



## THE TONGIL

**A North Korea / South Korea experience you'll never forget**

- 7N/8D IN NORTH KOREA + 7N/8D IN SOUTH KOREA
- STARTS and ENDS in BEIJING, CHINA
- Travel to China, North Korea, and South Korea.
- Tour runs with 4 or more participants

**AUD \$7380 (double) \$8280 (single)**

## **TOUR OVERVIEW**

THE TONGIL, a Tongil Tours Classic Journey, is a unique experience that focuses on giving you a perspective on the Korean peninsula few outsiders will ever know! Travel to both sides of the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) during this tour, and learn about the history, experience the culture, and experience the amazing hospitality of both nations.

## **LEARNING FOCUS**

THE TONGIL by Tongil Tours is designed to give you not only exciting and unforgettable experiences in both Koreas, but also a basic introduction to the history and issues that are unique to this important region. A number of weeks before departure, you will be sent a digital selection of both academic and lighter popular readings that will help you gain a basic understanding of the region. You will also enjoy lectures in South Korea from experts in Korean Studies who will be able to answer any of your questions about the history and current events. Exact speakers and dates TBA.

## **ALL INCLUSIVE**

Upon commencement of tour at the airport in Beijing, China, all lodging, food, and transportation is included in pricing. We handle all fees, tickets, and other travelling logistics so you can enjoy the most incredible and educational journey of your life. Some minor exceptions apply, See below.

## **TRANSPORTATION**

All transportation will be on modern buses.

## **HOTELS & ACCOMODATION**

All 4 star accomodation included in fee.

## **MEALS & CUSINE**

Our tour will feature the delicious cusines and styles of food that Korea has to offer, from cold noodles, duck barbeque, and the cuisine of past Korean royalty in North Korea, to the iconic beef and pork barbeque houses, hot pots, and street food of Seoul, you will enjoy some of the tastiest food that the peninsula has to offer. All first rounds of alcohol included in fee.

## **KOREA EXPERTS**

THE TONGIL is accompanied by a Tongil Tours guide who is fluent in English, speaks Korean, and has studied the region of northeast Asia at the graduate level.

## **LOCAL TOUR MANAGER**

We work with tour managers in both North and South Korea. Our local bi-lingual tour managers will be around to help at any time. They will manage all needs for the tour group at any time, working with Tongil Tours, and dealing with the logistics of the trip.

## ITINERARY

### Day Before departure: BEIJING NIGHT OUT + BRIEFING

- The Beijing Night Out is a time when you can sit down and meet your fellow travellers over dinner while your Tongil Tours guide briefs you on visiting North Korea.

### DAY 1 - PYONGYANG

- Meet at Beijing Capital airport for departure flight to Pyongyang (Details to be sent later)
- Upon arrival in Pyongyang, we will head to Mansu Hill, where the statues of leaders Kim Jong-il and Kim Il-sung stand
- Stroll around Kim Il-sung Square and the Taedong River

### DAY 2 - DPRK - PYONGYANG CITY TOUR & MUSEUMS + PUB VISIT

- Kumsusan Palace of the Sun, where the Kims lie in state
- Mangyongdae Native House - the birthplace of Kim Il Sung
- Pyongyang Metro - the deepest subway system in the world.
- Juche Tower - dedicated to North Korea's governing political ideology of Juche.
- After dinner, we head to a local pub to sample some of the local spirits

### DAY 3 - DPRK - KAESONG AND THE DMZ

- The Demilitarised Zone (DMZ), where you can have one foot in the north, and one foot in the south. This will be our first trip to the DMZ, and we'll remember that soon we'll be visiting the DMZ from the South!
- Koryo History Museum - dedicated to Kaesong's past as capital of Koryo Dynasty Korea
- Sonjuk Bridge, the site where famed Confucian scholar and statesman Chong Mongju was assassinated in 1392

- The Tomb of King Kongmin
- Sariwon Folk Street
- Kwangbok Street Shopping Center
- Overnight - Yanggak Island Hotel

