

Sinuiju - Now even more open!



This special offer is exclusive to clients of Koryo Tours – you won't find this unique trip available anywhere else.

The DPRK border city of Sinuiju was finally open to westerners and could be visited as a day trip from Dandong, China (the main border city between the PRC and the DPRK). Now, we are pleased to be the first to announce that it is possible to stay overnight in this rarely-visited city, and that this can be done as an extension to any tour that leaves the country by train – both on group tours and independent.

You can now visit Sinuiju and stay overnight either by train from Pyongyang or by travelling in from Dandong, China. Day trips to Sinuiju are also still available from Dandong if you don't want to stay overnight.

Unfortunately these tours are still not available if you travel on a US passport. If this situation changes we will of course let you know immediately. We remain hopeful that in the near future this will become an option for US citizens. Please be assured we are working hard to make this happen.

Koryo Tours are proud to be able to exclusively offer you this new opportunity to spend more time in a part of North Korea that is commonly passed-through by tourists on the train but ever so rarely-visited. Be one of the first, be one of the few, come with us and see what the city has to offer!

If you have already signed up for a tour in 2014 and would like to add this extension then please email us to inform us.



Detailed information / Itineraries on the Sinuiju Options

OPTION 1: Overnight extension to any tour

Available on all tours (group and independent) leaving Pyongyang by train, an optional 24 hour extension to the tour to explore Sinuiju and stay overnight in the city too!

Itinerary: Pyongyang-Sinuiju-Dandong

Day 1: The train departs Pyongyang at 10:40am and arrives in Sinuiju at 15:45. Here you alight and visit the **mosaic of the DPRK's leaders** in South Sinuiju and the **Sinuiju History Museum** before checking into the basic but clean Amnokgang Hotel for your overnight stay.

Day 2: After breakfast, take a tour of the city including the **Sinuiju Folk Park**, where you can mingle with picnickers, young couples promenading and retired folk sitting around discussing the issues of the day. Next visit is the **Railway Station Square** with its bronze **statue of President Kim Il Sung**, the **Sinuiju Revolutionary Museum** and the excellent **Art Gallery** - finishing with a spectacular performance by the students at **Sinuiju Kindergarten** before crossing over the border back to China

at 17:30. You can then either take the train back to Beijing (departs at 18:30 local time) or extend your stay in Dandong to see the other side of the Yalu/Amnok River.

Prices

Group tours: approx. \$295 per person

Independent tours:

1 pax – approx. AUD\$410 per person

2 pax – approx. AUD\$325 per person

3+ pax – approx. AUD\$295 per person

OPTION 2: Overnight trip from Dandong

Overnight trip to Sinuiju from the Chinese border city of Dandong (done as a standalone trip, not as an extension to a tour - you need to arrange your own transportation to and from Dandong or we can assist).

Itinerary: Dandong-Sinuiju-Dandong

Day 1: The trip starts in Dandong; you cross the Sino-Korean Friendship bridge by car in the morning (border opens at 08:30 China time), and pass through DPRK Customs, you will spend the day visiting the **Railway Station Square** and **Presidential Statue, Sinuiju Revolutionary Museum, Art Gallery, and Mosaics of the Leaders**, as well as the **Sinuiju Kindergarten**. Lunch and dinner will be provided and then you will spend the night in the centrally located **Amnokgang Hotel** (clean and comfortable, not 24 hr hot water)

Day 2: After breakfast, visit the **Sinuiju Folk Park** where locals go for morning exercise or to spend time relaxing, wandering, and chatting. Then off to the **Sinuiju History Museum** and a look across the Yalu river from underneath the **Friendship Bridge**. After lunch cross back into China at approx 16:30 and end the tour on arrival back in Dandong.

Price: contact us

OPTION 3: Day trip from Dandong

The itinerary for independent tours will be as follows:

Day 1. Arrive in Dandong (easily reached from most parts of China, we can assist with arrangements if you require) and report to the offices of our trusted local partner. Present your passport and 2 passport photos and the visa will be issued on the spot as with other trips to DPRK the visa is issued on a separate piece of paper. You are free to take some time to enjoy the sights and sounds of China's most interesting border city and be sure to take in the view across the river to where you will be visiting in just a short time. Overnight in Dandong – you book this yourself but again please feel free to contact us if you would like a recommendation, most of Dandong's hotels are known to us and we can suggest something to match your needs.

Day 2. At 08:30 Chinese customs opens. Cross over to the DPRK customs and meet your local English-speaking guide who will accompany you around the city. Among the places you will visit are the city's **statue of a youthful President Kim Il Sung**, the provincial **Revolutionary Museum, mosaic murals** depicting the country's leaders, mingling with the locals during a stroll through the recently renovated **folklore park**, lunch on the riverside looking over at the towers of Dandong and the famous 'broken bridge' destroyed by the US Air Force during the Korean War. In the afternoon you will visit the local **History Museum**, a fascinating **art gallery**, and the city **Kindergarten**, famous nationwide for training the performers who do the complicated uni-cycling and skipping in one of the most memorable scenes in the Arirang Mass Games. After a final bit of souvenir shopping you head off back to the customs house to complete procedures and cross back to Dandong at around 17:00. At this point the day

trip ends. There is a daily 18:30 train to Beijing that our local partner can help get tickets for, or you can spend more time across the river from where you've just been. Only 900 metres away from a whole new world!

Price: contact us

The tour fee includes:

- All transportation into and around Sinuiju, and back to Dandong.
- Guide costs
- Entry fees
- Lunch
- DPRK visa fee

Extras: Tip for the local guide, incidentals (additional drinks, souvenirs, etc)

Notes for Sinuiju tours departing from Dandong:

- We require 7 working days' notice (tourists living in China); 10 working days (tourists not living in China) for visa application
- Present your passport and 2 passport photos and the visa will be issued on the spot (on a separate piece of paper like the regular DPRK visa).
- Please do not take a computer, iPad, mobile phone or any religious literature on this trip. Anything you don't wish to take can be left in the offices of our local partner and collected after the tour.
- This tour is operated by Koryo Tours' long term partner in Dandong (English-speaking). Their services are second to none. Independent tours are not accompanied by a member of Koryo Tours' staff.
- Sadly Sinuiju tours are at present not available to those travelling on a **US passport**, as soon as this situation changes we would be glad to take any Americans on the tour. This is the same situation for **Japanese** passport holders.
- Tour fees are payable in cash, in Chinese RMB at the office of our local partner