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AVIATION & TRAVEL

WONSAN INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AIR FESTIVAL 7 NIGHT EX-BEIJING ITINERARY

Thursday 21st September 2017 to Thursday 28th September 2017

Join us for what promises to be the highlight of the DPRK tourism calendar, Wonsan International Air Festival, 2017. This 7 night tour combines the full Air Festival programme including pleasure flights opportunities with sightseeing around Pyongyang, a chance to see the very rare Choson-Minbang Il-14 at Hyangsan and a full day trip to Kaesong and the DMZ, where you can see the tragic division of the Korean peninsula first hand.

Day 1: Thursday 21st September 2017

1400 hrs: **Depart Beijing** aboard Air Koryo scheduled flight JS252 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. Your JTS Tour Leader will be on hand at the Air Koryo check in desk to ensure everything runs smoothly.

1630 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: Friday 22nd 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.

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 3: Saturday 23rd September 2017

1st 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.

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 4: Sunday 24th September 2017

2nd 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.

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 5: Monday 25th 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:

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| 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 6: Tuesday 26th September 2017

An early morning departure from Wonsan; you will take a local Air Koryo charter flight back to Pyongyang (journey time 30 minutes) before transferring to your tour coach for the journey northward to Hyangsan

(journey time approx. 2 hours). Here 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, there will be time for a look around the picturesque **Pohyon Buddhist Temple** to take in the stunning surrounding vistas, before our return journey to Pyongyang. Check in at your hotel followed by dinner at a local restaurant.

Day 7: Wednesday 27th 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 8: Thursday 28th September 2017

1005: Depart Pyongyang on scheduled Air Koryo flight JS251, arriving Beijing 1135 hrs.

Tour Price

EUR 1,905 / 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 245 / 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;
- 7 nights' accommodation;
- Breakfast, lunch and dinner;
- Return international air tickets Beijing – Pyongyang – Beijing and also return air tickets for the connecting Pyongyang – Wonsan – 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, which is EUR 50 / person;
- 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;