



MADE IN DPRK: Exploring and Understanding North Korea's Rural Markets, Manufacturing and New Trends in Consumerism



[Group A: Full Delegation](#) | 9 Days / 8 Nights | October 1st - 9th 2017

Yanji | Tumen | Rason (SEZ) | Chongjin | Chilbosan | Kyongsong | Orang | Pyongyang | Pyongsong | Pyongyang | Sinuiju | Dandong | Beijing

We are also offering shortened trips that cover only the first half or only the second half of the Full Delegation:

[Group B: Part 1 - NE DPRK & Yanbian](#) | 6 Days / 5 Nights | October 1st - 6th 2017

Yanji | Tumen | Rason (SEZ) | Chongjin | Chilbosan | Kyongsong | Orang | Hoeryong | Namyang | Tumen | Yanji

[Group C: Part 2 - Pyongyang & WPK Anniversary](#) | 5 Days / 4 Nights | October 6th - 10th 2017

Pyongyang | Pyongsong | Pyongyang | Sinuiju | Dandong | Beijing

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Overview

Paektu Cultural Exchange, in collaboration with its advisors and DPRK government partners, has designed this academic travel program called MADE IN DPRK in order to explore and understand the DPRK's rural markets, manufacturing, and new trends in consumerism. Participants in this program will experience three dynamically different regions of the DPRK, as well as China's quickly developing north-eastern region, Yanbian Korean Autonomous Prefecture.

Participants will visit factories, shops and local markets to observe methods of production, manufacturing, and distribution, and see trade and joint investment projects throughout the country. This program aims, in part, to give visitors a firsthand look at the DPRK's growing economy and its new consumers through direct observation of business enterprises, site inspections and face-to-face discussions with DPRK Koreans and other benefactors engaged in various economic activities. In turn, participants will gain knowledge about methods of positive engagement, collaboration and ethical business, investment and trade.

The extension for this itinerary also includes participation in the national holiday celebrations for the Worker's Party of Korea (WPK) Anniversary on October 10 and the rare chance to see the Military Hardware Exhibition House of the Korean People's Army, an underground bunker complex and the unique experience of sleeping at a rural coastal homestay, around the time of "추석" (Chusok) the Korean traditional Thanksgiving holiday.

*Note: This overview was designed based on the **Group A** itinerary, therefore activities for **Groups B & C** may vary. Please read below for more details.*

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Highlights

- ✦ Witness the DPRK's unique economy through on-site visits to factories, departments stores, banks, markets, modern boutique shops and meet with labors, factory workers, officials and stakeholders
- ✦ Celebrate the Worker's Party of Korea (WPK) Anniversary with locals in Sinuiju (+1 day)
- ✦ Work alongside fisherman, farmers and other laborers to experience & evaluate some of the labor practices of this independent socialist nation
- ✦ Travel through 8 different provinces and by train, flight, and private coach to see key cities, rural towns, fishing villages, farms and the DPRK-China borderland areas
- ✦ Engage and converse with DPRK university, middle school, and elementary school students through interactive learning activities
- ✦ Visit art galleries, museums, revolutionary sites and special visits to an underground bunker complex and the Exhibition House of Military Hardware of the Korean People's Army
- ✦ Visit local and top restaurants around the country and take part in private cooking class
- ✦ Take in the pristine natural beauty of DPRK's East Sea coastlines, the Chilbo Mountain Range, the Tumen River Triangle Area and more
- ✦ Exchanges stories and play games with rural families and experience a unique overnight stay at a local DPRK family's home
- ✦ Attend closing farewell dinner & cocktail party at Fujimoto Kenji's new Sushi and Ramen Restaurant

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Itinerary

★ Highlights

<p>Optional Pre-trip</p> <p>Saturday, September 31st</p>	<p>— <i>Note: This option is only open to members of Groups A & B</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ This program begins in Yanji, China ★ Visit Mt. Paektu and the borderland areas between China and DPRK — Overnight: Yanji
<p>Day 1</p> <p>Sunday, October 1st</p>	<p>Groups A & B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Visit the city of Yanji (the seat of the Yanbian Autonomous region of China) and its joint investment projects, factories, and restaurants employing DPR Koreans ★ Explore markets and local specialty products, and meet with local traders and businessmen involved in cross-border trade ★ Attend a special interactive workshop with one of China’s top authorities on DPRK-China trade, politics, and economy ★ Dinner at a Yanbian-DPRK joint venture restaurant with a private interactive performance and chats with waitresses employed from the DPRK — Overnight: Yanji
<p>Day 3</p> <p>Tuesday, October 3rd</p>	<p>Groups A & B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Site inspections of a trading company and DPRK-China JV investments such as the new Rajin bag factory and the Rajin cigarette & tobacco factory ★ Visit a local bank to change foreign currency into DPRK won ★ Visit the Rason Central Market ★ Visit a local Department Store to get a feel of what domestic and imported products are being sold ★ Go swimming with locals at the beach ★ Relax at the Rason’s Central Square — Overnight: Rajin

