

North Korea Launches Weekly Ferry to Russian Far East

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A North Korean cruise ship has docked in the Russian port of Vladivostok as part of a new ferry service between the two countries.

Tourists desperate to take a trip to Pyongyang will be able to take the Mangyongbong ship once a week to the port of Rajin.

Guests will be able to spend the 9-hour journey in the [ship's restaurant, bar or sauna.](#)

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The Mangyongbong, which was used to ferry goods between Japan and North Korea until 2006, will also carry cargo and North Korean laborers.

"The new service has been heralded as a boost to economic cooperation and tourism," between North Korea and Russia, the Reuters news agency reported Thursday, citing North Korea's KCNA state news outlet.

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