



10. GOOD FELLOWSHIP of the international deaf meeting in Pyongyang
A deaf journey to the Democratic People`s Republic of Korea
8 Days // Nights 27.10 - 03.11.2018

27. October 2018 - Saturday: Beijing - Pyongyang

At 10:00 am we`ll meet at the international airport of Beijing. There every participants will receive their visa. After a two-hour flight with AIR KORYO (JU152) from Beijing to Pyongyang, you will be picked up by a local Korean tour guide, who will bring you to the capital of North Korea, Pyongyang.

Along the way from the airport to the hotel, you will stop for a stroll in Pyongyang to breath in the fresh air of the capital and get a first impression of the city.

The Changgwangsan Hotel will welcome you upon arrival. You will have the opportunity to enjoy the Korean kitchen at a local restaurant and therefor get another little impression of Korea. Typical Korean dishes are for instance the famous traditional Kim Chi or the Pyongyang cold noodle soup.

After dinner we`ll have an „opening party“for the 10.GOOD FELLOWSHIP at the hotel bar, which is situated on the 2. or 7.floor.

28. October 2018 - Sunday: Beijing - Panmunjom - Kaesong - Pyongyang

Today is all about a tour through Korean history. By bus, you will drive approximately 2, 5 h along the „ Reunification Highway“ via Kaesong to Panmunjom, to visit the Panmunjom truce-village. In the center exists a 4 km long demilitarized zone (DMZ), where the truce was signed at the end of the Korea war 1953. Only here is the one location where you can directly see soldiers of both Korean sides at the border. If you get lucky, you might be able to enter the hut, which stands, on North Korean as well as South Korean ground and therefor you can set food on South Korea.

After lunch in a reunion restaurant in Kaesong, the historic capital of the Koryo dynasty (918-1329), you will visit the Kaesong Koryo museum, a UNESCO world heritage. It was once used by the Songgyung

academy, a Confucius - school and is now a museum for the Koryo dynasty with lots of historic objects, statues and porcelain of this era. After a trip to the Sonjuk Bridge and the Pyochung memorial from the Koryo dynasty, you will return to Pyongyang.

Dinner will take place in the famous revolving restaurant on the top floor of the Yanggakdo hotel on Yanggakdo Island in the middle of the river Taedong in Pyongyang and you will spend the night in the Changgwangsan hotel.

29. October 2018 - Monday: guided tour through Pyongyang and a visit to the deaf and blind center in Pyongyang

After breakfast in the big dining room, you will be driven to the Mansuadae fountain park, which was opened in 1976 and where a lot of Koreans come to study, relax and maybe even to flirt.

As a good tradition of the GOOD FELLOWSHIP, a group photo with 28 dancers will be taken in front of the sculpture „snow falls“. You will have the opportunity to buy some flowers at the location to put them down at the big memorial on Manudae hill in memory of the Eternal President Kim Il Sung, the founder of the DPRK and Kim Jong Il, the permanent secretary of the workers party of Korea.

If time allows it, you can take photos of the great view on the Chollima statue, which was unveiled for the 49. Birthday of president Kim Il Sung on April the 15th 1961.

The newly build center of science and technology on Ssuk island will surprise you with its modern architecture as well as with its highly developed library, which also has a section on disabled people topics and even sign language.

Afterwards you will finally drive to Mangyongdae, close to Pyongyang to learn about president Kim Il Sung birthplace and where he spent his childhood. From Puhung station, which means „rebuild“, to Kaeson station which translates to „triumphant return“, you will ride the Pongyang Metro for 5 stops along the Chollima line. You will get off at Kaesong station and be able to admire the great Triumphal Arch, which is even bigger than the one in Paris. It was build 1982 for the 70. birthday of President Kim Il Sung, in memory of his important role, which Kim Il Sung played in the resistance and the Korean independence.

The deaf Kindergarten and center were founded in 2016 within the 4-year-action-plan of the WFD (World Federation of the Deaf) and the KFPD (Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled). The members of the Korean Deaf Association (DAK) and the Sign Language Interpreters' Association of Korea (SLIAK) will welcome and guide you through the building of the deaf center. Behind the center, you will find the wood workshop of the deaf, where the deaf craftsman will gladly show you their craft. If you happen to like one of their works, like for instance the wooden arch of the reunification, you are more than welcome to buy yourself a souvenir.

