

Dandong option

Dandong; a fascinating small city on the Chinese side of the Yalu river, facing across to Sinuiju, your point of exit from DPRK after the tour. Instead of returning directly to Beijing we are pleased to offer a one and two-day fully-guided extension to the tour to take in all the sights of Dandong on a special North Korea-themed extension. Formerly only available to those tourists who exit the DPRK by train, this tour is **now available to US citizens** taking part in DPRK tours ending on Saturdays and Wednesdays only. It is still not possible to leave the DPRK by train but on these days you can fly from Pyongyang to Shenyang and we arrange a car or bus to take you from the airport there to Dandong in time to begin the tour. This option is also available for non-US citizens. See below for costs.



Day 1: Train from DPRK arrives at Dandong station around 17:30. Transfer to hotel. Dinner in local Chinese restaurant.

Day 2 AM: Visit the **Great Wall at Tiger Mountain** - the most eastern part which overlooks North Korea. Either take a boat trip (RMB 20) at the 'one metre hop' the narrowest point between China and DPRK (it is possible to see Korean People's Army border guards up close, just a few metres away), or hike up the wall for great views. Next visit the snappily-named 'Museum of War to Resist America and Aid Korea' otherwise known as the **Korean war museum**, which charts the events which led to the deployment of over 2 million Chinese 'volunteers' to Korea in 1950. Compare and contrast the Chinese side of the story with the Korean version of events as well as that taught in the west. Stunning city views are afforded by the hilltop location of the museum which is situated on the site of Chinese Volunteer Army supreme commander Peng De Huai's base prior to moving into Korea. Lunch is at a North Korean restaurant with singing and dancing waitresses.

PM: **Boat trip** on Yalu River - sweep in and out of North Korean waters - great for photos! Walk along the '**Broken Bridge**' which runs parallel to the friendship bridge over the Yalu river connecting the two countries. Half destroyed by the US air force in the Korean War, the broken bridge extends to exactly the halfway point between China and DPRK. All manner of North Korean goodies can be bought in the area, from badges and cigarettes to currency and other knick-knacks. Pose for photos at the giant red **Chairman Mao statue** outside the railway station before boarding the overnight sleeper for Beijing, 4-berth soft sleeper beds carry you to China's capital overnight for an 08:30 arrival the next day.



New for 2012! – We are pleased to offer an extension to the Dandong extension – another 24 hour period in one of the most fascinating parts of China giving you the chance to explore some of the China/DPRK border area, up and down the Yalu/Amnok River.

Day 3 AM: After a second night in Dandong we will head off driving up the riverside road making several stops at points where the river that separates the two countries narrows and where there are DPRK settlements on the other side, great for photos and for staring across a physically narrow border but one which in all other ways seems so much greater. Across the river lie some operational bridges for trade between the two sides and some remnants of bridges used in the past and destroyed during the Korean War in the 1950s. Visit the **Hekou Broken Bridge** which was crossed by the Chinese Volunteer Army (including Chairman Mao's son, who never crossed back again and is buried in North Korea to this day) and several other fascinating viewing areas. We will continue up the river until we reach the giant **Shui Feng Hu dam**, shared by both China and the DPRK, this generates electrical power for both sides. The difference between the electricity infrastructure on both sides of the river is stark, and we will get as close as possible, even going down to the river itself for photo opportunities of the town just a hundred metres away. Lunch is in a local village restaurant.

PM: Visit the **Taipingwan dam**, another shared facility between China and the DPRK, and the rural town also known as Taipingwan, before taking a thrilling **speedboat trip** down a channel of water that separates the DPRK mainland from a large Korean island, as long as you stay in the river then you are legally not in the DPRK (the river itself is a shared border, there is no line in between). Here you will see North Korean villages and a port, soldiers guarding the banks and their facilities, it's a weird and unforgettable journey. We'll get back to Dandong in good time for the 18:30 overnight train to Beijing, giving you plenty of time to think about all you've experienced before arrival the next day in Beijing at 08:30



Dandong Tour Costs

	Group tours (leaving DPRK by train)	Group tours (leaving DPRK by plane to Shenyang - includes transfer from Shenyang airport to Dandong by private road transportation, approx 3.5 hour drive)	Single Room Supplement
Dandong Tour 1 (24 hours extension to the tour, 1 night in Dandong and 1 on the train)	Approx. AUD\$246 per person	Approx. AUD\$477 per person	Approx. AUD\$62 x 1 night
Dandong Tour 2 (48 hours extension to the tour, 2 nights in Dandong and 1 on the train)	Approx. AUD\$492 per person	Approx. AUD\$723 per person	Approx. AUD\$62 x 2 nights
INCLUDES: above attractions, guides, transport, meals, twin room accommodation at Sunny Resort Hotel (3*)			