



‘The Tuman Triangle’

– Always wanted to go there? Never even heard of it?
Well then why not join us on the first ever group tour to this fascinating
and unique area. **China – DPRK – Russia**



- 3** Cultures.....
- 3** Countries.....
- 3** Time zones.....

Tuman Triangle

10 Nights
3 Countries

Beijing – Yanji – Rason – Chongjin – Chilbosan – Rason – Khasan – Slavyanka – Vladivostok - Beijing



Koryo Tours is proud to bring you an all-new tour, the like of which we have never run before – A tour that spends 10 nights in 3 different countries, 3 different time zones, 7 different hotels, over 10 distinct cities and areas to visit, 6 modes of transport, our most ambitious tour yet!

For the first time we are pleased to offer a tour to the North Korean free trade zone cities of Rajin and Sonbong – collectively known as Rason, and on into Eastern Russia to the previously closed city of Vladivostok.

The tour will take place from Wednesday June 30th until Saturday July 10th 2010. We have priced the tour as low as possible for a first time journey. This group will be limited to 20 participants so do book early if you'd like to be part of regional tourism history! This tour will see some truly off-beat and off the beaten track places, we hope you can be there with us.



June 30th 2010
July 10th 2010



We will have some very special and memorable experiences but some of the highlights will be:

- An overnight stay at a North Korean-run hotel in North East China's Korean autonomous Region, a chance to see part of China where almost everyone is actually Korean, a world away from Beijing and a chance for a night out in a little-visited and unique part of China



- Being among the very few western tourists to have ever been to Rason, in 2009 that area saw a total of 0 westerners enter as tourists, yes that's zero, none, zip, nada, not a soul! Less than anywhere else on Earth – despite this Rason is seen as an attractive beach area by many Chinese and has enough unusual, and specifically North Korean elements about it to be well worth the time of anyone interested in the DPRK, a fascinating and little seen place, one of the few locations on the planet that it is true to say almost no-one has ever heard of!
- In Rason we will visit a major North Korean trading company, getting a glimpse of industry impossible outside of this trip, we will relax at a beach popular with locals and enjoy local seafood, we will see a major port, some wild seals, and a whole lot more besides
- A journey into DPRK-proper to the industrial city of Chongjin and the scenic mountain range of Chilbosan, previously these areas could only be reached by Pyongyang and then only by charter flight, even Koryo Tours who have taken more people there than anyone else, have only been a small handful of times to this very remote and very different part of the DPRK – we will see as much of Chongjin as possible before taking a fascinating ride through the countryside to the Chilbo mountains where we will

stay with local families in the only homestay village in the country – even for DPRK veterans this is something different. We will visit a local spa and see how people take advantage of the natural springs in this area to relax and recuperate before heading back up the coastal road to Rason

“The first western tour group to enter”

- We will become the first western tour group to enter Russia by train from North Korea as we travel from Tumangang (DPRK) to Khasan (Russian Federation), we will then drive to a coastal village and spend some time there while exploring the far eastern Russian marine nature reserve and getting a taste of rural life several time zones from Moscow before heading by ferry to Vladivostok; ‘King of the East’ a city which was closed to all foreigners until 1992 and a surprisingly attractive urban area for Eastern Russia, a mix of Asian nationalities and trams and hills make it seem almost like San Francisco, this city is very navigable and is simply a lot of fun, very distinct from European Russia, this is also somewhere a bit special, very lively and a strong cultural scene, nightlife Russian-style and free time allowed to explore the city
- We can experience a Russian Banya, see a heroic submarine, have plenty of free time to wander around the city and do much more before flying back to Beijing to end this groundbreaking tour which we expect to offer more widely in the near future.

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1690€

This tour will run from Wednesday June 30th until Saturday July 10th and will begin and end in Beijing. We will assemble for our pre-tour briefing on the 30th and depart that same afternoon to Yanji.

