

MYSTIC BEIJING & NORTH KOREA

BEIJING - PYONGYANG - KAESONG - PYONGYANG - BEIJING



11 DAYS FROM

\$3999 ✈️ 🗺️

per person twin-share

This ultimate "bucket list" tour to Beijing and North Korea offers you an unique opportunity to discover the ancient wonders of Beijing and uncover the mystery of the most isolated nation, North Korea (DRPK).

Beijing, with a long and rich history, has remained as China's capital for over 600 years. A visit to Beijing offers you a great experience walking through the Forbidden City, the imperial palace of Ming and Qing Dynasty.

North Korea (DRPK) is regarded as the most mystic and isolated nation in the world. Ancient Korea's history spans over 5000 years. This tour to North Korea offers you an once-in-a-lifetime experience to uncover the veil of this mysterious nation, as well as a glimpse into the unique history of Korea. Left image: Great Wall, right image: Juche Tower

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HIGHLIGHTS

In Beijing:

- Discover the secret of Beijing's Forbidden City
- Walk on the incredible Great Wall of China
- Stroll in the gorgeous Summer Palace

In North Korea:

- Ride on the world's deepest metro, visit the Juche Tower and other Pyongyang highlights
- Panmunjom and the Korean Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) – the demarcation line between North and South Korea
- Walk through ancient Kaesong city, the capital of Koryo Dynasty
- Chance to interact with local people

Day 1: Arrive in Beijing

Fly to Beijing. On arrival, you will be met by your guide and will transfer to the hotel. *Note: Some flights may depart the night before.*

Day 2: Beijing (B, L, D)

Beijing served as the capital of five dynasties over a period of 800 years. Today, visit **Tiananmen Square**, the second largest public square in the world, and the **Forbidden City**, the Chinese imperial palace from the Ming to Qing dynasty. Your welcome banquet includes the local delicacy, **Peking Roast Duck**.

Day 3: Beijing (B, L, D)

Today's highlight is an excursion to the majestic **Great Wall** at Juyong Pass, the most famous image of China, and a chance to climb a portion of this 3,700-mile marvel. You will also visit one of the largest jade exhibitions in Asia en-route. After lunch, see skilled artisans at work at a cloisonné factory. Tonight, you can choose to attend an optional large scale dramatic musical, **The Golden Mask Dynasty** (\$75).

Day 4: Beijing (B, L)

Tour the exquisite **Summer Palace**, the largest preserved ancient garden in China and a former summer resort for emperors. Next, visit the Panda House at **Beijing Zoo** to see China's adorable national treasure – the **Giant Panda**. Then visit a Chinese herbal institute to learn about traditional Chinese medicine which has existed for thousands of years, as you enjoy a rejuvenating foot massage. Later, you can join an optional **Hutong Life Tour** (\$70), and cap off the day by enjoying an authentic **Old Beijing Hotpot Dinner** (\$55).

Day 5: Beijing ✈️ Pyongyang (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure before you transfer to the airport for your direct flight to Pyongyang. On arrival, you will be warmly greeted at the airport by your tour guide and transferred to your hotel.

Day 6: Pyongyang (B, L, D)

After breakfast, you will be transferred to experience the **Pyongyang Metro** (6 stops), which is the deepest metro system in the world. The designs of the main stations are stunning, and particularly notable for their superb lighting and mosaics. Then you will visit the **Arch of Triumph**. This massive archway is commemorating the liberation of Korea from Japanese colonial rule. Head to **Juche Tower**. You can choose to visit the **Juche Tower Observation Deck** (\$10, *Note: pre-paid in Australia \$10, or payable on site RMB50 or equivalent. Only RMB, EUR and USD are acceptable on site*). Follow by a visit to the Party Foundation Monument, the 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.

Later, you can join an upgrade optional for your lunch: **Picnic Lunch in Ryongak-San** (\$35).

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where DPRK's Olympic shooters practice with sports weapons (you may try shooting if you like, safety regulations apply). Then, you will have a **Pyongyang Schoolchildren's Palace tour and performance**. This is the first schoolchildren's palace in the DPRK and centre of extracurricular excellence.