### DAY 4 - DPRK - MT. MYOHYANG

- Enjoy the spectacular scenery of Mt. Myohyang and the surrounding areas, and enjoy hikes among the mountain's majestic pine forests, waterfalls, and wildlife.
- International Friendship Exhibition - where gifts from foreigners to North Korea's leaders are stored and exhibited
- Overnight - the deluxe Hyangsan Hotel.f

### DAY 5 - DPRK - PYONGYANG

- Ryongmun Caves - An expansive cave network located near Mount Myohyang in North Pyongan Province
- Pyongyang Schoolchildren's Palace.
- local Middle or High School, where we will be given a tour of the grounds and then drop in on an English lesson where we will be able to chat and interact with the students.
- Korean Art Gallery - The DPRK's main art gallery situated in the heart of Pyongyang on Kim Il Square
- Overnight at Yanggak Island hotel

### DAY 6 - DPRK - EAST SEA PORT CITY OF WONSAN





- Sinpyong Rest Stop - A rest stop located in the middle of the Pyongyang-Wonsan Highway.
- Kangwon Province Art Gallery - A small art gallery located by the seaside in central Wonsan.
- Wonsan Square - Wonsan's central square located right on the sea.
- Wonsan Agricultural University
- Jangdok Islet and Pier  
An island in Wonsan Bay with a small lighthouse.
- Overnight in the deluxe Masikryong Hotel.

### **DAY 7 - DPRK - PYONGYANG**

- GrandPeople's Study House - and interesting view into the literature that is allowed in North Korea
- People's Outdoor Ice Skating Rink
- Pyongyang Roller Skating Rink
- After dinner, we'll go on a boat cruise on the Mujigae ("rainbow) Ferry down the Taedong River.

Overnight: Yanggak Island Hotel

### **DAY 8 - NORTH and SOUTH - RETURN TO BEIJING + TRAVEL TO SOUTH KOREA**

- After breakfast, we drive to Sunan airport for Air Koryo JS 151 back to Beijing.
- 9AM (Pyongyang time) - Estimated departure time. Flight time - approximately two hours.
- 10:30AM (Beijing time, half an hour earlier than Pyongyang time) - Estimated arrival time.
- Connecting flight to South Korea from Beijing (details to be announced).

#### ARRIVAL IN SOUTH KOREA

For our first day in South Korea, you will be picked up at the airport, and then taken to your hotel to settle in and take a rest.

Traditional Korean dinner.

### **DAY 9 - South Korea - GYEONGBOKKUNG PALACE + INSADONG + GWANGHWAMUN PLAZA**

On day 9, and our first full day in the South, we will explore some of the history of Korea by visiting the most important palace in South Korea, **Gyeongbokung Palace**, located in the heart of Seoul. We will then **Bukchon Hanok Village**, filled with traditional Korean houses. We also spend some time looking around **Kwanghwamun Plaza**, the heart of Seoul. Close the day in **Insadong**, the famous arts district of Seoul.

Overnight in Seoul.

### **DAY 10 - South Korea - ARTS + CRAFTS SHOPPING**

On Day 3, we head to the **National Museum of Korea**, where we can get a close look at the rich, amazing tradition of art throughout the peninsula. Next we head to the **Dongdaemun Design Plaza** and take a City Tour on a double-decker bus.

Overnight in Seoul.



## **DAY 11 - South Korea - GANGNAM + MYEONGDONG + SHOPPING SPREE**

Day 6 is a great day for shopping lovers. We start in the famous shopping location of **Myeongdong**, visit **Myeongdong Cathedral**, and also **Seoul Tower**.

We then head to **Gangnam**, where we check out the subject of the famous song, "Gangnam Style" from which Psy took his inspiration. Shopping at the massive, modern **COEX Mall**.

Overnight in Seoul.

## **DAY 12 - South Korea - DMZ, Panmunjum, 3rd Tunnel Tour**

Head north to the border with North Korea, and experience the intrigue and history of the standoff between North and South first hand. Sit at the table where the actual border between the two countries crosses.

Back to Seoul in the late afternoon for a meat dinner and makkeoli pub crawl in Insadong.

Overnight in Seoul.