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<p style="text-align: center;">Day 4</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday, October 4th</p>	<p>Groups A & B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Scenic drive through the countryside in North Hamgyong — Arrival in Chongjin ✦ Tour the coastal city on a local trolley ride ✦ Visit the Susongchon Combined Foodstuff Factory ✦ Eat lunch at a Japanese-Korean run restaurant ✦ Visit the North Hamgyong Provincial City Museum ✦ Visit a private art gallery where affordable hand-painted art works will be available for purchase ✦ Observe a community computer and language class at the newly renovated provincial E-Library ✦ Dinner at Chongjin Seamen’s Club designated compound where foreign seaman lodge, bathe, and shop while stopping over — Overnight: Chongjin
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 5</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Thursday, October 5th</p>	<p>Groups A & B:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Embark on a spectacular drive winding along the beautiful east coast ✦ Take a relaxing hike overlooking the sea and engage with locals ✦ Attend a special workshop with the local farmers and fishermen where they will teach us their catching, harvesting, food processing and trades ✦ Prepare local dishes, enjoy a feast, and spend time with our homestay families and other villagers ✦ Spend the evening together with our new friends where we will each stay at different villager’s home with their families at the country’s only homestay — Overnight: Oceanside Chilbo Homestay Village



Day 6

Friday,
October 6th

Group A:

- Drive to Kyongsong
- ✦ Along the way visit a special Oceanside revolutionary site and a local fishing village
- Transfer to the Orang Airport for our domestic private charter flight to Pyongyang
- ✦ Spend the afternoon visiting the city's iconic sites and monuments
- ✦ Welcome dinner at the top Pyongyang BBQ Restaurant with our Pyongyang partners
- ✦ Visit the Kaeson Youth Amusement Park
- Overnight: Koryo Hotel

Group B:

- Drive to Kyongsong
- ✦ Along the way visit a special Oceanside revolutionary site and a local fishing village
- Drive through the countryside to the border town of Hoeryong

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Visit the birth house of Kim Jong Suk, the wife of President Kim Il Sung and mother of Kim Jong Il ✧ Walk around Hoeryong’s main square ✧ Visit the local middle school, have an English/Korean language exchange and play sports with students <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Drive along the DPRK-Chinese border, visit the Wangjaesan monument and continue on to Onsong County ✧ Visit several revolutionary sights and museums ✧ Arrive in Namyang, go through customs and walk across the Namyang/Tumen Friendship Bridge <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Drive back to Yanji — End of Group B program <p>Group C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Meet at the Air Koryo desk at Beijing Capital Airport Terminal 2, receive visas and check-in for the flight to Pyongyang on Air Koryo JS152 ✧ Join up with Group A delegation ✧ Spend the afternoon visiting the city’s iconic sites and monuments ✧ Welcome dinner at the top Pyongyang BBQ Restaurant with our Pyongyang partners ✧ Visit the Kaeson Youth Amusement Park <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Overnight: Koryo Hotel
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 7</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, October 7th</p>	<p>Groups A & C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✧ Comprehensive private walking tour of Pyongyang ✧ Stop in at some newly opened western and DPRK style shops ✧ Visit a department store ✧ Participate in a traditional cooking class with top local chefs ✧ Head to Kim Il Sung University, receive an introduction to the school, and speak to students and faculty ✧ Visit the newly built home of a KISU professor and his family ✧ Visit several factories such as the new Silk Factory and the Pyongyang Chewing Gum Factory <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Overnight: Koryo Hotel



