



Kim Il Sung Birthday Mini Break

TOUR

April 14th – 16th 2022

2 nights in North Korea + Beijing-Pyongyang travel time

OVERVIEW

Experience a city tour of Pyongyang including the [Mansudae Grand Monument](#) and [Pyongyang Metro](#) as well as the iconic monuments of the [Tower of the Juche Ideology](#) and the [Monument to the Party Foundation](#).

More importantly, joining us on this tour means you'll get to join the local North Koreans in celebrating one of the most important dates in the Korean calendar; Kim Il Sung's Birthday. Officially known as the '[Day of the Sun](#)'. Expect [mass dances](#) and even the possibility of a firework display over the [Taedonggang](#) river. We will also get a chance to see the orchid named after the President, the [Kimilsungia](#).

Many special events are expected to take place in Pyongyang over this time that might include a military parade - come along and join in!

Have more time to spare? Interested in seeing the DMZ and rural North Korea? See our [Kim Il Sung Birthday Short Tour!](#)

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DAILY ITINERARY

APRIL 14 – THURSDAY

Pre-Tour Briefing and Arrival day in Pyongyang

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- **Free bus** to Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 2.

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- Flight departure from Beijing on [Air Koryo flight JS252](#) at 14:05. A 1.5-hour flight with basic lunch (vegetarian option is subject to availability).
- **Flight arrival to [Pyongyang's Sunan International Airport](#)** (FNJ) at 16:05. DPRK immigration and customs, meet your Korean guides, and transfer to the city.
- **[Kim Il Sung Square](#)** | Pyongyang's central square lined with government ministries, museum and The Grand People's Study House, Korea's national library. See the centre of it all!
- **[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.

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

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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.

APRIL 15 – FRIDAY

The Day of the Sun – one of the DPRK's largest holidays. April 15, 2022, is the 110th anniversary of President Kim Il Sung's birth

*On April 15th there will be large-scale celebrations in Pyongyang. A **Military Parade** is expected, in which case the itinerary for the day will be subject to change. Foreign travellers are typically allowed to view military units as they exit the city from the parade course and the city's residents come out en masse to greet them. Be prepared to potentially wait around for a few hours, but it will be well worth it. For The Day of the Sun we also expect student-organised mass dances at prominent locations throughout the city and the possibility of evening fireworks. Whatever happens this holiday, it will be impressive and unforgettable. Not to be missed!*

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- [Mangyongdae Native House](#) | Birthplace and childhood home of President Kim Il Sung. A traditional Korean house in a beautiful natural surrounding.
- [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 60-m archway commemorating the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonial rule and larger than its counterpart in Paris.
- [Mansudae Fountain Park](#) | The historic centre of Pyongyang popular with local citizens after school and on weekends. Flanked by examples of ancient and modern architecture from different eras.
- [Mansudae Grand Monument](#) | Enormous bronze statues of the DPRK leadership overlooking downtown Pyongyang. A presentation of flowers and bow by the group is customary here. **Visitations are by special request only and decent dress is required. No shorts or flip-flop sandals allowed here.**
- [Moranbong Park with picnic lunch](#) | We'll take a stroll and have picnic lunch in Pyongyang's central park popular with locals for picnics, dances, and sports. 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 5 EUR for great views of the city.
- [Kimilsungia and Kimjongillia Flower Exhibition](#) | Exhibit of the two flowers named after the DPRK's leaders and held on the occasion of their respective birthday anniversaries in February and April. See organizations and groups from across society compete to put on the best floral display.
- [Monument to the Party Foundation](#) | Iconic structure featuring the hammer, sickle, writing brush which make up the emblem of the Worker's Party of Korea and represent workers, farmers, and intellectuals.
- [Mass Dance](#) | Large student organised dances held around Pyongyang on major holidays (*weather dependent*). Join in the fun!
- [Pyongyang Circus \(or other available performance\)](#) | We will leave time this afternoon to try and catch a local performance — either of the Pyongyang Circus, theatre, or a revolutionary opera. Schedules are typically announced only a few weeks before the trip. If no performances are available, we will find an alternative activity in the city. *Tickets to be paid on the spot (from 5-25 EUR) depending on the available performance.*
- [Dinner and sunset boat cruise along the Taedong River](#) | We will take a cruise on the Taedong River while having dinner with live music performance and waiting for the fireworks.

Overnight | Yanggakdo International Hotel, Pyongyang

APRIL 16 – SATURDAY

Departure Day from Pyongyang and Return to Beijing by flight.

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- Flight departure from Pyongyang on **Air Koryo Flight JS151** at 08:35 with scheduled arrival at Beijing Capital Airport (PEK) Terminal 2 at 09:55.

End of Tour

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