



New Year's Eve Budget Tour

TOUR

December 31st 2020 – January 2nd 2021

2 nights in North Korea + Beijing-Pyongyang travel time

OVERVIEW

Visit North Korea with Koryo Tours for New Year's Eve 2020 and bring in 2021 in [Pyongyang](#). Our New Year's Eve Budget Tour gets you to Pyongyang in time for the incredible New Year's Eve celebrations, which include a massive firework display over the Taedong River - and much more!

Last year's celebrations saw a drone display in the sky and a music concert by some of [North Korea's best musicians](#), including world-famous [Moranbong Band](#). New Year's Day is important in the DPRK, on which the North Korean leader gives a New Year's Address outlining the country's policy and initiatives for the coming year. Watched closely by North Koreans and outside analysts alike, the New Year's Address provides insight into where the country is going. Be the first to see the reactions and heard the word on the street. We'll also visit the highlights of Pyongyang such as the [Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum](#), the [Juche Tower](#), and the [Pyongyang Metro](#).

Want to include a trip to the [DMZ](#) (Demilitarized Zone) and spend a night in the historic city of Kaesong? Check out our longer [North Korea New Year's Eve Tour](#).

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DECEMBER 30TH – WEDNESDAY

Briefing Day and Train Departure Day

***Pre-Tour Briefing** | *We require all travellers to attend a pre-tour briefing that covers regulations, etiquette, safety, and practicalities for travel in North Korea. The briefing lasts approximately one hour, followed by a question and answers session. Please be punctual for the briefing. You can come early, meet your fellow travellers, pay any outstanding tour fees and browse our collection of Korean art. A proper presentation is an essential part of travel to North Korea.*

For this tour, we will hold two briefings. One in the morning for those departing by train this afternoon and the second this afternoon for those leaving by flight the next day.

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- *Recommended latest arrival in Beijing.*
- **10:00 | briefing for those departing by train.**

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- **16:00 | briefing for those departing by flight.**
- **17:27 | Train travellers depart Beijing Station** by domestic sleeper train to [Dandong](#), the Chinese city on the border with the DPRK. Please arrange independent travel to the train station and arrive at least an hour and a half early for the train departure.

Overnight | *Hotel in Beijing not included in the tour for those taking the flight the next day. Contact us for recommendations near our office! Those travelling by train will spend the night on the train.*

DECEMBER 31ST – THURSDAY

Arrival day in Pyongyang and New Year's Eve

AM

- **Train transfer at Dandong Station** from overnight sleeper train to Dandong-Pyongyang local. *Our local representative in Dandong will assist with the transfer. The train crosses the China-North Korea border followed by North Korean customs and immigration.*

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- **Free bus** from the Koryo Tours office to Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 2 for those taking the flight. *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 JS252** at 14:05. *A 1.5-hour flight with basic lunch (no vegetarian option).*
- **Flight arrival into [Pyongyang's Sunan International Airport](#)** (FNJ) at 17:05. DPRK immigration and customs, meet your Korean guides and transfer to the city.
- **Koryo Hotel Microbrewery** | Microbrewery at one of Pyongyang's central hotels near the train station making two different beers.
- Train arrival to Pyongyang Railway Station at 18:45.
- **Dinner on Pyongyang's Rainbow Boat** on the Taedong River **where we'll have our New Year's Eve Party** with a great view of Kim Il Sung Square and the fireworks display!

Overnight | [The Sosan Hotel](#), Pyongyang. A sports-themed hotel located in West Pyongyang's Sports Village. Sports shop, bookstore, numerous bars, spa and small gym. It was renovated in 2015.

JANUARY 1ST – FRIDAY

New Year's Day

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- **[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). *Please note this is a government-administered sight and visits are subject to cancellation. Visits are optional and require a specific dress code (close-toed shoes and covered legs and shoulders).* Here we will also see the **[Chollima Monument](#)**, or 'thousand ri (400 km or 250 miles) horse' - a symbol of speed- commemorating the quick rebuilding of the country in the 1950s following the Korean War.
- **[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.

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- [Kim Il Sung Square](#) | Pyongyang's central square lined with government ministries, museums, and The Grand People's Study House.
- [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.
- [Arch of Triumph](#) | A massive archway made for the 70th anniversary of the birth of President Kim Il Sung in 1982 and commemorating the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonial rule in 1945. Larger than its counterpart in Paris.

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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.
- [Mangyongdae Native House](#) | Birthplace of and childhood home of President Kim Il Sung. A traditional Korean house in a park-like setting.
- [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 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.
- [Munsu Water Park](#) | We'll take a break at this outdoor and indoor water park with water slides, lap pools, and hot tubs. Bar, coffee shop, and shops for non-swimmers (*Entry fee 2 EUR; swimming fee- 10 EUR with suit rental; tennis- 5 EUR*).
- Farewell dinner at **Pyongyang Duck Barbeque Restaurant** | South Pyongyang's famous grilled duck restaurant that has seen many a teary-eyed farewell.

Overnight | The Sosan Hotel, Pyongyang.

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JANUARY 2ND – SATURDAY

*Departure Day from Pyongyang and Return to Beijing by flight or train. Please indicate your preferred exit method upon booking. **For this tour, we highly recommend train departure or at least leaving your schedule flexible for train departure to Beijing.** In 2020, Air Koryo did not operate a flight on January 2nd.*

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- Flight departure from Pyongyang on **Air Koryo Flight JS151** at 80:35 with scheduled arrival at Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) Terminal 2 at 09:55. *****Please note this flight is subject to cancellation.*****

OR

- Train departure by **train to Beijing** at 10:25 with a transfer in Dandong. The scheduled arrival is to **Beijing Station** on Sunday, January 3rd at 08:40. *For this tour, the default option is hard sleeper (six beds per berth).*

End of Tour

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