<p style="text-align: center;">Day 8</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 8th</p>	<p>Groups A & C:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Visit a museum that documents US and Japanese war crimes as well as the history of South Korean and US aggression ✦ Inspect an underground bunker complex used during the Korean War, which houses rare relics as well as an amazing museum of city planning and design from after the city was reduced to rubble after the war ✦ Special visit to the Exhibition House of Military Hardware of the Korean People’s Army ✦ Visit Fujimoto Kenji’s Gourmet Japanese restaurant for dinner ✦ Visit a local pub after dinner for a farewell party with our DPRK partners, staff, and driver <p>— Overnight: Koryo Hotel</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 9</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, October 9th</p>	<p>Group A:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Look around Pyongyang Train Station — <i>Note: Members of Group A may begin the Optional +1 day Extension in Sinuiju along with the members of Group C at this point</i> — Depart at 10 am (K28) from Pyongyang Station to Beijing via Sinuiju/Dandong ✦ Enjoy the views of the DPRK countryside from your train car or sit in the restaurant car sharing food and drinks with locals — End of Group A program — Arrive in Beijing at 8:30am on October 10th <p>Group C (& Sinuiju Extension):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Look around Pyongyang Train Station — Depart at 10 am (K28) from Pyongyang Station to Sinuiju ✦ Enjoy the views of the DPRK countryside from your train car or sit in the restaurant car sharing food and drinks with locals — Arrive in Sinuiju and meet with local guides ✦ Visit Central Square to see statues which pay tribute to Kim Il-sung and Kim Jong-il ✦ Stop at the Sinuiju Revolutionary Museum ✦ Visit Sinamri Cooperative Farm and learn about local farming practices

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	<p>and observe lives of Koreans working in rural areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> — Drive to Dongrim City ✦ Take a refreshing hike up the mountain to view the Dongrim Waterfalls ✦ Choose to relax, take a swim, ride a boat in their lagoon, or enjoy a massage before dinner and a performance ✦ Celebrate the Worker’s Party of Korea (WPK) Anniversary with locals — Overnight: Dongrim Hotel
<p style="text-align: center;">Day 10</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Monday, October 10th</p>	<p>Group C (& Sinuiju Extension):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✦ Visit at the Sinuiju Cosmetics Factory ✦ Stop at a park where we can spend some time with locals ✦ Lunch next at a local restaurant ✦ Visit the Sinuiju Art Gallery ✦ 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 ✦ Visit to Sinuiju Kindergarten — A bus will be cross the bridge to Dandong where we will board the overnight train to Beijing, arriving at 8:30am on October 11th — End of Group C (& Sinuiju Extension) program

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

- **Group A: Full Delegation** – 9 Days / 8 Nights | October 1st to 9th, 2017
2,190 Euro
Yanji | Tumen | Rason (SEZ) | Chongjin | Chilbosan | Kyongsong | Orang | Pyongyang | Pyongsong | Pyongyang | Sinuiju | Dandong | Beijing
- **Group B: Part 1 – NE DPRK & Yanbian** – 6 Days / 5 Nights | October 1st to 6th, 2017
1,590 Euro
Yanji | Tumen | Rason (SEZ) | Chongjin | Chilbosan | Kyongsong | Orang | Hoeryong | Namyang | Tumen | Yanji
- **Group C: Part 2 – Pyongyang & WPK Anniversary** – 5 Days / 4 Nights | October 6th to 10th, 2017
1,490 Euro
Pyongyang | Pyongyang | Pyongsong | Pyongyang | Sinuiju | Dandong | Beijing
- **Deposit: 415 Euro** to reserve your place (balance can be paid prior to departure)
- **Application Deadline: Apply before September 24th, 2017**

Add Ons

- ✳ **Pre-Trip Option for Groups A & B:** Visit Mt. Paektu and the borderland areas between China and DPRK
– Cost: 150-250 Euro depending on number of people (Contact us for more details)
- ✳ **Trip Extension Option for Group A:** Sinuiju Extension and Worker's Party of Korea (WPK) Anniversary
– Cost: 200-260 Euro depending on number of people (Contact us for more details)
– *Note: the Trip Extension Option is included for members of **Group C***

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

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Not Included

- ✧ DPRK visa fee (50-80 Euro depending on nationality)
- ✧ 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

Upgrades and Options

- ✧ Flight (First Class) from Pyongyang to Beijing: Add +250 Euro (available to members of **Group B** only)
- ✧ Single room supplement fee (if you would like your own single room) Add +50 Euro per night
- ✧ Room upgrades available for additional charges (Deluxe, Suite or Presidential Suite etc.)

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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