

SESI

Sight, Encounter, Sound & Interact

Oct 6 – Oct 13 , 2015 (8D7N)

Application Deadline : Sep 15 , 2015

Price : \$ 2,480

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Cultural diversity as humanity's common heritage should be recognized and celebrated for the sake of both present and future generations to come.

- Glocal Encounters

Article 7 Cultural heritage as the wellspring of creativity : Creation draws on the roots of cultural tradition, but flourishes in contact with other cultures. For this reason, heritage in all its forms must be preserved enhanced and handed on to future generations as a record of human experience and aspirations, so as to foster creativity in all its diversity and to inspire genuine dialogue among cultures.

-UNESCO Universal Declaration on Cultural Diversity Declaration





The name and philosophy of Glocal Encounters (GE)

GE (Glocal Encounters) stands for harmoniously mutual and enriching exchanges amongst widely varied and unique local cultures, languages and traditions of nations around the globe.

GE believes that through mutually respectful cultural exchanges as human encounters between and amongst cultures, people from all walks of life around the world may learn, appreciate, and celebrate the immensely diverse cultures of humanity.



Through its unique global tourism project, GE, together with its global patrons, hopes that a genuinely harmonious world of peace may arrive not too far down the road.



“SESI is an eye-opening tour series for the first time visitors as well as seasoned travelers to DPRK.”

Explore the best of North Korea this October, including the country’s biggest celebrations of the year - the 70th anniversary of the Workers’ Party Foundation Day!

Join our journey from the UNESCO World Heritage Sites to one of the deepest metro trains of the world, from the rare wooden structure of the Confucian academy of 14th century to today’s prestigious kindergarten and Children’s Palace for the elite computer education, from the original repository of the Buddhist scriptures carved on over 800,000 wooden blocks to the modern library housing 30-million books. Visit the last vestige of the Cold War, Panmunjom, and have a simulation experience of the Korean War as a North Korean would have at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum. Explore the unique architectural styles of old and new, and visit Ginseng plantation along with the exclusive CNC Greenhouse Institute. Walk around the Kim Il Sung Square, among the world’s 30 largest public squares, play a friendship soccer game with the youth of Pyongyang International Soccer Academy, and join the citizens’ dance in front of Pyongyang Grand Theater. Enter the history and the culture of one of the most remote places of today, and come home with valuable insight for a more peaceful world of tomorrow.

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TOUR Map



Pyongyang

Sinchun

Panmunjom
DMZ

Kaesung

Kumchon

Sariwon

Pyongyang

Mt. Myohyang

Pyongyang



Rapidly risen from the rubbles of the Korean War, the country is now visited by over 100,000 tourists each year. (Kim Wall, "A Tourist in North Korea," *The Atlantic*, October 30, 2014)



Day 1 (Tuesday, Oct 6)

Night Scenery of Pyongyang, Capital City of DPRK

Fly from Beijing to Pyongyang on Air Koryo (JS) flight 152, and you will be greeted by the local DPRK guides. As you enter the city, stop by the Arch of Triumph and Party Founding Memorial Tower before checking in at the centrally-located 4-star Yanggakdo International Hotel. A welcome dinner, a Korean traditional stew (Jungol), is served at Chongryu Hotpot Restaurant. Visit Juche Tower and enjoy the night scenery of Pyongyang along the Taedong River.





Panmunjom / DMZ , border between the North and the South, is the last vestige of the Cold War, standing as a reminder of “Unfinished War” for over 60 years.



