



CALL 66TH EDITION OF THE NORDIC BRIGADE OF SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA

Dear friends:

The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) and its Travel Agency Amistur Cuba S.A have the pleasure to invite you to integrate the 66th Contingent of the Nordic Brigade of Voluntary Work and Solidarity with Cuba, which will take place from December 15, 2024 to January 2, 2025. As is traditional, the main objective of this program of activities is to share with the friends who visit us another anniversary of the Triumph of the Cuban Revolution and to broaden their knowledge of the reality that our people live and the social conquests obtained during 65 years of victories, despite the intensification of the policy of economic, commercial and financial blockade imposed by the US governments on Cuba.

The program includes visits to places of historical, economic, cultural and social interest, conferences on current national issues and meetings with representatives of Cuban society organisations and the people in general, among other activities of interest. It also includes recreational activities, screenings of Cuban films, dance classes, productive agricultural work or work in social projects and other solidarity activities. This will offer you the possibility to get closer to the idiosyncrasy of our people and to understand even more the reasons that sustain and strengthen our Revolution.

The program will take place in the provinces of Artemisa, Havana and Matanzas; 18 nights of stay, 14 of them in the International Camp "Julio Antonio Mella" (CIJAM), located in the municipality of Caimito, 45 kms from Havana and 4 nights in Matanzas, known as the City of Bridges. This is the second largest province in Cuba and one of those that have contributed most to the economic development of the island. Memorable for having one of the most beautiful beaches: Varadero and natural landscapes of great beauty.

The cost of the stay is **820, 00 Euros** per brigade member, which includes accommodation (in shared rooms for up to four persons at CIJAM), double or triple rooms in Matanzas, full board, and transfer in-out from the airport and transportation to all the activities foreseen in the program. Optional activities are not included in the package price and will have an additional cost. The payment method is by bank transfer or online payment gateway. It is an essential condition to travel with medical insurance that has coverage in Cuba. Participants arriving at CIJAM days before the start of the brigade must pay an additional supplement of 15.00 Euros per night for accommodation and food.

The CIJAM, created in 1972, has adequate conditions to satisfy the collective life and needs of the people who visit us from different parts of the world. By attending, the participant undertakes to comply with the planned schedule and to properly observe the rules of conduct, discipline and social coexistence, as well as the fulfilment of the hygienic-sanitary measures. Registrations will be open for those interested until 20 November 2024.



To confirm your participation, please send the following information to: director.europa@icap.cu, euronorte@icap.cu and amiventas@amistur.cu: name and surname, passport number, age, date of birth, profession, languages spoken, country of origin, organization you represent, date, time and flight number of arrival in Cuba, as well as date, time and flight number of departure. Please specify if you have any medical, dietary or other requirements. Participants who are in Havana before the start of the brigade will be guaranteed transportation to CIJAM from ICAP headquarters: Calle 17 No. 303 between H and I, Vedado, **on 15 December 2023 at 17:00 hours.**

We will be very pleased to count on your presence in the 66th edition of the Nordic Brigade of Voluntary Work and Solidarity with Cuba to share together what has usually been an unforgettable experience in favor of peace and brotherhood between our peoples.

Fraternally yours,

Elizabeth Ribalta Rubiera
Director of the Brigade
Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples



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From 15 December to 2 January 2025.

Provinces to be visited: Havana, Artemisa and Matanzas.

Sunday, 15th December

17:00 hrs Departure by bus from ICAP headquarters to CIJAM for the brigade members who arrived in Cuba earlier.

Accommodation and dinner

Pick up at the airport for those arriving that day.

Monday 16 December

07:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast.

09:30 hrs. Floral wreath at the monument to Julio Antonio Mella.

Planting of a tree of friendship in the Bosque Martiano (Martí's Wood)

Official welcoming activity.

11:30 hrs General information meeting on the functioning of CIJAM, presentation of the Cuban delegation and CIJAM workers.

12:00 hrs Lunch.

14:30 hrs Lecture: "Cuba: update of its political, legislative, economic and social reality.

16:30 hrs First meeting of the countries Coordinating Committee.

20:00 hrs Cuban Night. Cultural Activity

Tuesday 17 December

06:30 hrs Standing and breakfast.

07:00 hrs Morning news

08:00 hrs Visit to the Agroecological Farm La Burgambilia.

Explanation about the agroecological systems in Cuba, sustainable circular economy and its social-community approach. Tour of the farm.

09:30 hrs Productive work on the farm.

12:00 hrs Return to the CIJAM.

13.00 hrs Lunch

14:30 hrs Lecture: Cuban environmental policy: Live Task (Tarea Vida) and its current implementation.



18.30 hrs Information meeting about the trip to Matanzas.

Dinner.

Free evening

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

06:30 hrs Stand up.

07:00 hrs Breakfast

07:30 hrs Departure to Playa Giron.

10:30 hrs Reception by ICAP at the Korimacao project headquarters. Visit to the project

11:40 hrs Visit to the fish cave.

12:30 hrs Lunch at Punta Perdiz restaurant.

15:30 hrs Visit to the Playa Giron Museum.

16:30 hrs Lodging at the Playa Giron hotel.

19:30 hrs Dinner at the hotel

20:30 hrs Visit to a CDR. Cederista welcome party

Thursday 19 December

7:00 hrs Breakfast

08:00 hrs Departure to Matanzas

11:00 hrs Floral wreath to our National Hero José Martí at the Parque de la Libertad.
Reception by ICAP and authorities of the province.

12:00 hrs Lunch at Finca la Dionisia.

