

Global Exchange Reality Tours
Beyond the Bamboo Curtain: A Citizens Diplomacy Delegation to North
Korea

(Please note this itinerary is subject to confirmation and might evolve a bit before and during your journey!)

Day 1 Arrival Shenyang, China

Arrival into Shenyang (SHE), Liaoning, China
Transfer to Lodging

6:30 p.m. Welcome dinner and Meet and Greet

Day 2 Orientation and Preparation

9:00 a.m. Orientation Meeting:

This includes presentations by GX Group Facilitator (to frame the purpose of the tour) and a review of GX codes of conduct and expectations: and an overview of recent history.

11:00 a.m Time to secure Visas and to confirm Departure tomorrow morning.

2:00 p.m. Optional cultural Activity- Visit to the Imperial Palace.

Shenyang is a celebrated old city with more than 2,000 years of history which can be traced back to Warring States Period (476 BC - 221 BC). It is the birthplace of the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911), and has many cultural relics which symbolize the prosperity and subsequent decline of China's last feudal dynasty... The most famous of these is the Shenyang Imperial Palace , which is of great historic and artistic significance and second only to the Forbidden City in Beijing.

Evening Optional Group Video viewing and discussion

Day 3

8 a.m. Check out of hotel and check-in at airport for flight to Pyongyang
Arrival into Pyongyang
Transfer to Hotel Koryo (Please note this might change)

Afternoon Welcome meeting with Host organizations and introductions to our tour facilitators. Most likely we will meet with 2 or 3 representatives from:

The Korean Committee for solidarity with world people
The Korean Truth Committee
The Korean National Peace Committee

Evening Dinner

Day 4

9:20 a.m. Visit to the native home of President Kim Il Sung

Mangyongdae, known as a place with 10,000 views, is situated a little over 10 km southwest of downtown Pyongyang. It was so named because its verdant Mangyong Hill overhanging the famous Taedong River affords a breathtaking panorama of 10,000 views. President Kim Il Sung was born

here on April 15, 1912 at a plain thatched-roof cottage here, against a backdrop of Korea's national disaster in the colonial thrall of Japan. Preserved at Mangyongdae are many relics and mementoes associated with his childhood.

10:30 a.m. Visit to the Arch of Triumph

The Arch of Triumph in Pyongyang was built to commemorate the Korean resistance to Japan from 1925 to 1945. Built in 1982 on the Triumph Return Square at the foot of Moran Hill in the North Korean capital city of Pyongyang, the monument was built to honour and glorify President Kim Il Sung's role in the resistance against Japanese rule.

11:30 a.m. Visit to the Tower of Juche Idea

After the Korean War, Kim Il-sung introduced the personal philosophy of Juche, or self-reliance, which became a guiding light for North Korea's development. Completed in 1982, it is sited on the eastern bank of the River Taedong, opposite Kim Il Sung Square, and was made to commemorate Kim Il Sung's 70th birthday. Associated with the tower is a 30 metre high statue consisting of three figures—one with a hammer, one with a sickle and one with a writing brush (an idealised worker, a peasant and a "working intellectual"). There are six smaller groups, each 10 metres high, symbolizing other aspects of Kim Il Sung's ideology. The tower is named after the principle of Juche, developed by Kim Il Sung as a blend of autarky, self-reliance, Korean traditionalism, and socialism.

2:30 p.m. Visit to the Kimilsungia Festival

On display are over 10,000 flowers of the sun and other rare flowers of various species.

6:00 p.m. Visit to the Mangyongdae Children's Palace

The Mangyongdae Children's Palace offers tours that show children learning to use musical instruments, dance and calligraphy.

7:00 p.m. Leave Hotel for Youth soiree (Kim Il Sung Square)

Day 5

8:00 a.m. Leave hotel for Mt. Myohyang

Mt. Myohyang is the celebrated mountain famous for its curious, unique appearance and breath-taking scenery and is named after the mystic shapes and fragrances found in the area. Mt. Myohyang consists of steep mountain ranges and peaks as high as 1000~1900 meters above sea level stretching northwestward and southwestward from the Piro Peak, the top of the mountain. Its characteristics lie not only in its outstanding natural beauty, but also in the harmonization of cultural properties with their surrounding natural landscapes.

10:00 a.m. Mountain Climbing

2:00 p.m. Visit Farm and Buddhist Temple

Evening: TBA

Day 6

8:30 a.m. Leave hotel for Sinchon

10:00 a.m. Visit to the Pueblo (US army spy ship)

Group Discussion

USS Pueblo is a Banner-class technical research ship, notable for being boarded and captured by the Democratic People's Republic of Korea on 23 January 1968 in what is known as the Pueblo incident or alternatively as the Pueblo crisis. The DPRK stated that she strayed into their territorial waters,

but the United States maintains that the vessel was in international waters at the time of the incident. More recently, facts have come to light that indicate that USS Pueblo was captured by North Korea at the instigation of the Soviet Union, which was seeking a cryptographic machine onboard to match with a key provided to the Soviets by the spy John Anthony Walker. USS Pueblo, still held by DPRK today, remains a commissioned vessel of the United States Navy.

4:30 p.m. Visit to the Sinchon War Museum

Evening Speaker invited for discussion on topic TBA

Day 7

8:00 a.m. Leave hotel for Kaesong

10:00 a.m. Visit to Panmunjom

Panmunjom is the "truce village" that straddles the border between North Korea and South Korea in the middle of the Demilitarized Zone that has split this peninsula since the Korean War ended in 1953. The DMZ, or 38th parallel, is probably the most fortified border on Earth, with more than a million soldiers facing each other with enough artillery to obliterate each other in a matter of hours. Tension constantly runs high here -- more than 50 Americans, 1,000 South Koreans and countless North Koreans have died in skirmishes along the DMZ in the past 40 years, including one recently. Importantly however we will see and visit the area including where the armistice was signed.

2:30 p.m. Visit to the concrete wall

Here we will travel with a Korean People's Army colonel to the concrete wall look out for an explanation and historical overview of the wall built by the US that divides North and South Korea.

Evening Return to hotel and evening free

Day 8

9:30a.m. Meet with the Vice-Chairman of KCSWP (Korean Committee for Solidarity with World People) or government representative to talk about US/DPRK relations

11:00 a.m. Visit to the Central Historical Museum

2:30 p.m. Visit to the Kimchaek University of Technology

Kimchaek University of Technology is the top college of science and engineering as well as a central higher educational institution of North Korea.

4:00 p.m. Visit to the Pyongyang Maternity Hospital

6:00 p.m. Visit to Children's School for 1st to 12th grade

Visit to the Pyongyang Cultural Exhibition and Stamp Store to buy postcards

Day 9

9:00 a.m. Day visit to a farming coop and rural community. Here we will request visiting one of the afsc supported rural development programs that are promoting sustainable agriculture and in North Korea.

6:30 p.m. Farewell Dinner with our hosts

Day 10

Check out of hotel

Flight back to Shenyang, China

Transfer to Chilboasan hotel

7:30 p.m. Closing evaluation meeting

Day 11

Transfer to Airport and Departures back to USA

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