Day 2 (Wednesday, Oct 7) : *Sinchun*, depicted in Picasso's "Massacre in Korea" (1951); *Panmunjom (DMZ)*, the 60-year-old reminder of the "Unfinished War"; and *Kaesung*, capital of the first Unified Kingdom of Koryo (UNESCO World Heritage Sites)

After breakfast at the hotel, ride to Sinchun. At Sinchun Museum you will see the tombs of children and mothers. Then take a ride down to Panmunjom (border between the North and the South as well as the last vestige of the Cold War), Demilitarized Zone (DMZ), the Signing Hall for Korean Armistice Agreement, and the Concrete Wall that completely divides the two Koreas. After lunch at Tong Il Restaurant, ride to Kaesung, the capital of ancient Koryo dynasty and home to 12 UNESCO World Heritage Sites. Immerse yourself in the 14th century Korea as we visit Koryo Museum, Koryo Sungkyunkwan University, and Sungyang Library Hall, a rare 14th century Confucian academy that maintains the design and wooden architectural style of pre-Japanese invasion of 1592. Visit Tomb of King Kongmin, which consists of two burial mounds of King Kongmin and his beloved Queen Noguk, a Mongolian princess. Get a glimpse of royal grandeur at Manwoldae, the official royal palace of Koryo dynasty. Enjoy dinner and stay at Folkcustoms Hotel of Kaesong.





The first Unified Kingdom of Koryo - UNESCO World Heritage Sites



Korean Traditional Dinner Table



**Day 3 (Thursday, Oct 8)
Kumchon, Sariwon, Pyongyang**

After breakfast at Folk Customs Hotel, visit Kumchon Ginseng Plantation before driving through another city Sariwon to Pyongyang. Lunch at Mangyongdae Gallery Restaurant, Pyongyang Bibimbop (famous Korean well-being dish), then visit Pyongyang Vegetable Science Institute, the powerhouse of vegetation research and production. Take an inside look into DPRK education at Mankyungdae Youth Palace for extra-curricular activities, where 600 teachers volunteer to assist 5,000 children each day, and the prestigious art institute, Changgwang Kindergarten. City tour of Pyongyang will include monumental architecture and districts. Enjoy entertainment program after dinner, and stay at Yanggakdo International Hotel.



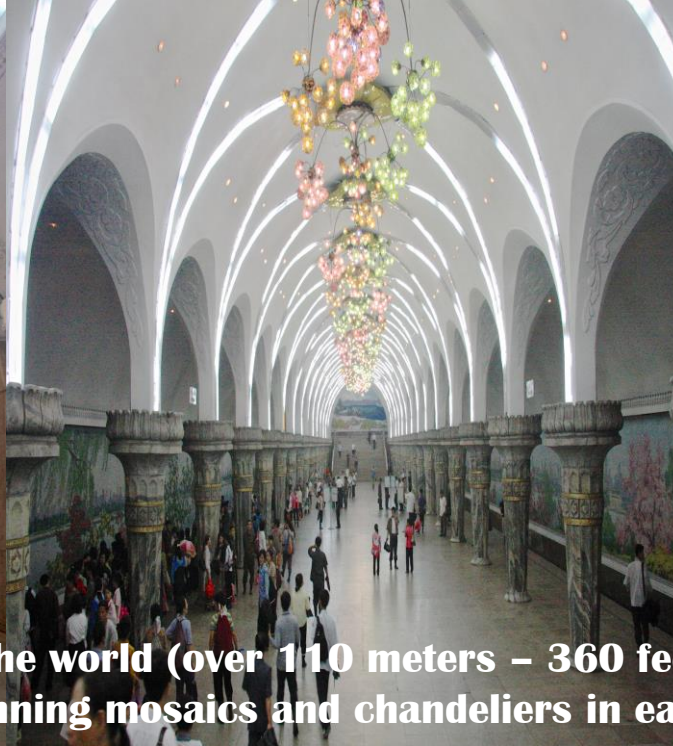
The Mankyungdae Youth Palace for after school extra-curricular activities and elite computer education, where 600 teachers volunteer to assist 5,000 children each day