14:00 hrs Visit to the University of Matanzas. Meeting with students of the Union of Young Communists, the University Student Federation and foreigners studying in Cuba.

17:00 hrs Visit to a community project in the city of Matanzas.

16:30 hrs Return to the hotel

19.00 hrs Dinner at the hotel and free evening.

Friday 20th December

07:00hrs. Breakfast

08:30hrs. Visit to a primary school. Celebration of Educator's Day. Meeting with teachers and students to explain about the education system in Cuba.

11.00hrs. Visit to the Castle of San Severino and Museum of the Slave Route.

13:00hrs. Lunch at Cuevas de Bellamar restaurant



- 15:00hrs. Visit to a state-owned MSME to learn about the new forms of economic management and its social contribution.
- 17:30hrs. Return to accommodation
- 19:30hrs. Dinner
- 20:30hrs. Participation in cultural evening activity in the city of Matanzas.

Saturday, 21 December

- 07:00hrs. Breakfast.
- 08:00hrs. Departure for Cárdenas
- 09:00hrs. Visit to the company Cuba Ron Eladio de Marcos. Exchange with young people and workers about the functioning of the state company and the effects of the blockade on the sector.
- 11:00hrs. Visit to a maternity home in Cárdenas.
- 12:00hrs. Transfer to Varadero.
Lunch and free afternoon to enjoy the beach.
- 17.30hrs. Return to the hotel. Dinner
- 20:30hrs. Enjoy evening activities at the hotel.

Sunday, 22nd December

- 07:00hrs Breakfast
- 08:30 hrs Departure to volunteer work in an urban garden.
- 11:30 hrs Return to the hotel
- 12:00 hrs Lunch at Chiquirrín restaurant
- 14:00 hrs Guided city tour in the city of Matanzas
- 17:00 hrs Departure to Havana
Dinner at CIJAM

Monday, 23 December

- 06:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast
- 07:30 hrs Departure
- 09:00 hrs. Visit to a house for children without family support in Havana
- 11:30 hrs. Meeting with representatives of CENESEX. Exchange of information about their work in Cuba, legislation concerning sexual, reproductive and family rights.
- 13:00hrs. Lunch at Casa de la Amistad.



15:00 hrs Exchange on Cuba-European Union relations and the extraterritorial policy of the blockade at the ICAP.

17:00 hrs Return to CIJAM

19:00 hrs Dinner

20:30 hrs Dance classes

Tuesday, 24th December

06:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast.

09:00 hrs Visit to the Memorial to the Martyrs of Artemisia. Exchange with local authorities about the development of the province. Free City Tour in the town.

13:00 hrs Lunch at CIJAM.

Preparation of the European evening

18:00 hrs Dinner and European night

Wednesday 25 December (Holiday)

07:30 hrs Standing and breakfast

08:30 hrs Voluntary work

12:00 hrs Lunch

14:30 hrs Screening of a Cuban film or documentary. Debate

18:00 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Dance classes

Thursday 26th December

06:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast.

09:00 hrs Visit to the Finlay Vaccine Institute. Exchange on the development of biotechnological products. Effects of the blockade on the sector.

11.00 hrs Visit to the Denouncement Memorial Museum.

13.00 hrs Lunch at Tocaroro restaurant

15.00 hrs Visit to the Fidel Castro Centre.

17.00 hrs Return to CIJAM

18:00 hrs Dinner. Free evening



Friday 27th December

07:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast

08:30 hrs Voluntary work in a social work in Caimito

12:00 hrs Lunch

14:00 hrs Presentation of a book by a Cuban publisher.

18:00 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Free evening

Saturday, 28th December

06:30 hrs Standing up and breakfast

07:30 hrs Departure to Soroa

09:00 hrs Visit to the Orchidarium of Soroa, hike and visit to the Rainbow Waterfall

12:30 hrs Lunch on site

15:30 hrs Return to CIJAM

18:00 hrs Dinner.

Free evening

Sunday, 29th December

08:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast

09:30 hrs Voluntary work in the camp

12:00 hrs Lunch

14:30 hrs Workshop on solidarity work with members of the Southern Cross Brigade who are already in the camp.

18:00 hrs Dinner.

Free evening

Monday 30th December

07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast

10:00 hrs Visit to the Pediatric hospital in Centro Habana. Reception by the authorities of the Centre and exchange to know how the blockade affects the mission of that entity.

12:00 hrs Lunch at El Aljibe restaurant

14:00 hrs Closing of the brigade at ICAP.

Afternoon and dinner at leisure in Old Havana



20.00 hrs Return to CIJAM. Pick up at a point in the city.

Tuesday, 31st December

07:30 hrs Breakfast.

09.30 hrs Race of Friendship and for Peace with CIJAM workers and members of the Southern Cross Brigade.

At the end of the race, board games, sports activities, casino wheel, etc.

12.00 hrs Lunch

Decoration of the camp for the dinner

20:00 hrs Dinner and recreational activity to celebrate the 65th anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution and the arrival of the new year with the members of the Cruz del Sur Brigade.

Wednesday, January 1st

08:00 hrs Breakfast and free morning.

12:00 hrs Lunch

13:00 hrs Departure to Havana.

17:00 hrs Participation in the Gala of the National Ballet of Cuba dedicated to the 66th anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution.

20:00 hrs Return to CIJAM.

21.00 hrs Dinner.

Thursday, January 2nd

09.00 hrs Transfer to Havana of the participants remaining in Cuba.

Departure of the participants to their countries during the day, according to flight schedule.