July. The exact dates will be confirmed closer to the tour. Should the Palace not be accessible to the group, this</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> May Day Stadium Volleyball game against a local company team Schoolchildren's Palace Pizza restaurant dinner (<i>paid on the spot, 5-12 EUR per pizza</i>) Mansugyo Beer Bar Golden Lane Bowling Centre 	Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

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	<p><i>visit will be substituted with an alternative location.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kim Il Sung Square • Foreign Languages Bookshop • Okryugwan 		
Friday 1 May - May Day (International Workers' Day)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyongyang Metro Tour • Mt. Taesong Folk Festival • Revolutionary Martyrs' Cemetery 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk in Moranbong Park to historic sites and the Liberation Tower • Tower of the Juche Idea • Monument to the Party Foundation 	Jangsusan Hotel, Pyongsong
Saturday 2 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May Day 5-night tour departs Pyongyang by flight and train. • Pyongsong City Square • Doksung Primary School • Kon-ji Ri Revolutionary Site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pyongyang Feature Film Studio • Kwangbok Supermarket • Schoolchildren's Palace • Drive to Nampo (45 mins to 1-hour drive) 	Ryonggang Hot Spa Hotel, Nampo
Sunday 3 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Sea Barrage • Chollima Steelworks. <i>Please note that this location is key industrial site and visits may depend on on-site activities/conditions. If unavailable, an alternative location will be arranged.</i> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Return to Pyongyang (45 min to 1-hour drive) • Science and Technology Complex • Monument to the Sinking of the General Sherman • Mansugyo Beer Bar • Golden Lane Bowling Centre 	Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Farewell dinner	
Monday 4 May	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Departure by train or flight. <i>Train scheduled arrival at +1 day to Beijing Station at 08:40.</i>• End of Tour	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• <i>We recommend scheduling onward flights from Beijing Capital Airport after 15:00 to allow time for immigration, possible terminal transfer, and check-in.</i>	

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