“Genuine once-in-a-lifetime tour “

This tour is open to all nationalities with the exception of South Korean passport holders. US citizens are welcome on this tour. Please note that this is essentially a ‘recce’ visit; although Koryo Tours staff have been to all of these places we will visit before we have never run a group tour to these destinations all at once so some small changes and adjustments may be necessary. We have planned this out however and hope to keep this to a minimum.

We are offering this trip at the lowest price and our usual discount and

cancellation policies apply as well as the terms and conditions listed on the website with the exception of second timers discount. We will offer this tour again in the future but the price will likely not remain the same. We are proud to offer this genuine once-in-a-lifetime tour for just 1690 Euros all inclusive for this first group. Spaces on the trip are limited so sign up soon and we look forward to having you join us on this amazing journey. Please don’t hesitate to get in contact to save a spot, enquire, or just to register an interest, we look forward to hearing from you!



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Group Tour to the Tuman Triangle

Tour fee includes the following:

- Transportation from Beijing to Yanji, Rason, Chongjin, Chilbosan, Rason, Khasan, Slavyanka, Vladivostok and back to Beijing
- All meals on the tour except on the train and otherwise noted in tour itinerary as meals at leisure
- Hotel accommodation for all nights of the tour
- In DPRK two tour guides at all times, on arrival in Vladivostok one tour guide
- All transportation within the places listed in the itinerary
- All entry fees for attractions such as museums etc listed in the itinerary

Not included in the tour fee:

- Optional single room supplement unless otherwise specified (EUR 30 per night)
- Spending money for drinks, souvenirs, extra-itinerary entertainment
- DPRK visa fee - EUR 30 per person
- Rajin-Sonbong entry pass – EUR 20 per person, plus 10RMB entry tax
- Russian Federation visa – prices vary according to place of issue and nationality of applicant
- Tip for the guides in Rason, DPRK, Vladivostok (suggested EUR 5 per day)
- Meals on the train and places noted in itinerary as meals at leisure
- Entry tickets for any special events, festivals, performances
- Meals in China and DPRK will have a complimentary beer or soft drink, additional beverages must be paid on the spot



application procedure

As this tour involves visiting 4 different administrative areas in 3 countries the visa procedure is more complicated than usual, but it is far from insurmountable. Please see instructions below on what is required for the necessary visas and permits for this trip:

CHINA

China – obtaining this visa is up to the individual client, a double entry visa will be necessary and this can be obtained directly through your local Chinese embassy or consulate or through a visa issuing agency. The process will be pretty straightforward and Koryo Tours is able to send a letter confirming that you will be on the tour if this is requested by the issuing consulate - their requirements vary in different offices

RASON

Rason – although technically a ‘visa-free’ area, in reality an entry permit is required for all foreign visitors. Koryo Tours will take care of this for you with the documents you send us for the DPRK visa application (see below), please bring 2 passport photos along with you (colour, blank background) as we will need to register ourselves on arrival in Rajin city

DPRK

DPRK – we will require normal DPRK tourist visas for the part of the trip where we enter North Korea proper (Chongjin/Chilbosan part), for this we need simply a complete application form, passport copy, and passport photo as per the instructions online at http://www.koryogroup.com/travel_bookingATour.php

RUSSIA

Russia - this is the more difficult one; once you sign up for the trip we have a letter of invitation issued by our partners in Vladivostok as well as a confirmation that you will enter Russia by train from Rason and a copy of the confirmation of plane ticket booking from Vladivostok to Beijing. With these documents you can apply for the Russian visa from a local Embassy or consulate or through a visa agency. Please note that application for the Russian visa usually requires a few passport photos, copy of various pages of your passport, etc, so do check what is required and we strongly suggest applying for this visa in good time as your passport will be required for a few days for visa issuance at the Embassy. The process is protracted but not too difficult and the trip will make it all worthwhile for sure!



Sign up now!

Join us on this amazing journey to some of the most remote, least visited, but most interesting parts of this corner of East Asia, even by our standards this is a trip with a difference!

Contact us on info@koryogroup.com for more information about the trip, ask any questions you like and we hope to see you in a few months ready to take part in this journey!

