

# NZCFS North-East China & North Korea Tour 2020



**From:** September 6<sup>th</sup> to September 26<sup>th</sup>

**Duration:** 21 Days

This tour takes us to the farthest north NZCFS has ever delivered a tour in China, to 49 degrees north in Heilongjiang. Don't worry, we will start there in early September to dodge the onset of the extreme winter! Here, the *Unesco Global Geopark of Wudalianchi* is a volcanic wonderland, with five lakes formed in the lava rock, set in an area of very northern forest, with Russian influences.

## Full Itinerary:

### **Day 1**

Arriving in Harbin, capital city of Heilongjiang province

- City sites to be arranged depending on arrival time, may visit city sites like St.Sofia Church, Central Street and Stalin Park

### **Day 2**

City sites in Harbin

- Siberian Tigers Park
- Sun Island for ice sculpture



### **Day 3**

Bus to Wudalianchi(3hrs)

- Heihe Huoshao Mountain & Lava Ice Cave
- Wudalianchi Global Geopark: a large scenic area that is composed of five big linked lakes, extraordinary volcanic landforms and some other natural and cultural landscapes.



### **Day 4**

More visit in Wudalianchi Global Geopark

- Longmen Stone Village: Blocky Lava Flow
- The Northern and Southern Cold Mineral Springs Sight-seeing Area
- Cruise on Wenpo Lake to enjoy more volcanic terrains

### Day 5

Bus to Qiqihar (3.5hrs)

- Zhalong National Nature Reserve, a major habitat for red-crowned cranes and other wildlife.

### Day 6

Bullet train to Changchun(10:02-12:45), Jilin province

- Manchu Imperial Palace where the last emperor of China Puyi lived for 13 years
- Badabu: 8 department offices of Manchu state
- Cultural Square

### Day 7

Bullet train to Shenyang(09:53-11:16)

- Former Palace before Qing government settled the capital in Beijing
- Marshal Office of Zhang family: the warlord leaders in NE China in 1920s

### Day 8

City sites in Shenyang

- World Horticultural Exposition, once the site of Shenyang botanical garden
- "9.18" Historical Museum
- Zhongjie pedestrian street

### Day 9

Bus to Dandong(3.5hrs)

- Broken bridge on Yalu River, a witness of the war to resist U.S. and aid Korea
- Hushan Great Wall, the east end of the Great Wall of Ming dynasty, can see North Korean villages and people's life on the other side of the river

### Day 10

Train to Pyongyang via Sinuiju, North Korea(DPRK) 8:30-17:30, check in the hotel



### Day 11

Pyongyang-Kaesong-Pyongyang(bus: single way 3hrs)

- After breakfast, bus to Kaesong, the capital of Koryo, visited Panmunjom, where the Korean War Armistice Negotiation Conference was held, and the Korean War Armistice Agreement was signed. Visit the historical military dividing line between North and South.
- Koryo Museum and visit Kaesong Koryo Ginseng Store
- Visit the world's deepest subway underground palace in Pyongyang, take the subway to feel the Korean people's life, visit the Arc de Triomphe
- Sino-Korean Friendship Tower



## Day 12

City sites in Pyongyang

- Grand People's Study House(national library ) & fountains park
- President Kim Il Sung's birthplace, Wanjingtai Former Residence
- Pyongyang Student Children's Palace or Pyongyang Middle School, watch wonderful student performances
- Walk along Dawn Street after dinner
- If available, enjoy the Arirang Mass Games performance by NK army officers(optional)



## Day 13

Train back to China (so you need a double or multi-entry Chinese visa), Pyongyang-Sinuiju-Dandong( 9: 40-16: 35 ) ,

- Strolling in Kim Il Sung Square before go to the railway station
- Check in the hotel or light activity in Dandong

## Day 14

Bus to Dalian (4hrs)

- On the way visiting Yalvjiang Nature Reserve where the godwits fly to and from NZ
- Bangchui Island, depending on the arrival time in Dalian

## Day 15

City sites in Dalian

- Baiyu hill to have a panoramic view of the city and visit the naval armory
- Naval port park
- Xinghai Square, Binhai Road, Beida qiao:also called long-lasting love bridge, etc.

## Day 16

Train to Tianjin:10:06-14:18, one of the 4 municipalities

- Check in the hotel
- Ancient cultural street and dinner there
- Cruise for night views(50min)

## Day 17

City site in Tianjin

- Morning exercise: strolling in Wudadao: thousands of European-style buildings, mainly as the former residences of celebrities in 1920s.
- Cifangzi: a French-style house decorated by china
- Shijizhong Square
- Dagukou Fort Ruins Museum(1h bus, single way)

## Day 18

Bus to Beijing(2.5hrs), one of the 4 municipalities

- Shi's Grand Mansion: one of the best preserved large-scale civil building complexes in North China
- Bus to Beijing (2.5hrs)
- Check in the hotel in downtown

## Day 19

City sites to be arranged :Ti'anmen Square, Forbidden city Songqingling Former residence, hutongs

## Day 20

City sites to be arrange: Great Wall, Summer Palace

## Day 21

Departure

## Key Highlights:

- **Helongjiang Province:** Harbin, Qiqihar, Wudalianchi Volcanic Geopark
- **Jilin Province:** Changchun Manchuguo puppet state
- **Liaoning Province:** Shenyang, Dandong, Dalian
- **North Korea:** Three Day Excursion
- **Tianjin, Beijing**

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