



## **WONSAN INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AIR FESTIVAL** **10 NIGHT EX-BEIJING ITINERARY**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017 to Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

*Join us for what promises to be the highlight of the DPRK tourism calendar, Wonsan International Air Festival, 2017. This 10 night ultimate tour combines the full Air Festival programme including pleasure flights opportunities with a comprehensive sightseeing programme around the rest of the country. The capital city Pyongyang, a chance to see the very rare Choson-Minhang Il-14 at Hyangsan, a full day trip to Kaesong and the DMZ, plus a visit to Mount Paektu, a stunning landmark and sacred place to the Koreans.*

### **Day 1: Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

1300 hrs: **Depart Beijing** aboard Air Koryo scheduled flight JS152 to Pyongyang (journey time approx. 1.5 hours). We recommend arriving 2 hours prior to departure to ensure plenty of time for customs and immigration formalities.

1530 hrs: **Arrival at Pyongyang Sunan International Airport.** Welcome to the DPRK! After clearing customs and immigration, you will be met by your KITC guides and driven to Pyongyang. First stop will be a city walk to help stretch your legs, before checking in to your hotel where a welcome dinner will be served.

### **Day 2: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Today will be dedicated to a Pyongyang city tour, seeing some of the most famous landmarks; the **Mansudae Fountain Park and Grand Monument, Tower of the Juche Idea and Kim Il Sung Square**, where many of the country's impressive military parades take place. Lunch will be taken at a local restaurant, followed by a tour of the impressive

**Fatherland Liberation War Museum**, incorporating the **captured spy ship USS Pueblo**. There will be a chance to enjoy a ride upon the **Pyongyang Metro**, an important public transport artery and decorated in fine style with mosaics, marble and chandeliers reminiscent of the Moscow metro. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant.

### Day 3: Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017

We leave in the morning for **Kaesong and the DMZ**, where you can see at first hand the physical division of Korea and the immense historical legacy this has had on the nation. You will be shown around **the De-Militarised Zone** by officers in the Korean People's Army who will talk to you firsthand about the situation on the ground.

Lunch will be taken at a local hostelry where you will enjoy a hearty 'Royal Court' style meal in the customary manner, served from bronze bowls. The next stop is the **Koryo Museum**, consisting of preserved Confucian buildings and a replica mausoleum depicting life in Korea during the Koryo dynasty. It's then time for the return journey to Pyongyang, and en route there will be a brief stop of the **Monument to the 3 Charters of National Reunification**. Dinner will be served at a local restaurant, after which you will return to the hotel for an evening of relaxation and perhaps a beer or two at the bar.

### Day 4: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017

We start with a visit to the impressive new **Sci-Tech centre**, recently completed to a high standard and offering a showcase of the country's advance in these fields. We then move on to the **Mansudae Artists Studio**, where the country's finest artists practice their trade. There will be a chance to purchase a range of high quality artwork, should you wish. A city walk before lunch to work up an appetite, around **Kim Il Sung Square**, and you will also have some souvenir shopping opportunities at the **Foreign Language Bookshop**.

Lunch will be taken at a local restaurant before heading East to the **Revolutionary Martyr's Cemetery**, which offers fantastic panoramic views of the city. Next door is **Pyongyang Zoo**, a great opportunity to mix with locals and see a range of exotic creatures gifted to the country from abroad. An early dinner will be taken before making our way to the airport.

In the late afternoon, you will transfer back to Pyongyang Airport and be escorted to a waiting Air Koryo aircraft that will whisk you onwards from Pyongyang to Wonsan in a mere 30 minutes. Here, at **Wonsan Kalma International Airport**, you will be driven to Wonsan waterfront for a walk along the pier to **Chondokdo lighthouse**, a good chance to stretch your legs. It's then time to check in at your accommodation, where a welcome dinner will be served.

### **Day 5: Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2017**

#### *1<sup>st</sup> Day, Wonsan International Air Festival*

An exciting moment for everyone, as we kick off the Festival with a **full day of thrilling aerobatic displays** at Kalma Airport. The skies above will be filled with a mix of **civilian airliners from Air Koryo** and **military aircraft from the Korean People's Army Air Force**. At least **15 different types** of aircraft will take to the skies to entertain the crowds. For the latest on the aircraft line up, please visit the official Air Festival website: [www.wonsanairfestival.com](http://www.wonsanairfestival.com).

Lunch will be taken at the airport and there will be a wide range of additional snacks and beverages available to purchase throughout the day. We are particularly delighted to announce that the Air Festival will also coincide with the **DPRK's National Beer Showcase**, being held next to the runway. You will be able to sample a wide range of beers from across the country whilst being simultaneously thrilled by the aerobatic feats being performed above!

Dinner will be served at the end of the flying displays, after which you can enjoy a **song and dance spectacular** performed by the acclaimed **Kangwon Province Art Troupe**, before retiring for the evening to your accommodation.

