



China National Day Mini-Break

TOUR

September 30th – October 2th 2021

2 nights in North Korea + Beijing-Pyongyang travel time

OVERVIEW

Calling all adventurers! What better way to spend some days off for the Chinese National Holiday than exploring one of the world's least-visited countries - but surprisingly accessible from China!

The short but packed Mini-Break gets you in and out by plane from/to Beijing and includes a comprehensive city tour of [Pyongyang](#). You won't waste a single minute and will see and do more than you could imagine in a short trip. Memories to last forever!

Our comprehensive city tour of Pyongyang includes must-see sights such as the [Mansudae Grand Monument](#), as well as visiting more local places such as the bustling [Kwangbok Supermarket](#), the only place in Pyongyang where tourists can spend local Won that can be changed at the black market exchange rate. It certainly won't be a relaxed time, but we guarantee it will be unforgettable!

Looking for a longer version? Check out [The China National Day Tour](#) or the [China National Day Short Tour](#)

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DAILY ITINERARY

SEPTEMBER 29 – WEDNESDAY

***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 answer 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 briefing is an essential part of travel to North Korea.

AM

- Recommended latest arrival in Beijing.

PM

- **16:00** | Briefing at Koryo Tours office

Overnight | Hotel in Beijing not included in the tour for those taking the flight the next day. Contact us for recommendations near our office!

SEPTEMBER 30 – THURSDAY

Arrival day 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.

PM

- Flight departure from Beijing on **Air Koryo flight JS152** at 14:00. A 1.5-hour flight with basic lunch (no vegetarian option).
- **Arrival to [Pyongyang's Sunan International Airport](#)** (FNJ) at 16:30. DPRK immigration and customs, meet your Korean guides and transfer to the city.
- **[Walk on Mirae \(Future\) Scientists Street](#)** | An evening stroll along one of Pyongyang's newest districts built for scientists in a uniquely DPRK-modernist style.

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- [Mass Games!](#) | The Mass Games are an art form in North Korea, developed over decades, which can involve up to 100,000 performers in massive synchronised displays of gymnastics and dance. Not to be missed!

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 and beer brewed on-site.

OCTOBER 1 – FRIDAY

China National Day - Pyongyang City Tour

AM

- [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.
- [Friendship Tower](#) | Monument to the assistance given by the Chinese Volunteer Army during the Korean War
- [Mansudae Fountain Park](#) | The historic centre of Pyongyang popular with local citizens after school and on weekends. Flanked by examples of ancient, socialist, and modern architecture.
- [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 certain 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 mile) horse' - a symbol of speed- commemorating the quick rebuilding of the country in the 1950s following the Korean War.
- [Kim Il Sung Square](#) | Pyongyang's central square lined with government ministries, museums, and The Grand People's Study House.

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- [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.
- Walk along [Taedong River](#) to [Okryugwan](#) | A meal at Pyongyang's most famous restaurant. Housed in a huge traditional building on the banks of the Taedong River. Okryugwan specialises in Pyongyang Cold Noodles.

PM

- [Mangyongdae Native House](#) | Birthplace of and childhood home of President Kim Il Sung. A traditional Korean house in a park-like setting.
- [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.
- [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.
- [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 artefacts, documents, photos, and lifelike dioramas. The exterior grounds house the War Victory Monument and displays of Korean People's Army Hero Equipment and captured equipment from the US military, including the [USS Pueblo](#). Central to the understanding of the country today and highlight of the trip.
- [Mansugyo Beer Bar](#) | Relax at one of Pyongyang's best local bars to wrap up an exciting day.
- [Xiangmanlou/Hyangmanru Restaurant](#) | A rare chance to eat dinner at Pyongyang's best Chinese Restaurant on this Chinese Holiday. Amazing building, great food, be one of the very few foreigners to have ever been here!

Overnight | Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

OCTOBER 2 – SATURDAY

Departure Day from Pyongyang and Return to Beijing by flight

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- Flight departure from Pyongyang on **Air Koryo Flight JS 152** at 10:25 with scheduled arrival at Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) Terminal 2 at 11:50

End of Tour

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