

9th GOOD FELLOWSHIP as the International Deaf Meeting in Pyongyang
6 days / 5 nights

9thSep – Saturday – Saturday - National Day of the Foundation of the DPR Korea:

After a two hour flight with AIR KORYO (JU152) from Beijing to Pyongyang, you will be picked up by Korean local tour guides and drive into the city. During the transfer from the Airport to the Hotel, you will stop at a place in Pyongyang to enjoy a group dance by students on occasion of the National Day of the Foundation of the DPRK. The Changgwangsan Hotel will welcome you to check in and get a first glimpse of the local Korean, in a local restaurant, which offers the best opportunity to taste the real Korean food with the famous traditional Kim Chi. After dinner there will be a „first-day-party“ of the 9th GOOD FELLOWSHIP at the bar on the 7th floor of the Changgwangsan Hotel.

10thSep - Sunday: September – Sunday: City Tour in Pyongyang and Mangyongdae:

After breakfast in the grand dining room, you will drive to the Mansudae Fountain Park, opened in 1976, where many Koreans come to study, to relax and maybe even to flirt. As the tradition of the GOOD FELLOWSHIP, your group will take a photo in front of the group sculpture “snow falls” with 28 dancers. Then you will come across a flower seller, which gives you the opportunity to buy a flower bouquet to lay down in front of the Grand Monuments on Mansu Hill for the commemoration of the President Kim IL Sung, Founder of the DPR Korea and the Eternal General Secretariat of the Workers` Party of Korea, Kim Jong IL. If time allows it, you can take a photo of a great view on the Chollima statue, which was unveiled on 15th April 1961 on occasion of the 49th birthday of the President Kim IL Sung.

The newly built Sci-Tech Complex on the Ssuk Isle will surprise you by it`s modern architecture, but also the highly developed library and education, incl. a department related to the disabled issue with the program of sign language and booklets of sign language. Finally you will drive to Mangyongdae near Pyongyang, to learn about the birth place and the childhood life of President Kim IL Sung.

From Puhung Station, meaning *Reconstruction*, to Kaeson Station, meaning *Triumphal Return*, you will ride by the Pyongyang metro through 5 stations of the Chollima line. At Kaeson Station you will get off and admire the grand Arch of Triumph, bigger than the one in Paris. It was inaugurated in 1982 on the occasion of the 70th Birthday of President Kim IL Sung to commemorate the glorification of the role of Kim IL Sung in the military resistance for the Korean independence.

Lunch and dinner will take place in the local restaurants in Pyongyang and accommodation will be organized for you at the Changgwangsan Hotel.

11th Sep - Monday: morning Songchon – Afternoon in Pyongyang (Taedonggang Cultural House KFPD):

In the morning you will depart for Songchon, about 70 km from Pyongyang to visit one of eight deaf schools in the DPRK, established in 1959. There you will learn about the educational system for the deaf, which has been practiced for more than 50 years in the DPRK. After Lunch in a local restaurant, you will visit the Taedonggang Cultural House of the Korean Federation of the Protection of the Disabled (KFPD), established in 1998, in Pyongyang. The Korean Dancing troupe of the Disabled will show some great performances in combination of dancing and singing in the Korean Sign Language. A deaf magician will choose a person among your group for an incredible and unforgettable performance of magic. After the performance you can socialize with the deaf performers and the Korean staff of the KFPD. The World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) cooperated with KFPD for almost 10 years now, to support the deaf community in the DPRK. After dinner, you may visit the Kaeson Fun fair.

12th Sep – Tuesday, Tuesday: Kaesong – Panmunjom:

Today the whole day will be a trip through the Korean History: Driving by Bus along the “Reunification Highway” via Kaesong to Panmunjom for about 2,5 hours to visit the Panmunjom Truce Village. It`s located in the middle of the 4 km wide demilitarized Zone (DMZ) where the armistice was signed at the

end of the Korean War in 1953. This is the only place you can directly see soldiers from both sides and border dividing Korea. If you might be lucky, you can enter the hut straddling both Koreas and cross temporarily into the south there.

After lunch at a local reunification restaurant in Kaesong, the historic capital of the Koryo Dynasty (918-1392), you will visit the Kaesong Koryo Museum, a UNESCO World Heritage Site. It used to be the Songgyung Academy, a Confucian school and is now a museum of the Koryo Dynasty with many historical objects, statues and porcelain from that era. After a visit to the Sonjuk Bridge and the Pyochung Monument from the Koryo Dynasty, you will return to Pyongyang.

Dinner will take place at a local restaurant in Pyongyang and accommodation will be organized for you at the Changgwangsan Hotel.

13th Sep - Wednesday: Deaf tour in Pyongyang

Today will be the day of the highlights: A visit to the first Deaf Kindergarten and Deaf Center with the deaf film studio.

The deaf Kindergarten and deaf Center was established in 2016 within the framework of the 4-Year Action Plan of the World Federation of the Deaf (WFD) and the KFPD. The members of the Deaf Association of Korea (DAK) and the Sign Language Interpreters` Association of Korea (SLIAK) will welcome you and guide you through the building of the Deaf Center. Behind the deaf Center, the deaf carpenters work at the Deaf Wood Workshop and will show their crafts to you. If you like one among those crafts, like a lighting wooden arch of reunification, you can buy it as your souvenirs.

Deaf preschool teachers will explain you how deaf children will be taught in Korean Sign Language at the Deaf Kindergarten. Deaf children will be very happy about your visit and curious about your life in your homeland.

If time allows it, you might visit the Potonggang Convenience Shop, the working place of deaf barbers and tailors. You can ask them for a haircut which is usually combined with a neck and shoulder massage! Even just watching this ceremony is fun, just have a look how they work in the DPR of Korea. Lunch will take place at a local restaurant and the farewell dinner at a traditional restaurant in Pyongyang

14th Sep - Thursday: departure for Beijing

After an early breakfast you will be transferred to the Airport for the flight to Beijing. The **flight departs** Pyongyang at 08:30 and arrives in Beijing at approx 10:00am.

The Travel itinerary may be modified or replaced to visit other sightseeing.

Travel Price: 1064,00 Euro

Tour included:

- Round trip in North Korea
- Accommodation at Hotels in DPRK
- Flight by AIR KORYO: Beijing - Pyongyang – Beijing
- Entrance Prices in North Korea
- Full board (International and authentic Korean meals included)
- International Sign Language Interpreter

Tour not included:

- Tips for guides, drivers and the Sign Language Interpreter
- Chinese Visa Fee (Double entry)
- Round trip flight to Beijing from your home
- DPRK Visa 50 Euro per Person, for Chinese passport Holder 150 RMB