

BACKPACKING EXPEDITIONS IN NORTH KOREA AUGUST 18 to 27, 2018

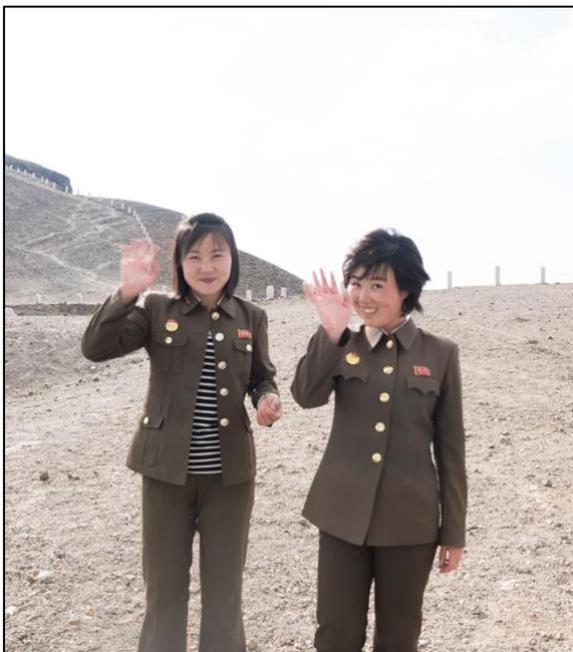


My company HIKEKOREA has a unique opportunity to conduct for the first time in history, overland hiking expeditions of the Paektu Highlands in the northern province of Raynggang-do, in NORTH KOREA. I have been photographing mountains of the Baekdu Daegan all over North Korea since 2011, and now as a result of that work, have been granted the trust to lead backpacking expeditions. This inaugural hike will be conducted for 6N/7D inside a 9N/10D visit, from August 18 to 27, 2018.



Paektu Highlands

The pristine and untouched Paektu-san highlands are part of an exclusive preservation zone at the foot of Korea's highest and most sacred mountain, Paektu-san 2750m. The expedition



will cover Paektu-san peak itself, with a descent into the caldera of Chonji lake, before ascending out and then down into the highland forests and volcanic soils of the plateau. These pristine and mysterious Larch forest regions are full of wildflowers, species of deer, bear, and some say tiger and leopard. The expedition will follow old foot trails used by the Korean people over the centuries, including the partisan anti-Japanese independence fighters of the early 20th century. The expedition will see us camp out at the same locations used by Korea's partisan fighters, known now as secret camps, which are preserved as historic sites. We will pitch our tents at these sites each night as we move through the plateau. Food will be delivered to us there, which we will cook as a group, followed by a night of songs around the open flames of a campfire with the staff that maintain these sites.



Travel to the northern province from Pyongyang will be via a chartered flight, but there is also a possibility in the near future to travel by a new train service. This expedition will also include some sightseeing in Pyongyang at the end of the journey. This will be one very remarkable journey in an untrodden zone of one of the last untouched pieces of nature in the world. If this sounds like something you'd like to do, then please email Roger Shepherd at roger@hikekorea.com for more information.

Basic Details and Costs: This group should number 10 persons. Expeditioners are required to bring and carry their own equipment, come rain, hail, or shine. Per person, the cost is 3150 Euros, which includes return airfare from Beijing to Pyongyang, all internal and transportation costs. It does not include costs in Beijing, visa, and personal costs like gifts and drinks.

More images of the Paektu Highlands region can be seen at my [Flickr account](#), or my Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/koreahike/>



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