Day 4 (Friday, October 9) Pyongyang

After breakfast, visit Taesungsan Revolutionary Martyrs' Cemetery honoring the deceased revolutionary armed guerilla fighters against the Japanese colonialists during the 1930s and 1940s. See how a North Korean would have experienced the Korean War at the Victorious Fatherland Liberation War Museum, featuring real artillery used and captured as well as walk-through models of battlefields. Stop by the thematical statue <VICTORY> at the Monument to Victorious Fatherland Liberation War, and step inside the USS <Pueblo>. After lunch at Taedong River Cruise Restaurant, tour the Korean People's Army Arms Exhibition Center before taking the artistic Pyongyang metro, one of the deepest – 110 meters (360 feet) down the ground - metro trains of the world. Take a walk around Kim Il Sung Square, one of the world's 30 largest public squares. Tour Rungna People's Amusement Park or Moranbong - literally "peony peak" for its natural features - known to be the site of Kim Il-Sung's public speech after returning from exile in 1945. Enjoy outdoor roller skating, and after dinner at the hotel, take a walk along the Taedong River and join the citizens' soiree in front of Pyongyang Grand Theater, a crossover style of architecture between traditional and modern Korean designs. Stay at Yanggakdo Hotel.



One of the deepest metros in the world (over 110 meters – 360 feet – underground), Pyongyang metro displays stunning mosaics and chandeliers in each station.



Day 5 (Saturday, Oct 10)
Pyongyang, 70th Anniversary
of Workers' Party
Foundation Day
Celebrations

After breakfast at the hotel, join in the special celebratory events for the 70th Anniversary of the Workers' Party Foundation Day and watch the parade. After lunch at the hotel, tour the Korean Art Museum for the Celebration Arts Exhibition. Visit Mansoodae Art Gallery, housing 4,000 artists, before dinner at the hotel. Enjoy the celebratory performances before joining the citizens' soiree at the Kim Il Sung Square with fireworks. Stay at Yanggakdo International Hotel.





KOREAN ART, ANCIENT AND MODERN







**Day 6 (Sunday, Oct 11)
Mt. Myohyang**

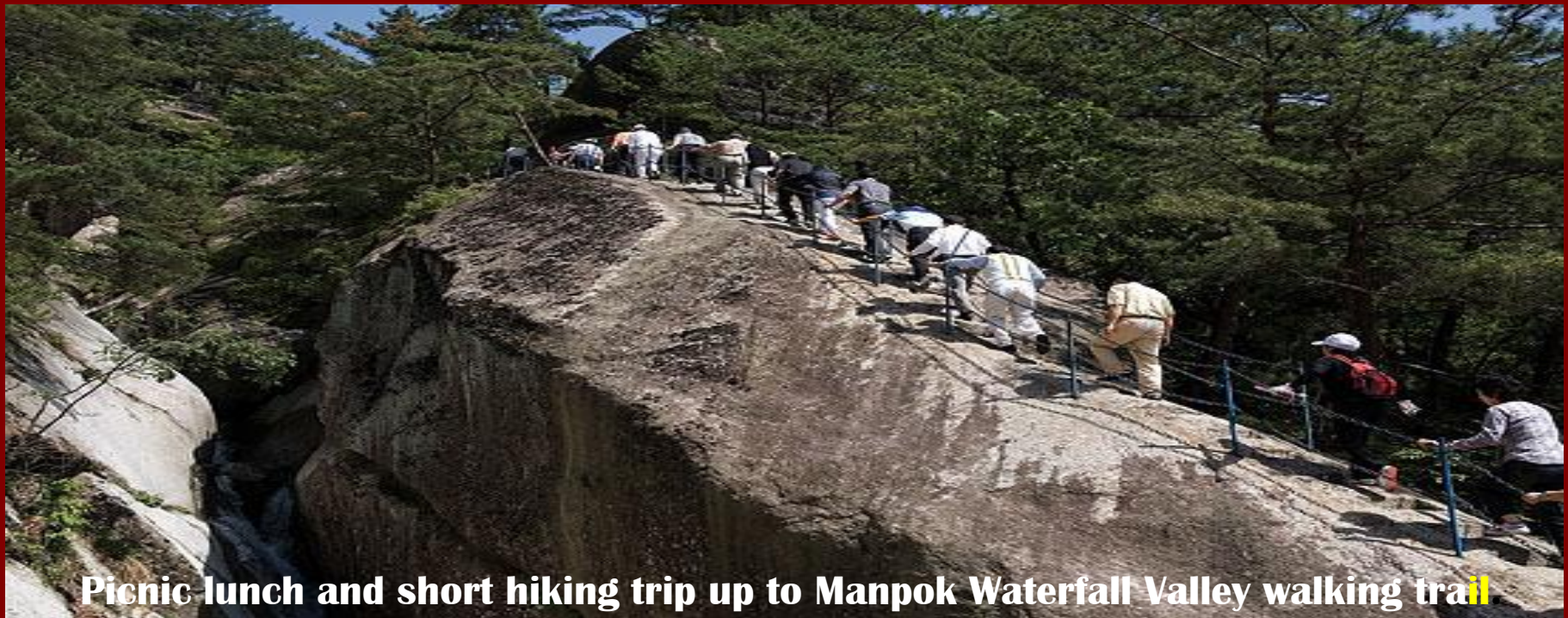
**After breakfast in Pyongyang,
ride to Mt. Myohang,
a UNESCO designated
“world biosphere reserve.”**