Day 7: Pyongyang 🚗 Kaesong 🚗 Pyongyang (B, L, D)

After breakfast travel to Kaesong, the home to the famous longevity elixir **Kaesong Koryo Insam**, which is the best ginseng in Far East Asia. Then visit the **Panmunjom (DMZ village)**, located in the middle of the 4 km wide Demilitarised Zone, and 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 and photograph soldiers from both sides. Then visit the **Kaesong Koryo Museum and Stamp shop**, and have a **Traditional Korean Royal Lunch**, which is a set serving 11 dishes in small brass bowls. After lunch, you will have a **guided walking tour through the ancient Kaesong city**. Kaesong was the capital of Koryo Dynasty (918-1392). It was regarded as the 'Open City' or 'Open Gate', and a major land and seaport along the ancient Silk Road. Proceed to a UNESCO World Heritage Site, the **Tomb of King Kongmin**, the 31st king of the Koryo Dynasty, a talented statesman and prolific painter, and his Mongolian wife set at the end of a picturesque valley. Then transfer back to Pyongyang.

Images: 1. Panmunjom, 2. Giant Panda, 3. Party Foundation Monument, 4. Kaesong Koryo Museum and Stamp shop, 5. Mangyongdae Native House, 6. Arch of Triumph, 7. Traditional Korean Royal Lunch, 8. Pyongyang Shooting Range, 9. Summer Palace, 10. Pyongyang Metro, 11. Tiananmen Square, 12. Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum.



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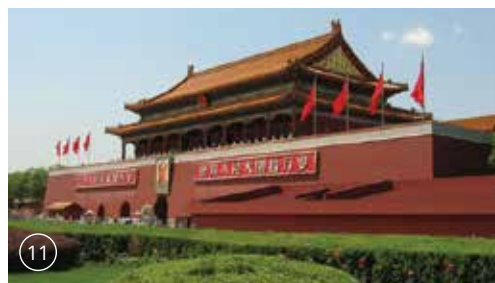
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Day 8: Pyongyang (B, L, D)

Today you will visit the **Cooperative Farm**, a vegetable supply base located at the outskirts of Pyongyang city. You can also visit the **large greenhouse and farmers' homes**. Then you will proceed to the **Foreign Languages Bookshop**, where you can buy books and stamps published in North Korea. Then visit the **Kim Il Sung Square, Pyongyang's central square** surrounded by government ministries, museums, The Grand People's Study House, and Korea's National Library. Next, visit **Kwangbok Supermarket**, where you can exchange your money into Korean Won and purchase souvenirs. Then visit the **Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum**, and learn about the history of the Korean War from the North Korean perspective. The museum contains different showrooms to explain the origins of the conflict, and include highly impressive dioramas, tanks, planes, and much more. You can also go on board the **USS Pueblo**, an American spy ship captured by the DPRK navy in 1968. In the evening, you can watch an optional **Circus Show** (\$45). Then you will have a **Farewell Dinner**. At night, you will walk along the **Mirae (Future) Street**.

Day 9: Pyongyang ✈ Beijing (B, L)

You will have a guided tour to the **Grand People's Study House**, the national study place of DPRK. You can see the typical construction style of DPRK's. You can also overlook the complete **Kim Il Sung Square** and other important governmental buildings surrounding. Then visit the **Mansudae Art Studio**. It is where most of the country's paintings, mosaics and statues are made. You may also have a chance to visit several different workshops here and see the artists at work. *Note: Art Studio might be closed on some days, you will instead visit the Pyongyang Embroidery Institute.*

After lunch, you will be transferred to the airport and fly back to Beijing. Upon arrival in Beijing, you will be picked up and transferred to hotel. *Note: In the unlikely event, if there are flight cancellations or schedule changes for the flight back to Beijing from Pyongyang, the tour itinerary for Day 9 may be subject to change.*

Day 10: Depart Beijing (B)

Enjoy the morning at leisure (time permitting) before you transfer to the airport for your flights home via connecting cities. *Note: Your departure transfer will be a hotel-airport shuttle transfer. Your tour guide will assist you on the night before.*

Day 11: Arrive Home

We hope you had a safe and pleasant trip and we look forward to seeing you again.

