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PYONGYANG SUMMER LANGUAGE PROGRAM (1 – 22 JULY 2017)

Study Korean at the Kim Il Sung University (김일성종합대학)



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Study the Korean language in Pyongyang next summer and make friends with your Korean teachers, language partners and tour guides while seeing the most important sights both in Pyongyang and elsewhere in the country. Both academically rigorous and led by the best language professors in North Korea, it will be the most meaningful and memorable summer learning experience of your life.

The 2017 Pyongyang Summer Language Program is an intensive three week immersion experience that will help Korean language learners move to the next level in their language skills. The focus is on conversation with native language speakers. There will be beginner, intermediate, and advanced levels. The course is intended for serious language learners who are committed to focusing on their studies every day. Upon acceptance, you will be part of the elite group of Europeans studying Korean language at the famous Kim Il Sung University!

By application only

Qualified applicants will:

- Have an academic interest in a focused Korean language study;
- Be committed to devoting their full attention to make the most of the course;
- Share with us the motivation to help foster friendship and understanding through academic exchange;
- Be ready to have an amazing experience!



Former student testimonial: *"Studying in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea enables you to learn more than just the language – it opens your eyes to the realities of daily life in a country that very few understand. For me, it even shed new light on the world I come from. Your perceptions and experience will certainly be revised, if not altered"*. T. Jeppesen, Royal College of Art, London, UK

Key program dynamics

- **Almost-total immersion**

All intermediate and advanced students will be required to sign a document pledging to only use only Korean (the beginner class will have more flexibility), and your professors and coaches will communicate the rules at time of orientation. Students will be allowed to speak their language of choice at least during the weeknight activities.



- **Highly practical, conversation focus**

Get at least 1-2 hours of daily conversational practice with a North Korean language coach.

- **Learn from North Koreans**

Your professors, instructors, and coaches will be North Korean. Outside of sensitive political themes, you can chat about anything and really build friendships. When we are at the Majon Beach Resort, we will have lots of opportunities to practice what we've learned with local North Koreans.

- **World-class instruction**

Kim Il Sung University is the most prestigious university in the DPRK, and has an excellent Korean language program for foreigners.

- **Built-in comprehensive tourist agenda**

Visit key sites in Pyongyang, while every weekend travel to places outside Pyongyang on Saturday and Sunday, staying overnight. By the end of your three week course, you will have visited many fascinating sites of interest both in Pyongyang and throughout North Korea, all the while practicing and strengthening your Korean language skills.

Overview of the itinerary



Pre-briefing and orientation, in Beijing

Start of the program in Beijing, on Saturday 1 July 2017

Daily routine in Pyongyang (3 weeks)

Morning	Afternoon	Evening
9:30 - 11:30 Classes at University	12:00 - 2:00 Lunch & break	5:30 - 6:30 Dinner
	2:00 - 3:00 Study Lab	6:30 Weeknight activities (see below)
	3:00 - 5:00 Sightseeing & language practice with coach	

Weeknight activities

Weeknights will primarily be dedicated to homework, resting, and activities in the hotel.

Some specific activities will be possible as well, for example a game night, a Korean arts & crafts night, a Korean Karaoke night, a Korean movie night or a Pyongyang pub crawl.



Official closing and debriefing, in Beijing

Debriefing and end of the program in Beijing, on Saturday 22 July.

Tourism activities

Weekend excursions

Two overnight weekend excursions are planned outside of Pyongyang. Locations to be announced.

Special holidays

Holidays in the DPRK are special days when interesting and sometimes rare activities are held. We work hard to make sure that we can take part in some of these activities whenever possible

Please note: for intermediate and advanced Korean language students, Korean language only on tourist excursions. For beginning Korean language speakers, some English will be allowed.



Kim Il Sung University

Kim Il Sung University, founded on 1 October 1946, is the first university built in North Korea. It is located on a 15-hectare campus in Pyongyang, the nation's capital. Along with the main academic buildings, the campus contains 10 separate offices, 50 laboratories, libraries, museums, a printing press, an R&D center, dormitories, a swimming pool and a hospital.

The university is named in honour of Kim Il Sung, the founder of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It cooperates with foreign academic institutes. During their trip from 30 April to 6 May 2016, a delegation of Nobel prize winners in chemistry, medicine and economy gave lectures at the university. On 29 and 30 September 2016, the international symposium "Science Development and Social Progress" took place in celebration of the 70th anniversary of the university. Participants from different countries, including China, Russia, Germany, France, Spain, Poland, Australia, the UK and the Netherlands took part in this event.



It is the intention to hold more international academic seminars and to launch joint research projects with other universities around the world. It is also planning to increase the number of foreign students studying Korean language in Pyongyang.

See also the website of the university: www.ryongnamsan.edu.kp.



Lodging

The Korean language students will be housed at newly-renovated Changgwansan Hotel, in downtown Pyongyang.



Financials

Tuition costs: 3175 Euro.

Included in this tuition:

- Pre-briefing and orientation in Beijing
- Transportation to and from Beijing (plane and/or train);
- 3 weeks of accommodation while in DPRK (Changgwansan Hotel)
- 3 weeks of meals while in DPRK
- all transportation while in DPRK
- All materials, books, and resources for study;
- Language coaching outside of class
- Organizing weekend travel to places outside Pyongyang, staying overnight.

Not Included in the tuition:

- Chinese double-entry visa (if required); DPRK visa
- lodging in Beijing prior to commencement of the program
- lodging in Beijing after the program
- incidental expenses throughout, such as souvenirs, personal items, etc.
- Some excursion fees, such as 10 Euro for DMZ, East coast trips (30 Euros), special meals (5-10 Euro); other smaller excursions that will be approx. 20-30 Euro. More details later.



Apply now!

In case of interest: please contact us at info@gpic.nl, and we will send you a registration form. Upon acceptance into the program, you will receive an email with further information about the preparation. Application deadline: 1 June, 2017

Organizer of the 2017 business mission to DPRK

Tongil Tours, Australia

The only North Korea tour operator that is run by people who have all studied Korean at an advanced level and have academic backgrounds in Korean studies. Our connections with some of the world's most respected scholars in Korean studies, who work with us as advisers and lecturers, allow us to bring greater educational depth to what we do. See also: www.nknews.org/2016/11/tongil-tours-learning-languages-in-north-korea.

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Established in 1995, GPI Consultancy is a specialized Dutch consultancy firm in the field of offshore sourcing. We arrange visits to various Asian countries, including DPRK.

For background information:

- on trade and investment with DPRK: www.gpic.nl/en/category/dprk/?v=dprk
- business mission to Pyongyang (14-20 May 2017): www.gpic.nl/NKmission2017.pdf
- press mission to Pyongyang & Rason (14-24 May 2017): www.gpic.nl/NK-press2017.pdf.

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