**Visit Pohyon Buddhist
Temple, the original
repository of Tripitaka
Koreana, the complete
collection of Buddhist
scriptures carved on over
800,000 wooden blocks.**

**After stopping by the
Revolutionary History
Gallery, enjoy a picnic lunch
(optional) before taking a
short hiking trip up to
Manpok Waterfall Valley
walking trails.**

**Have dinner and stay at the
15-story pyramid style
Hyangsan Hotel in Mt.
Myohyang.**





Picnic lunch and short hiking trip up to Manpok Waterfall Valley walking trail





Day 7 (Monday, Oct 12) Mt. Myohyang, Pyongyang

After breakfast at Hyangsan Hotel, visit International Friendship Exhibition, the repository that houses over 220,000 gifts from the international leaders and celebrities of over 170 countries to Presidents Kim Il-Sung and Kim Jong-Il, including a soccer ball signed by the famous Brazilian soccer legend, Mr. Pelé. Head back to Pyongyang and visit Kim Il Sung University's Electronic Library. Have lunch at the Italian Seafood Restaurant on the famous Kwangbok Street – a district designed as a city within the city. Visit Grand People's Study House which houses 30 million books, play a friendship soccer game with students of Pyongyang Soccer Academy, and enjoy farewell dinner at Taedong Beer 2 Restaurant. Take a walk along the Taedong River, and stay at Yanggakdo International Hotel.







Take an inside look at the educational system of the “Hermit Kingdom”



Day 8 (Tuesday, Oct 13)
Farewell and return home via Beijing

Breakfast at the hotel, then depart Pyongyang for Beijing on JS 151 at 9 AM. Arrive in Beijing at 10 AM.





Included in this tour

DPRK Tourist Visa and Handling Fees

Round Air Koryo Ticket (Beijing - Pyongyang)

Coach transportation in DPRK with 1 local Driver

7 Nights' DPRK Hotel Accommodations

(double occupancy, 4 stars) included

Hyangsan Hotel (double occupancy, 5 stars)

3 Meals per day (except a la carte meals) included

Delux Picnic, Cruise Lunch and Farwell Dinner.

2 Local DPRK Guides

Admission Fees for Special Entrances and Concerts



Not included in this tour

Transportation from Beijing International Airport to Hotel (approximately \$40)(If you need the service, please send e-mail to info@glocalencounters.com)

Hotel for 1 night in Beijing (Double occupancy, US\$ 60-100/night)

Round-trip airfare to Beijing from your the country of your departure

Chinese visa fees and processing, if applicable

Travel insurance and medical evacuation insurance (required)

Personal expenses

Souvenirs

Expenses associated with optional events.

Tips for guides and drivers (please budget \$10 per day per traveler)





*How to Join this
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If you are interested in our program, send E-mail to info@glocalencounters.com. We will promptly send you detailed information.

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