

MT PAEKTU

Mt Paektu, 2750m above sea level, is the highest mountain in Korea that rises at its northern border with China.

Korean ancestors called it the ancestral mountain of the nation, saying that all other mountains in the country stretched out from it.

The Korean people believe that it represents the dignity and spirit of the nation and that its characteristics-resourcefulness, bravery and cleanness-originated from it.

The Great Paektu Mountain Range, as the backbone of the Korean peninsula, starts from Mt Paektu and it is linked with Kujae Peak on the south coast. All the main mountain ranges in Korea branch off from it.

The Mt Paektu area serves as an open-air museum which showcases the history of the revolutionary activities of President **Kim Il Sung** who led the anti-Japanese struggle to victory and achieved national liberation.

Here you can see the Paektusan Secret Camp, Chairman **Kim Jong Il's** birthplace, and Jong Il Peak rising behind it.

Mt Paektu is beautiful, majestic and imposing. It is also noted for its peculiar topography, geology, weather conditions, fauna and flora.

It was registered in 1989 as an international biosphere reserve.

