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Proposition de Voyage : North Korea - China

Places : Beijing – Pyongyang – Kaesong – Nampo – Dandong – Great Wall

This trip will give you the opportunity to learn more about photography, interact with the local children and to experience the culture that this beautiful country has to bring!

During this trip you get the unique opportunity to learn the tricks of the trade of Photography from Anthony Asael, the founder and executive director of AiA and a spectacular renowned photographer who has had over sixty expositions in ten countries. Anthony has traveled around the world extensively and has been to Korea/China two times already and therefore knows the country very well.

As you can imagine, any trip to North Korea have to follow strict rules and must be always accompanied by local guides. Knowing our local partners since 2008, the guides are very well formed and will give us a unique opportunity to know better about the local culture. Additionally, if we are lucky, exceptionally we will be able to visit and organize Art in All of Us activities in a local schools !

Day 1 :

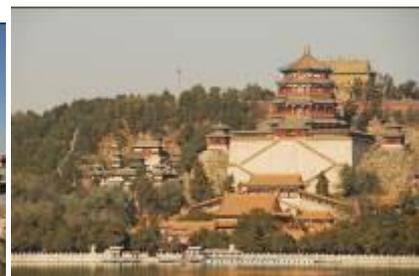
Arrival Beijing

You arrive in Beijing early afternoon. We bring you to your hotel
Lunch and first visit of old Beijing

Day 2 :

Beijing

Visit of the city main attractive sights and several hidden secrets of old town: Tiananmen Square, the Forbidden City, Kuming Lake, Summer Palace, old town street markets,...



Day 3 :



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Pyongyang

Departure with Air Koryo flight JS152 Beijing – Pyongyang at 13:00, arrive in Pyongyang at 16:25. Meet guides who will accompany you during your stay, **Arch of Triumph** – similar to the French version (but bigger), **Fountain Park**, **Mansudae Grand Monument** - statue of President Kim Il Sung
OVERNIGHT: Yanggakdo Hotel (or Sosa Hotel), Pyongyang



Day 4 :

Pyongyang

AM: **Kumsusan Memorial Palace**- Mausoleum where President Kim Il Sung lies in state, **Revolutionary Martyrs' Cemetery**, **Foreign Language Bookshop**, **Kim Il Sung Square** - Pyongyang's largest square in the heart of the city

PM: **Moranbong Park**, **Local funfair**, **Fountain Park**, **Mansudae Grand Monument** - statue of President Kim Il Sung, **Golden Lane Bowling Centre** - where Pyongyangers go for their ten-pin fix, also has some early 90s arcade games

OVERNIGHT: Yanggakdo Hotel (or Sosa Hotel), Pyongyang



Day 5 :

Kaesong

AM: Drive to Kaesong (2,5hours) , **Panmunjom/DMZ** (the demarcation line between North and South Korea), **Koryo Museum** (relics of the ancient city), **Local park and pavilions**.

PM: **Tomb of King Kongmin** (dynastic king of Korea), **local park and pavilion**, return to Pyongyang, Walk in the city along **Taedong river**, ancient city gates

OVERNIGHT: Yanggakdo Hotel (or Sosa Hotel), Pyongyang



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Day 6:

Pyongyang

AM: Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum (Korean War Museum) - hear and see the DPRK version of the conflict, **War victory Monuments**, **Mangyongdae Native House** (birthplace of Kim Il Sung), **Pyongyang Metro (extended ride)** - the deepest in the world, take a ride with the locals
PM: USS Pueblo - tour the American espionage ship captured in the 1968, **3 Revolutions Exhibition**, **Schoolchildren's Palace** tour and performance, drive to **Nampo**
OVERNIGHT: Ryanggang Hot Spa Hotel, Nampo



School visit option. We are already in negotiation process in order to have an exceptional authorization to visit a local school like I did in 2008 and organize Art in All of Us activities:





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Day 7 :

Nampo

AM: West Sea Barrage (8km long land reclamation project), **Nampo Taekwondo School** - see a demonstration of the fierce abilities of the students

PM: Chollima Steel Works - New for 2012! Tae'an Heavy Machine Tool Complex, Tae'an Glass Factory, Return to Pyongyang, **Pyongyang Film Studio, Juche Tower** (panoramic views of Pyongyang from 150m up), **Monument to Party Foundation** - commemorates the 50 years of Workers' Party rule, **Department Store, Paradise micro-brewery & bar**

OVERNIGHT: Yanggakdo Hotel (or Sosa Hotel), Pyongyang

Day 8

Train to Dandong, China

Really a fantastic journey that permits us to see rural North Korea.



Day 9 :

Dandong (China)

Dandong is a fascinating small city on the Chinese side of the Yalu river, facing across to Sinuiju, your point of exit from DPRK after the tour. The train from DPRK arrives in China at around 17:30 and here you get off and transfer to your hotel. Dinner is in a local Chinese restaurant and the evening is your own. Next morning, the first stop is a trip to the most eastern part of the Great Wall at Tiger Mountain overlooking North Korea. Here you can take a boat trip at the 'one metre hop' the narrowest point between China and DPRK (it is possible to see Korean People's Army border guards up close, just a few metres away). Next is the snappily-named 'Museum of War to Resist America and Aid Korea' otherwise known as the Korean war museum, which charts the events which led to the deployment of over 2 million Chinese 'volunteers' to Korea in 1950. Here you can learn the Chinese side of the story as well as view many very well presented rooms (now all exhibits have English captions). Compare and contrast with the Korean version of events as well as that taught in the west. Stunning city views are afforded by the hilltop

After lunch which is taken in a North Korean you take another boat trip, this time on the wider Yalu river; the boat sweeps up and down the river in and out of North Korean waters, great for photos!



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You can also walk along the 'Broken Bridge' which runs parallel to the friendship bridge over the Yalu river connecting the two countries. Half destroyed by the US air force in the Korean War, the broken bridge extends to exactly the halfway point between China and DPRK. Around the bridge area all manner of North Korean goodies can be bought, from badges and cigarettes to currency and other knick-knacks!

After this there will be just enough time for photos at the giant red Chairman Mao statue outside the railway station before boarding the overnight sleeper for Beijing.



Day 10 :

Beijing

Options:

- Continue visiting some of the highlights of Beijing
- Shopping tour

Day 11 :

Great Wall

As one of the Seven Wonders of the World and a must-see sight in China, the Great Wall is the most popular attraction in China. The wall is approximately 7.6 meters high and 3.7 meters wide and stretches 6700km across the north of China covering a total of 11 provinces. The original wall was constructed more than 2000 years ago but has since undergone constant renovations in different dynasties.



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Day 12 :

Departure Beijing

TOUR FEE INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING:

Flight Beijing-Pyongyang, train Pyongyang-Dandong-Beijing

All meals

Hotel accommodation

All entry fees

Two guides and a driver per group in North Korea

NOT INCLUDED IN THE TOUR FEE:

Optional single room supplement of EUR 45 per night

Spending money for drinks and souvenirs

China (10 Euros approx.) and DPRK visa fee CNY 500

Tip for the guides (approx EUR 20-25 total)

Meals will have a complimentary beer but you will have to pay for extra drinks above those provided.

If you are vegetarian or have special dietary requirements then please inform us beforehand