DEPARTURES

2019 12 Sep* 17 Oct 07 Nov

2020 20 Feb* 16 Apr** 11 Jun 13 Aug 15 Oct
19 Mar 14 May 09 Jul** 10 Sep* 12 Nov

*Peak season surcharge: \$300
**School Holiday Surcharge \$400
Single supplement: \$599

Note: Minimum 6 passengers are required to operate this tour. Group Size: 6-20 passengers

DEPARTURE OPTIONS

- SYD/MEL: Airfare included
- ADL/PER/BNE: +\$300

INCLUSIONS

- + Full service Chinese carrier afares & taxes (eg. China Eastern/Southern Airlines/Air China)
- + 9 nights 4-5 star (local rating) hotel accomm.
- + 9 breakfasts (B), 7 lunches (L), 5 Dinners (D)
- + Internal flights (Air China/Air Koryo)
- + DPRK's Entry Visa
- + Coach transportation & transfers
- + Selected sightseeing & entrance fees
- + English speaking tour guide(s). **Note:** the Beijing portion of this tour is conducted in English, the DRPK portion is conducted in English and Mandarin Chinese

EXCLUSIONS

- Prepaid tipping: \$100
- China visa
- Travel insurance (strongly recommended)

AIR UPGRADES (long haul int'l sectors)

- Economy class: Cathay Pacific/Singapore/ Airlines fr \$500
- Premium economy: Cathay Pacific fr \$2200
- Business class: China Eastern/China Southern fr \$2500, Singapore Airlines/Cathay Pacific fr \$4100

EXTEND YOUR STAY

- Early Arrival/Stay Behind Fare Difference: fr \$250
- Hotel w/breakfast: \$75 twin-share, \$150 single
- Private transfer: \$120 per way (max. 4 ppl)

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION (or similar)

- Beijing Wynham Beijing North
- Pyongyang Koryo Hotel
- Beijing Wansi Hotel

OPTIONAL PROGRAMS (AUD)

Beijing	The Golden Mask Dynasty	\$75
Beijing	Hutong Life Tour	\$70
Beijing	Old Beijing Hotpot Dinner	\$55
Pyongyang	Juche Tower Observation Deck	\$10
Pyongyang	Picnic Lunch in Ryongak-San	\$35
Pyongyang	Circus Show	\$45



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Images: 13. Grand People's Study House, 14. The Golden Mask Dynasty, 15. Hutong Life Tour, 16. Chinese Kung Fu Show, 17. View from Juche Tower Observation Deck, 18. Circus Show, 19. USS Pueblo, 20. Pyongyang Schoolchildren's Palace performance.

The Golden Mask Dynasty (\$75)

An original Chinese musical drama which tells a mythical fairy tale-like story of war, royal banquets and romance. The large-scale production includes more than 200 performances and features Chinese dances, acrobatics, costumes, and lighting and acoustics, representing a soul-stirring and romantic 'great love and harmony' legend.

Hutong Life Tour (\$70)

Hutong is the Chinese name for the ancient alleys and narrow lanes originally built in the Yuen dynasty, where neighbourhoods are made up of traditional courtyard-style homes. Ride in an old-fashioned pedicab through the Hutong district during this guided tour to explore the real life of local people.

Old Beijing Hotpot Dinner (\$55)

Old Beijing Hotpot is a traditional Beijing style hotpot. Differing from other hotpots have different soup bases, Old Beijing Hotpot uses pure water with shallot, ginger, wolfberry and etc. as its soup base and served in a copper pot. Menu includes lamb, beef, mushrooms, vegetables and noodles. Vegetarian option available.

Juche Tower Observation Deck (\$10)

Enjoy a beautiful panoramic view over Pyongyang city and Taedong River on the top of Juche Tower. *Note: pre-paid in Australia \$10, or payable on site RMB50 or equivalent. Only RMB, EUR and USD are acceptable on site.*

Picnic Lunch in Ryongak-San (\$35)

An upgrade optional for your lunch. You can enjoy the overlook of Pyongyang city view on the peak of Ryongak-San.

Circus Show (\$45)

Enjoy a one-hour circus show performed by professional acrobats of DPRK.



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