

recommended for stay at Pyongyang with their tariff and distance from WHO office:

1. Koryo Hotel (45 stories)

Tel: 00850-2-3814397

- single, high story 112 \$
- double, high story 121 \$
- single, low story 102 \$
- double, low story 112 \$

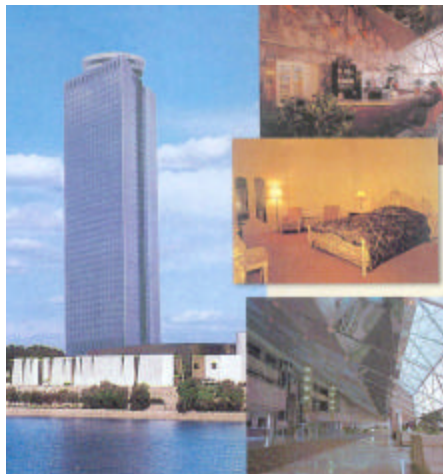


Distance from WHO office:
6KM approx.

2. Yanggakdo Hotel (47 stories)

Tel: 00850-2-3812134

- (single, high story) 85 \$
- (double, high story) 105 \$
- (single, low story) 75 \$
- (double, low story) 95 \$



Distance from WHO office:
10KM approx.



Information of Visitors to DPR Korea

THE PURPOSE OF THIS BOOKLET IS TO PROVIDE CONCISE INFORMATION ON THE TRAVEL TO PYONGYANG AND THE LIVING CONDITIONS. THE CONTENTS SHOULD BE CAREFULLY READ BY THOSE WHO INTEND TO TRAVEL TO PYONGYANG ON A SHORT TRIP OR ON LONGER ASSIGNMENTS.



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1. VISA for DPR Korea

Any travel to Pyongyang should be planned at least 2 months in advance. Please send passport details (name, date of birth, nationality, passport number, place of issue and the date of expiry) to WR as soon as the visit is planned with indication at which DPRK Embassy the visa instructions should be sent. The WHO Country Office will then initiate the visa processing that usually will take 3 -4 weeks.

Please inform your travel itinerary to the WHO Representative office in Pyongyang by fax No: 00 850 2 3817916 or e-mail at WR@whodprk.org with a copy to sukhyonc@whodprk.org.

2. Flights to Pyongyang

Pyongyang is connected to Beijing by Air Koryo, the national carrier of DPRK, which operates two flights a week from Beijing to Pyongyang.

		ETD	ETA
JS 151 Tue/Sat	Pyongyang – Beijing	08:10	09:00
JS 152 Tue/Sat	Beijing – Pyongyang	11:30	14:00

3. Transit in Beijing

The incoming flights to Beijing may, due to flight connections, warrant a night stop in Beijing. In such cases, Chinese visa must be obtained prior to departure. As you come out of the Beijing Airport, there are licensed meter taxis lined up and uniformed personnel can help you in hiring one. Please go directly to the public taxi queue, and do not respond to people who offer taxi service at the arrival hall. Unlicensed taxis should not be hired as they may overcharge and are not safe. It is advisable to carry the name of the hotel where you wish to go on a small card, preferably in Chinese. The fare from airport to the hotels in the city should not exceed RMB 100, including RMB 15 for expressway surcharge.

Hotel bookings in Beijing should be done directly through e-mail or through the travel agent who is responsible for making travel arrangements. Unnecessary requests to WHO's office in Beijing for booking of hotel and transport should be avoided. In case of

emergency, the contact number for WHO's office in Beijing is 00861065327189.

The following hotels are recommended for stay at Beijing with their tariff (UN rate) and the distance from the airport.

