



# New Year's in Pyongyang & Masikryong Ski and Snowboard Delegation

7 Days / 6 Nights | December 28<sup>th</sup> 2017 – January 3<sup>rd</sup> 2018

Beijing | Pyongyang | Wonsan | Masikryong | Pyongyang | Sinuiju | Dandong | Beijing



*Our 2016/2017 Masikryong New Year's ski trip learning local chair lift games to keep warm with the North Korean Women's National Ski Team*

## Overview

Join Paektu Cultural Exchange for a unique delegation that includes New Year's Eve celebration in Kim Il Sung Square, two days of skiing and snowboarding at Wonsan's Masikryong Ski Resort, and exploring some brand-new sights and activities around Pyongyang. The New Year's in Pyongyang & Masikryong Ski and Snowboard Delegation is an opportunity to visit one of the most unique countries and cultures in the world, to experience firsthand the many new developments there, and to travel from the fast-changing capital to breathtaking mountain scenery, where we'll relax at a 5-star winter resort. Be the first to experience new cultural sights, sample world-class cuisine at a new sushi restaurant opened up by a good friend, Fujimoto Kenji, and take part in the Pyongyang New Year's Ice Sculpture Festival. This delegation is in partnership with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the DPRK Ministry of Sport and other government level partners.

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## Highlights

- ✧ Celebrate New Year’s Eve with fireworks in Kim Il Sung Square alongside thousands of local citizens and visitors
- ✧ Participate in the Pyongyang Ice Sculpture Festival
- ✧ 2 days of skiing, snowboarding and relaxing at Masikryong Resort
- ✧ Visit the new Museum of Foreign Atrocities and Aggression
- ✧ Take part in a hands-on cooking class where we make Korean cuisine with top Korean chefs
- ✧ Visit a Pyongyang Department Store as well as local shops and other venues
- ✧ Dine at Fujimoto Kenji’s sushi restaurant
- ✧ Attend a lecture and Q&A by renowned scholar Andrei Lankov

## Itinerary

### ✧ Highlights

<p><b>Day Before Departure</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, December 27th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Arrival in Beijing</li> <li>✧ Pre-Departure Briefing</li> <li>✧ Lecture and Q&amp;A by renowned DPRK scholar Andrei Lankov</li> <li>✧ Dinner</li> <li>✧ Drinks at a neighborhood pub for a casual chat and to answer any further questions about the delegation or the DPRK</li> <li>— Overnight: Beijing (Beijing accommodation not included but we will make some good recommendations to suit your needs)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— <b>Note:</b> <i>The Pre-Departure Briefing is optional but highly recommended. Please contact us if you cannot attend or can only partially attend based on your arrival schedule.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 1</b></p> <p><b>Thursday, December 28th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✧ Meet at the Air Koryo check-in desk at Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 2</li> <li>✧ Receive visas, check-in for flight to Pyongyang on Air Koryo</li> <li>— Departure from Beijing to Pyongyang on Air Koryo JS 152</li> <li>✧ Arch of Triumph and drive by Pyongyang’s most iconic sites.</li> <li>✧ Welcoming dinner reception with our DPRK partners and hosting organizations</li> <li>— Overnight: Koryo Hotel</li> </ul>



<p><b>Day 2</b></p> <p><b>Friday, December 29th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Depart for Wonsan</li> <li>✳ Rest at the Sinphyong Rest Station</li> <li>✳ Take a look around the east coast city of Wonsan and dip your feet in the sea</li> <li>✳ Check-in to hotel and hit the slopes</li> <li>✳ Half-day of skiing or snowboarding at Masikryong Ski Resort</li> <li>✳ Dinner at a new BBQ Restaurant</li> <li>✳ Drinks overlooking the ski resort</li> <li>— Overnight: Masikryong Hotel</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 3</b></p> <p><b>Saturday, December 30th</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✳ Full day of skiing and snowboarding at Masikryong Ski Resort</li> <li>✳ Lunch at the Taehwa Peak restaurant located at the top of the ski hill</li> <li>✳ More skiing and snowboarding at Masikryong Ski Resort</li> <li>✳ Dinner at the resort</li> <li>✳ Après Ski cocktails at the base of the hill at a new cave bar which was built inside the mountain</li> <li>— Overnight: Masikryong Hotel</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 4</b></p> <p><b>Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup></b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— Return drive to Pyongyang</li> <li>✳ Festivities for the official holiday in Pyongyang</li> <li>✳ A scenic walking tour through some of Pyongyang's newest residential districts, shopping areas and cultural landmarks</li> <li>✳ Traditional cooking and food preparation classes</li> <li>✳ Lunch – Pyongyang Cold Noodles or Hot Stone Bowl with vegetable, meat, and rice at the restaurant of our cooking class</li> <li>✳ Museum of Foreign Aggression and Atrocities (The US and Japanese war crimes)</li> <li>✳ Dinner on the Taedong River</li> <li>✳ New Year's Eve Fireworks Celebrations on the Taedonggang River</li> <li>✳ Find a good viewing area alongside thousands of locals and enjoy this annual spectacle</li> <li>✳ New Year's Eve After Party cocktails, drinks and singing at an underground 70's style Karaoke (KTV) bar</li> <li>— Overnight: Koryo Hotel</li> </ul>



