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AVIATION & TRAVEL

WONSAN INTERNATIONAL FRIENDSHIP AIR FESTIVAL 5 NIGHT ITINERARY

Friday 23rd September 2016 to Wednesday 28th September 2016

Join us for what promises to be the highlight of the 2016 DPRK tourism calendar, the first ever Wonsan International Air Festival! This 5 night tour will allow time for a look around the capital, Pyongyang as well as the full two days of the Air Festival and a day trip to Kaesong and the DMZ, where the tragic division of the Korean peninsula can be seen first-hand.

Day 1: Friday 23rd September 2016

Time TBA: **Depart Beijing** aboard our specially chartered Air Koryo flight 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 Tour Leader will be on hand at the Air Koryo check in desk to ensure everything runs smoothly.

Time TBA: **Arrival at Pyongyang Sunan International Airport.** Welcome to the DPRK! After entering the terminal, you will be escorted to another 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 met by your KITC guides and 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 2: Saturday 24th September 2016

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 first 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 3: Sunday 25th September 2016

2nd Day, Wonsan International Air Festival

We return to Kalma Airport for a packed day of **pleasure flights**. Festival participants will take their pre-booked optional pleasure flights on the entire range of Air Koryo aircraft, whilst non-flyers will have free reign to **film and photograph** all aircraft movements from the runway's edge. For those wishing to see more of the local area, there will be an optional excursion to the picturesque **Rimyongsu waterfall** nearby, at no extra cost.

The day will be punctuated with two exciting demonstration displays, courtesy of the **Pyongyang Air Club**. Firstly, a parachute display in a variety of formations. There is also the possibility, the first 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.

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 the 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 4: Monday 26th September 2016

AM: Transfer from Wonsan back to Pyongyang by Air Koryo local charter flight (journey time 30 minutes).

Upon arrival in the capital, the rest of the day will be dedicated to a Pyongyang city tour, seeing some of the most famous landmarks; the **Mansudae Fountain Park and Grand Monument** and **Tower of the Juche Idea**. 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 also be time for a brief walk around **Kim Il Sung Square**, the famous location of the DPRK's huge military parades.

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 **Kaesong Youth Funfair**, where you can try out some of the terrifying rides and mingle with locals!

Day 5: Tuesday 27th September 2016

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 6: Wednesday 28th September 2016

Time TBA: Farewell DPRK! Depart via international flight from Pyongyang to Beijing (journey time approx. 1.5 hours).

Tour Price

EUR 1,465 / 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 175 / 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;
- 5 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;
- Optional pleasure flights on board the Air Koryo aircraft fleet;
- 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;