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Dear friend:

The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples and its Travel Agency "Amistur Cuba S.A" invite friends from the European continent to be part of the 50th Edition of the "José Martí" European Voluntary Work and Solidarity with Cuba Brigade. The program is devoted to commemorate the 170th Anniversary of the birth of the Apostle of the Independence of Cuba José Martí, the 63rd Anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban Revolution, the 55th Anniversary of the fall in combat of Commander Che Guevara and the 69th Anniversary of the Day of the National Rebellion. It includes visits to places of historical, economic, cultural and social interest, lectures on current national topics and meetings with representatives of organizations of Cuban society as well as Cuban people in general, among other activities.

Participants will be able to witness a Cuba that, after two years of facing pandemic and intensified economic, commercial and financial blockade, has managed to be the first country in the Latin American region to immunize its population against Covid-19 with its own vaccines. During your stay, you will be able to verify the achievements gotten during more than 60 years of the victorious Revolution, enjoy healthy and safe socio-political tourism, learn about our history and culture, security in our streets, natural landscapes and ecological destinations. All of these, along with the human, cheerful and friendly warmth of the Cuban people, will make your experience an unforgettable one.

The program will take place from July 10th to 27th, 2022, in the provinces of Artemisa, Havana, Matanzas and Villa Clara; 17 nights of staying, 13 of them in the International Camp "Julio Antonio Mella" (CIJAM), located in the Caimito municipality, 45 km away from Havana and 4 nights in Playa Girón, Matanzas, a historic place where North American imperialism got its first great defeat in America, 61 years ago.

The whole stay will cost 642.00 USD per brigade member, which includes lodging (in shared rooms for up to 4 people at CIJAM), double or triple rooms at the hotel in Playa Girón, three meals daily, transfer in–out from the airport and transportation to all the activities planned in the program. If the total number of participants in the brigade outnumbers 50 people, the cost of the program will be reduced, being less than 642.00 USD, which will be communicated with time in advance, before doing the corresponding payment.

The payment method is through bank transference or online-payment gateway. It cannot be in USD due to the restrictions for the use of that currency imposed by the USA blockade to Cuba. However, prices are estimated in that currency because generally exchange rate fluctuates less than other currencies.

According to the current epidemiological measures, all international travelers arriving Cuba must maintain as mandatory use of a mask during their stay in the country. It is also an essential condition to travel with medical insurance which covers or includes Cuba. Brigade members who arrive CIJAM before July 10th, 2022, must pay an additional supplement of 16.00 USD per night, for accommodation and meals

Agricultural work will be carried out in areas surrounding the Camp, created in 1972, which has adequate conditions to satisfy collective life as well as needs of people who visit us from different parts of the world. With the assistance, the brigade member agrees to comply with the indicated program and to properly observe the rules of conduct, discipline and social coexistence, as well as follow hygienic-sanitary measures.

Registration will be open until June 20th, 2022. To confirm your participation, we request that you send to the emails: eurocentro@icap.cu and amiventas@amistur.cu the following information: name and surnames, passport number, age, date of birth, profession, languages spoken, country of origin, organization you represent, date, time and number of the arrival flight to Cuba as well as date, time and departure flight. Participants who are in Havana before the start of the brigade will be guaranteed transportation to CIJAM, which will leave from ICAP Headquarters on Sunday, July 10th, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.

We hope to have your presence at the 50th edition of the "José Martí" European Brigade of Voluntary Work and Solidarity with Cuba, where friendship and solidarity between the Cuban and European peoples will reign, allowing us to advance in the construction of a better future, of peace and brotherhood.

Fraternally,

Ibis Alvisa González

Brigade director

Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples



**PROGRAM FOR THE 50TH EDITION OF THE EUROPEAN BRIGADE “JOSÉ MARTI”**

Saturday 9 and Sunday 10, arrival of the delegations at CIJAM

**Sunday July 10, 2022**

17:00 hrs Departure from ICAP Headquarters to CIJAM.

 Reception of the brigade members in the CIJAM. Dinner.

**Monday, July 11, 2022**

07:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast

09:30 hrs Floral wreath at “Julio A. Mella” monument.

10:00 hrs Official welcome activity.

11:00 hrs General information meeting on the functioning of CIJAM, presentation of the Cuban delegation and CIJAM workers.

12:00 hrs Lunch.

14:00 hrs Lecture: "José Martí's solidarity and anti-imperialist ideology in Fidel's thought and action".

 Planting of a tree of friendship in the "Bosque Martiano" at CIJAM.

16:30 hrs First meeting of the Coordinating Committee for country heads.

18.30 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Welcome cultural activity.

**Tuesday, July 12, 2022**

05:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast

06:45 hrs Morning news session

07:00 hrs Departure to productive work

11:00 hrs Return to camp

12:00 hrs Lunch

14:00 hrs Lecture: "Cuba: a vision from its political, economic and social reality. Relations with the United States and the European Union."

16:30 hrs Sport activities

18:30 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Presentation of the Cuban film: ¨El Mayor¨ Dr. Rigoberto López

**Wednesday, July 13, 2022**

05:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast

06:45 hrs Morning news session

07:00 hrs Departure to productive work

11:00 hrs Return to camp

12:00 hrs Lunch

14:00 hrs Lecture: The scientific development of the Cuban Revolution at the service of the people.

18:00 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Dance classes

**Thursday, July 14, 2022**

05:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast

06:45 hrs Morning news session

07:00 hrs Departure to productive work

11:00 hrs Return to camp

12:00 hrs Lunch

14:30 hrs Visit to Sierra del Rosario Ecological Station. Ecovida - Center for Environmental Research and Services.