### **Day 6: Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

#### *2<sup>nd</sup> Day, Wonsan International Air Festival*

We return to Kalma Airport for a continuation of the **thrilling aerobatic flying displays** of Air Koryo and the KPA Air Force. Furthermore, the day will be punctuated with several exciting demonstration displays courtesy of the **Pyongyang Air Club**. Firstly, a parachute display in a variety of formations. There is also the possibility, for only the second time

ever in the DPRK, for foreign parachutists to join them in an **International Friendship Skydive**. Later in the afternoon, they will also perform a **model aircraft aerobatic display**, with a colourful array of skills. Our friends from **Mirim Air Club** will also be on hand with their fleet of microlights, taking to the skies to entertain the audience.

After dinner, the grand finale of the Festival will take place at **Haean Square** in the centre of Wonsan, along the seafront. There will be a **Mass Dance** performed by several thousand of local youths and students of the city, and those brave enough may join in and have a go! The evening will end with a stunning **fireworks display** across Wonsan Bay.

### **Day 7: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

Although the Air Festival ends on Sunday, the flying is far from over! Today is a full day at Kalma Airport for a packed **pleasure flight programme**, during which customers will have an opportunity to take **optional 30 minute scenic pleasure flights** on the entire Air Koryo fleet and a select number of KPAAF aircraft. Flying opportunities and corresponding prices are as follows:

Ilyushin IL-18	EUR 150 / person
Ilyushin IL-62	EUR 250 / person
Ilyushin IL-76	EUR 250 / person
Tupolev Tu-134	EUR 150 / person
Tupolev Tu-154	EUR 250 / person
Antonov An-2	EUR 125 / person
Antonov An-24	EUR 100 / person
Antonov An-148	EUR 150 / person
Mil Mi-8	EUR 200 / person
Mil Mi-17	EUR 200 / person

Those not taking the flights will be allowed to remain at the airport for filming and photography. Alternatively, non-flyers can enjoy a **sightseeing programme around the Wonsan area** visiting Wonsan Revolutionary Site, the picturesque Ullim Waterfall and Chonsam co-operative farm.

Everyone will then reunite in the early evening and enjoy a farewell dinner at local restaurants in Wonsan.

### **Day 8: Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2017**

An early morning departure from Wonsan as we head North on our special Air Koryo charter flight to Samjiyon Airport, gateway to the sacred **Mount Paektu** (journey time 1 hour). Upon climbing to its peak (or taking the handy funicular) you will be able to have a great view of **Lake Chonji**, across to the Chinese border.

A picnic lunch will be taken nearby before calling in at the impressive **Samji Grand Monument**, after which it will be time to return to the airport for the flight back to Pyongyang. It's then time to check in at your hotel, where dinner is also served. In the evening, you have the choice of relaxing at the hotel or heading off to **Kaeson Youth Funfair**, where you can try out some of the terrifying rides and mingle with locals!

### Day 9: Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2017

You will head North on a journey to **Mount Myohyang** (2.5 hours' drive). The first stop will be the historic **Pohyon Temple**, a preserved and partially restored Buddhist shrine in a beautiful mountainous setting.

The group will then check in at the luxurious **Hyangsan Hotel**, with a chance to freshen up and have a barbecue lunch on the hotel's terrace, weather permitting. The rest of the afternoon can be spent relaxing at the hotel or alternatively make your way into the mountains for a pleasant **scenic hike along the Manpok valley** alongside waterfalls, taking in the beautiful vistas. Dinner this evening is at the hotel.

### Day 10: Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September 2017

This morning we will visit the intriguing and impressively constructed **International Friendship Exhibition**, hosting a vast array of gifts to the leaders from around the world. Of particular note to aviation enthusiasts is an immaculately maintained **Ilyushin IL-14**, reportedly a gift from Stalin to Kim Il Sung, housed in its own hangar.

After lunch, it's time for the return journey to Pyongyang. Upon arrival, there will be some last minute city walking around **Moran Hill park**, before it's time to pack up and head off to your farewell dinner at a local restaurant.

### Day 11: Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2017

0830: Depart Pyongyang on scheduled Air Koryo flight JS151, arriving

Beijing 1000 hrs.

### **Tour Price**

**EUR 2,380 / person**

Accommodation is in shared twin rooms. Should you be travelling solo, we will match you with another single traveler. If you wish to have your own room, the single room supplement is **EUR 400 / person**.

*\*Kindly note that due to huge demand on Wonsan accommodation during the Air Festival period, we may not be able to guarantee single room accommodation. If this is the case, you will not be charged the supplement. Please accept our apologies in advance should this arise.*

### **Tour price includes:**

- Entry to the Wonsan International Friendship Air Festival, including all the aerobatic and demonstration displays, cultural activities and musical performances as per the programme;
- 10 nights' accommodation;
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner;
- Return international air tickets Beijing – Pyongyang – Beijing and also return air tickets for the connecting Pyongyang – Wonsan – Samjiyon - Pyongyang flights, on Air Koryo;
- All transportation inside the DPRK;
- The use of English speaking Korea International Travel Company guides, who will escort and assist the group during the tour.

### **Tour Price does not include:**

- The DPRK tourist visa fee
- Any expenses incurred outside of the DPRK e.g. Chinese visa fee, international transportation to and from Beijing, accommodation in Beijing etc.

- Beverages and other incidental expenses incurred, for example souvenirs;
- Travel and medical insurance;
- Gratuities for your guides and driver;