## Day 5

Monday,  
January 1st

- ✦ Kumsusan Palace of the Sun – the final resting place of the eternal President Kim Il Sung and comrade Kim Jung Il
- ✦ Afterwards, we can walk around the surrounding park area
- ✦ Visit new iconic sites such as the Science Complex, Ryomyong, and Chanjun and Mirae Street for Scientists and others
- ✦ Lunch at chef Fujimoto Kenji's Sushi Restaurant
- ✦ Observe the New Year's Pyongyang Ice Sculpture Festival in Kim Il Sung Square
- ✦ Visit the newly built Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum and the captured US spy ship USS Pueblo
- ✦ Dinner at Lamb skewer BBQ restaurant
- Overnight: Koryo Hotel





<p><b>Day 6</b></p> <p><b>Tuesday, January 2nd</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✧ Visit the Pyongyang Metro</li> <li>✧ Mansudae Grand Monument – 22-metre tall statues of Leaders Kim Il Sung and Kim Jong Il</li> <li>✧ Lunch at a traditional Korean restaurant</li> <li>✧ Korean Revolution Museum</li> <li>✧ Visit Pyongyang University of Foreign Studies (or the Grand People’s Study House)</li> <li>✧ Dinner at the Rakbaek (Paradise) Restaurant, Department Store and Brewery, and sample some beer and traditional alcohol at the microbrewery</li> <li>– Overnight: Koryo Hotel</li> </ul>
<p><b>Day 7</b></p> <p><b>Wednesday, January 3rd</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✧ Take a look around Pyongyang Station</li> <li>– Depart at 10am (K28) from Pyongyang Station to Sinuiju/Dandong</li> <li>✧ Enjoy the views of the DPRK countryside from your train car or sit in the restaurant car sharing food and drinks with locals</li> <li>✧ Korean style on lunch on train</li> <li>– Arrive in Sinuiju</li> </ul> <p><i><b>NOTE:</b> Individuals signed up for <b>SINUIJU EXTENSION (+1 DAY)</b> will begin their separate itinerary here (see below)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Our train will cross the bridge from Sinuiju to Dandong where we will board the overnight train to Beijing, arriving at 8:30am on January 4<sup>th</sup></li> <li>– <i><b>Note:</b> You may depart the train here in Dandong or continue on to Shenyang, Beijing, etc.</i></li> <li>✧ Dinner on the train</li> <li>– End of Regular Program</li> </ul>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SINUIJU EXTENSION (+1 DAY)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>– Arrive in Sinuiju and meet with local guides</li> <li>✧ Visit Central Square to see statues which pay tribute to Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il</li> <li>✧ Stop at the Sinuiju Revolutionary Museum</li> <li>✧ Visit Sinamri Cooperative Farm and learn about local farming practices and observe lives of Koreans working in rural areas</li> <li>– Drive to Dongrim City</li> <li>✧ Take a refreshing hike up the mountain to view the Dongrim Waterfalls</li> </ul>





	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Choose to relax, take a swim, ride a boat in their lagoon, or enjoy a massage before dinner and a performance</li> <li>— Overnight: Dongrim Hotel</li> </ul>
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Day 8</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup></b></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>SINUJU EXTENSION (+1 DAY)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✦ Visit at the Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory</li> <li>✦ Stop at a park where we can spend some time with locals</li> <li>✦ Lunch next at a local restaurant</li> <li>✦ Visit the Sinuiju Art Gallery</li> <li>✦ Walk around the visa-free tourism development area along the riverfront and view the old Yalu River Bridge which was bombed heavily during the Korean War</li> <li>✦ Visit to Sinuiju Kindergarten</li> <li>— Our train will cross the bridge from Sinuiju to Dandong where we will board the overnight train to Beijing, arriving at 8:30am on January 5<sup>th</sup></li> <li>— <i>Note: You may depart the train here in Dandong or continue on to Shenyang, Beijing, etc.</i></li> <li>— End of Sinuiju Extension</li> </ul>