## **DAY 13 - South Korea - PYEONGCHANG OLYMPIC VENUE + SIGHT-SEEING**

On day 13, we head east to the most beautiful mountain range in South Korea, Seoraksan, where we will do lots of sight-seeing, eat great food, and explore the local sites and sounds.

- skiing, snowboarding, tubing, etc [winter only]
- spend time in the sauna
- drink coffee or have a beer in a pub with a great view, and relax
- visit a Buddhist temple

Overnight in Pyeongchang

## **DAY 14 - South Korea - PYEONGCHANG OLYMPIC VENUE + SIGHT-SEEING**

Continue with the beauty of Seoraksan in the morning, then head to Seokcho on the east coast of South Korea to soak up the beauty of the ocean and enjoy a seafood lunch. Head back to Seoul in the afternoon, where we will attend a concert or other cultural event.

Overnight in Seoul.

## **DAY 15 - South Korea - University Visits and lectures.**

On day 15, we will tour Yonsei University, one of the top three universities in South Korea, visit Yonsei Korean Language Institute, one of the premier Korean language learning centers in the world. Also, spend time with some of the leading professors of





Korean foreign relations and learn directly from them the possibilities for the future re-unification of the two Koreas, the namesake of the tour.

Head to Hongdae in afternoon, where students and lovers of culture gather to experience hip bars, cafes, and galleries.

Overnight in Seoul.

### **DAY 16 - South Korea - DEPARTURE DAY**

On day 7, following breakfast, we will head to Incheon International for the flight back to Beijing, where the tour will officially end.

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### **FURTHER DETAILS**

#### **WHAT IS INCLUDED**

- + Round trip air tickets from Beijing to Pyongyang and Beijing to Seoul
- + DPRK visa fees and handling
- + Three meals a day in North and South Korea
- + Transportation in North and South Korea
- + Local English-speaking guides in North Korea
- + Bilingual Western academic guide from Tongil Tours
- + Local driver
- + Most admission fees

#### **WHAT IS NOT INCLUDED**

- Round-trip airfare to Beijing from home country
- Beijing hotel accommodations
- Chinese visa fees and processing (if necessary)
- Travel insurance and medical evacuation insurance (required)
- Gifts, souvenirs, snacks, hotel services, miscellaneous purchases,
- Extra drinks during meals (one complimentary beer and bottled



water included with most meals in North Korea)  
- DPRK out of pocket expenses (see below)

### **OUT OF POCKET EXPENSES**

These expenses are not included in the tour fee. It will be necessary to bring a little extra in cash – either Chinese yuan, Euros, or US dollars, into North Korea to pay for these expenses on the day. Note that some prices may be approximate.

Kaeson Youth Funfair ticket, 20 euro / 150 Chinese yuan / \$25 USD (approx. \$30 AUD). Entry without going on the rides, 5 euro / 40 Chinese yuan / \$6 USD (approx. \$8 AUD).

Tips for the guides and driver (in total from each traveller) - 40 euro / 300 Chinese yuan / \$50 USD (approx. \$65 AUD).

Skate park fee (for those wishing to skate) - 4 euro / 30 Chinese yuan / \$5 USD (approx. \$7 AUD)

Ice-skating rink fee (for those wishing to ice skate) - 4 euro / 30 Chinese yuan / \$5 USD (approx. \$7 AUD)

Juche Tower elevator ticket (for those wishing to see the view at the top), 5 euro / 40 yuan / \$6 USD (approx. \$8 AUD)

Micro-brewed beer (a pint) - 2 euro / 15 Chinese yuan / \$2 US dollars (approx. \$3)

Possibility for a visit to a café, Italian, hamburger, or other special restaurant - 7- 14 euro / 50 - 100 Chinese yuan / \$8- \$16 USD (approx \$11-\$22 AUD)

Pyongyang Circus ticket - 20 euro / 150 Chinese yuan / \$25 USD (approx. \$30 AUD)

And of course, bring along some extra cash for souvenirs and snacks. We'd say at least about 70 euro / 500 Chinese yuan / \$80 USD (approx. \$110)

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