Yu Yang hotel 	Tel: (86-10) 64669988-3308 Fax: (86-10) 64666672	Address: No. 18, Xin Yuan Xili Middle Street, Chao Yang District, Beijing
(UN rate of USD60 net per day including breakfast.)		
Swissotel 	Tel: (86-10) 65012288-2229 Fax: (86-10) 65013821	Address: No.2, Chao Yang Men Bei Da Jie, Beijing, 100027 P.R.China E-mail: reservations.beijing@ swissotel.com
(UN rate of USD65 net per day without breakfast.) Air Koryo is in same building for reconfirmation of tickets.		
Sheraton Great Wall Hotel 	Tel: (86-10) 65905566 Fax: (86-10) 65905398	Address: 10 North Dong San Huan Road, Chaoyang District, Beijing 100026, China
(UN rate of USD65 net per day without breakfast.)		

Airport tax at Beijing is 90 RMB (approx \$ 10) which has to be paid in local currency. Exchange can be obtained from the bank counter next to the air port tax payment counter. No other taxes or service charges are to be paid at Beijing airport.

4. Arrival at Pyongyang

When you arrive at the airport in Pyongyang, you will be met by either Ministry of Public Health (for consultants) who will provide transport, guide and interpreter or by WHO (for staff members). For any visitors to Pyongyang, hotel reservation will be made by the WR's office/Ministry of Public Health. The following hotels are

3. Potonggang Hotel (9-stories) Tel: 00850-2-3812229

(single) 84 \$
(double) 102 \$

Distance from WHO office:
8KM approx.

(This is only hotel which has
international TV)



5. Weather Conditions in Pyongyang

There are four seasons in Pyongyang.

Spring (March to May) average temperature during this season is between 13°C ~ 17°C.

Summer includes June, July, and August. The average temperature goes between 25°C ~ 32°C with high humidity. July and August are the rainy seasons in this country.

Autumn (September, October, November) average temperature goes between 10°C ~ 15°C.

Winter (December to February) average temperature is between -0°C ~ -25°C. The temperature usually does not go beyond -30°C, but it is windy in the winter.

6. Health Services for Foreigners

The Friendship Hospital in Pyongyang, located in the diplomatic compound, serving foreigners has reasonable facilities and can in emergency cases undertake surgery. However, the diagnostic and treatment facilities are limited and the services are not comparable to most large cities in Asia.

A UN Physician is presently working in Pyongyang, assisting staff of international agencies. Travelers are advised to carry the basic

medicines for general use and sufficient quantity of medicines which they may specifically need regularly as medicines are not readily available.

7. Vaccination

For any visitors who plan to stay more than four weeks in the country, it is advisable to update the vaccination for typhoid and Hepatitis A, Hepatitis B and Japanese Encephalities before commencing travel to DPRK.

7. Common Diseases

Vivax Malaria is common in the southern part of the country from May to September. For those who have to stay overnight in rural or forest areas in the southern provinces, insect repellents are recommended. However there is no malaria problem in Pyongyang. Confirmed malaria cases are treated with chloroquine and primaquine, but prophylaxis for traveler is not recommended.

Diarrhoeal Disease is also common during summer months. Only boiled water should be used for drinking, Bottled water is available in most cities. Boiled vegetables, fried or boiled fish and bread are usually considered safe.

8. General

1. All financial transactions with foreigners are in Euro and US dollars can no longer be used. Diplomatic shops and hotels demand payment only in Euro. Hotel bills in Pyongyang can be settled by credit cards or travelers cheques provided they are not on a US based company. Hotel bills outside Pyongyang must be paid in cash. It is therefore advisable to bring cash Euro. As our regional office in New Delhi can pay a maximum of USD 500 in cash, the balance should be requested to be paid through the WR office in Pyongyang.
2. Internet facility is available in the WR's office. This office is also linked to the Global Private Network of WHO.

3. There is no mobile phone network in the country. Visitors are not allowed to bring mobile phones into the country and these have to be deposited with the customs upon arrival at the airport. An official receipt is issued by the custom authorities in acknowledgement of this deposit. Phones are returned by customs while leaving the country.
4. Most people generally do not understand English, and training activities will be conducted through an interpreter. If your assignment require training, it is advisable to send the training material to WR in advance for translation.
5. All Koreans are very respectful towards the Great Leader President Kim Il Sung and Great Comrade Kim Jong Il. All visitors are requested to be always respectful to the great leaders.