***Disclaimer:** This itinerary is tentative and subject to some changes. It is quite normal and expected for small changes to occur on any delegation to the DPRK. PCE and our hosts always do our best to accommodate within our abilities. In the event of itinerary changes, PCE will arrange relevant alternative activities. All payments are subject to PCE terms and conditions.*



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## Costs

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**Cost: 1,695 Euro**

- **Deposit: 415 Euro** to reserve your place (remaining balance must be paid prior to departure)
- **Application Deadline: December 21<sup>st</sup> 2017**

## Add Ons

✦ **Sinuiju Extension (+1 day)**

- **Cost: 200-260 Euro** depending on number of people (Contact us for more details)

## Included

- ✦ All meals (breakfasts, lunches, and dinners; meals include water and beer)
- ✦ Transportation to, from and within the DPRK and China during the program
- ✦ Accommodation in the DPRK and China (standard room, double occupancy)
- ✦ Smiles, jokes, anecdotes, basic DPR Korean language skills and some fun and interesting stories to go along with each day's activities

## Not Included

- ✦ DPRK visa fee (50 Euro)
- ✦ Chinese double-entry visa (required) – *Note: for more information, contact the Chinese Embassy or Consulate in your country of residence. Some nationalities (e.g. Canadians) may qualify for the [Free Beijing 72-hour Visa](#) when flying in and out of Pyongyang.*
- ✦ Additional snacks, liquor and alcohol (e.g. ~1-3 Euro per beer)
- ✦ Souvenirs, personal expenses and other amenities
- ✦ Gifts and tips for Korean officials, staff and drivers
- ✦ Ski lift ticket and rentals at Masikryong Ski Resort (40-60 Euro per day)



## Upgrades and Options

- ✧ Economy – Return Flight from Pyongyang to Beijing: **Add +100 Euro**
- ✧ First Class – Return Flight from Pyongyang to Beijing: **Add +250 Euro**
- ✧ Private Airport Pick-Up (or drop off) – clients will be met by a private car at the airport: **Add +25 Euro**
- ✧ Single Room – A supplement fee (if you would like your own single room): **Add +50 Euro per night**
- ✧ Room upgrades available for additional charges
- ✧ Please contact us with any special requests

## Accompanying Cultural Interpreter

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*Marshal **Kim Jong Un** and Michael Spavor, PCE director, during an official dinner in Wonsan, DPRK, 2013*

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## About the Masikryong Ski Resort

Built in 2013, Masikryong Ski Resort offers visitors some of the most exotic ski ranges in the world. Located 175 kilometers east of Pyongyang, the Masikryong Range offers a scenic view, fresh air, and variable slopes to test your skiing ability. Construction of the Masikryong Ski Resort was completed in only ten months under the supervision of Marshal Kim Jong Un and the zeal of the DPRK soldiers. Due to the extraordinary accomplishment of these soldiers, “Masikryong Speed” has become a phrase that DPR Koreans use to express their national pride and optimism about the future.

With the highest elevation reaching 1,363 meters, the resort offers ten slopes for skiers of all levels, with lengths ranging from 682 meters to 5,091 meters. The Masikryong Resort is properly equipped with features necessary to enjoy all aspects of your stay. Skiers will be able to take advantage of resting places, on-slope restaurants, first aid stations, and even high-speed gondolas and ski lifts. If you are unable to bring your skiing gear from home, the resort provides you with the option either to purchase or rent up-to-date gear.

Don't worry if you do not have any prior skiing experience. There are local professional instructors readily available to teach you the basics. With heavy snowfall between November and March every year, it is common to see children and adults skiing throughout the winter. The Masikryong Ski Resort is a great place to experience the exceptional natural beauty of the DPRK, and have the opportunity to interact with DPRK skiers.

## About the Masikryong Hotel

The Masikryong Hotel is located in a cozy valley and provides its guests with first-class amenities. This luxury hotel is equipped with dozens of upscale restaurants that serve both Korean and Western food, swimming pool, ice rink, massage parlor, gym, and a sauna. The Masikryong Hotel meets the standards and expectations of Western guests by providing internet access, a coffee shop, and other facilities. The hotel has 120 guest rooms, including deluxe suites, family rooms and single rooms which can accommodate 350 guests.