Deaf preschool teacher will explain to you, how they teach the deaf children of the deaf Kindergarten using sign language. The children will be very happy about your visit and probably curious to learn about your life in your home countries.

If time allows it, you might be able to visit the Potonggang-store. This is where deaf hairdressers and tailors work. You can ask for a haircut, which usually is offered with a combination of a neck and shoulder massage.

You can get a glimpse of the ways of how people in the DPRK work. Just to watch them is lots of fun and quite interesting.

Lunch and dinner will take place in local restaurants of Pyongyang. Your accommodation for the night will be the Changgwangsan hotel.

30. October 2018 - Tuesday: Songchong in the morning - Pyongyang (Taedonggang Cultural House of the KFPD) in the afternoon

You will get off for Songchon in the morning, which is situated approximately 70 km away from Pyongyang. There you will visit one of eight deaf schools in the DPRK. The school was founded in 1959. There you will learn about the teaching system for deaf people, which is practiced in the DPRK for already more than 50 years.

After lunch in a local restaurant, you will visit the Taedonggang Culture Centre of the Korean Federation for the Protection of the Disabled (KFPD), which was founded in Pyongyang in 1998. The Korean disabled dancing group will show you a great performance of dancing and singing in Korean sign language.

A deaf magician will pick one of your group for an unbelievable and unforgettable performance of magic. After the show acts you can spend some time with the deaf artists and the KFPD staff. The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) is working together with the KFPD for almost 10 years, to support the work for the deaf in the DPRK.

After dinner, you can visit the Kaeson Fun fair.

31. October 2018 - Wednesday: Pyongyang - Wonsan - Kumgang mountain range

During a long ride through the country to the east coast of North Korea, you will be impressed by the changing and bizarre landscape of North Korea. After you have arrived at the port of Wonsan, you can enjoy the specialties of North Korea's east coast for lunch.

Afterwards you will visit the second of eight deaf schools in Wonsan and deaf children will be happy about your visit and to hear about your experiences.

In the afternoon you will continue on to the Kumgang mountain range, which translates to „diamond mountain range“ and have a stop at the picturesque three-day-lake (Sample). The name „three-day-lake“ results from a story of a king who wanted to stop there for a short rest. But he was so taken by the picturesque and breathtaking landscape, that he decided to stay for three full days.

Afterwards you will check in at the Oekumgang hotel for dinner.

1. November 2018 - Thursday: Kumgang mountain range

Today a big sports event for the disabled will take place in the Kumgang mountain range, which includes swimming, table tennis, archery, running and a marathon. If you want to, you can participate in the competition. Deaf athletes will show off their sporty talents.

After lunch, we will hike through the Kumgang mountains and enjoy a hot thermal bath, to relax our body from the strain of the walk.

Lunch and dinner are organized in the Kumgang mountains and you will spend the night in the Oekumgang hotel.

2. November 2018 - Friday: Kumgang - Wonsan - Masik-ski area - Pyongyang

After breakfast in the Oekumgang hotel, we will drive back to Pyongyang. For lunch, we will be at the Masik - ski area and will have the opportunity to admire the modern ski resort, which was put up by order of Marshal Kim Jong Un. Right after our arrival in Pyongyang, we will drive to the Changgwangsan hotel, to get refreshed for the fir well- and anniversary -party for the 10th GOOD FELLOWSHIP.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary celebration for the International Deaf Meeting „GOOD FELLOWSHIP“, there will be a big party together with the deaf of Pyongyang, on the rainbow ship on the

river Taedong. It will be a surprise, if the party on the ship includes a special program.

3. November 2018- Saturday: Departure to Beijing

After an early breakfast, you will be driven to the airport, to fly to Beijing. The flight departure time in Pyongyang is 8:30 am and is scheduled to arrive in Beijing around 10am.

This travel itinerary may be adjusted, which could result in changes of the scheduled visits to the sights.

Travel costs: 1269,00 Euro

included in the costs are:

- a roundtrip in North Korea
- Accommodation in the hotels in the DPRK
- Flight with AIR KORYO : Beijing - Pyongyang – Beijing
- Admission fees in North Korea
- Full board (including international and authentic Korean meals)
- International sign language interpreter

not included in the costs are :

- tips for travel guide, driver and sign language interpreter
- Chinese visa fees (double entry)
- Flight to and from Beijing (from your home town)
- North Korean visa fee 50 € per person, 150 RMB for Chinese passport holders

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