18:00 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Dance classes

**Friday, July 15, 2022**

7.00 hrs Stand up and breakfast.

9.00 hrs Departure to Havana

10.30 hrs Visit to the José Martí Memorial Monument at the Revolution Square, floral wreath and central activity in commemoration of the 50th edition of the José Martí Brigade.

12:30 hrs Lunch at the Friendship House.

15:00 hrs Visit to the Fidel Castro Center

18:30 hrs Return to CIJAM

19:00 hrs Dinner

20.00 hrs Meeting to explain the program in Matanzas.

 Second meeting of the Coordinating Committee for Country Heads.

**Saturday July 16, 2022**

07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast

08:00 hrs Departure to Matanzas.

10:30 hrs. Arrival to the city of Matanzas.

* Floral wreath to José Martí in the Park of Liberty.
* Reception by the authorities of the province.

12: 00 hrs Lunch in a restaurant of the city.

14: 00 hrs Visit to the San Severino Castle Museum. Slave Route.

15.30 hrs Departure to Playa Girón.

18:00 hrs Accommodation at the Playa Girón Hotel

19.00 hrs Dinner.

21:00 hrs Welcome activity at the hotel.

**Sunday July 17, 2022**

08:00 hrs Breakfast

10.00 hrs Visit to the Playa Girón Museum.

12:00 hrs Lunch at the hotel.

14:00 hrs Visit to Playa Caleta and Punta Perdiz to enjoy the beach and the beauty of nature.

19:30 hrs Dinner at the hotel.

**Monday, July 18, 2022**

07:00 hrs Breakfast

09:00 hrs Visit to places of economic interest

• Enterprise René Ramos Latour (dedicated to fishing activities)

• Forest Company

12:00 hrs Lunch at the hotel

15:00 hrs Visit to the headquarters of the Korimakao Community Artistic Project

 Exchange with young artists and cultural gala

19:00 hrs Dinner at the hotel

**Tuesday, July 19, 2022**

07:00 hrs Breakfast

08:00 hrs Voluntary work in San Blas, in support of food production.

12:00 hrs Lunch at the hotel

14.00 hrs Visit to Boca de Guama, Laguna del Tesoro and the Crocodile Farm

17:00 hrs Visit to Soplillar and the Carboneros Museum, meeting with combatants of the Revolution.

19:00 hrs Dinner at the hotel

21:00 hrs Farewell activity at the hotel

**Wednesday, July 20, 2022**

07:00 hrs Breakfast

07:30 hrs Check out

08:00 hrs Departure to Santa Clara

10:30 hrs Arrival and welcome at the Commander Ernesto Guevara Memorial Museum

 • Visit to the Che Memorial, the Armored Train Monument and "Loma del Capiro"

14:00 hrs Lunch at the Villa Clara Friendship House

15:30 hrs Departure to the CIJAM

19:00 hrs Arrival to CIJAM and dinner

**Thursday, July 21, 2022**

08:00 hrs Breakfast

10:00 hrs Meeting with representatives of political and mass organizations (Young Communist League, Federation of Cuban Women, Small Cuban Farmers National Association and Trade Unions Confederation)

12.00 hrs Lunch

14.00 hrs Workshop: "60 years of ICAP, global solidarity with Cuba and against the blockade, for peace and international solidarity."

15.00 hrs Sport activities

18.30 hrs Dinner

20:30 hrs Cuban film “Inocencia”

**Friday July 22, 2022**

07:00 hrs Breakfast.

9.30 hrs Visit to the Lawyers Association of Cuba. Explanation about the legislative process in the country, including the Family Code.

12:00 hrs Lunch at a local restaurant

14.00 hrs Visit to a community project.

16:00 hrs Visit to a neighborhood in transformation. Meeting with leaders of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution and the local population.

18:30 hrs Departure to CIJAM

19:30 hrs Dinner

**Saturday July 23, 2022**

07:00 hrs Breakfast

08:30 hrs Friendship Race. Exchange with Outstanding Cuban athletes

12:00 hrs Lunch.

Afternoon: Preparation of the European night

19:00 hrs Dinner. European night

**Sunday July 24, 2022**

07:00 hrs Breakfast

8.30 hrs Transfer to Havana.

9.30 hrs Visit to the Denouncing Museum (devoted to show terrorist actions planned against Cuba.

Then, free day in Old Havana.

17.00 hrs Return to CIJAM.

18.30 hrs Dinner.

**Monday, July 25, 2022**

05:30 hrs Stand up.

06:45 hrs Breakfast.

07:30 hrs Departure to productive work. Final production activity.

12:00 a.m. Lunch

14:00 hrs Cultural activity: “60 reasons and more to defend”. Exchange with local artists

16.00 hrs Third meeting of the Coordinating Committee for country heads.

18:30 hrs Dinner.

20.00 hrs Screening of a documentary about the blockade against Cuba. Debate.

**Tuesday, July 26, 2022**

05:30 hrs Stand up

06:00 hrs Breakfast

07:00 hrs Participation in the provincial activity for July 26, National Rebellion Day in the Memorial to the Martyrs of Artemisa, exchange with authorities of the province and visit to the Memorial. At the end, free time in Artemisa

13:30 hrs Lunch at CIJAM

Free afternoon.

Sport activities.

18:30 hrs Dinner

20:00 hrs Collective birthday and Bonfire of Friendship

**Wednesday, July 27, 2022**

08:00 hrs Breakfast.

10.00 hrs Closing activity of the brigade.

12.00 hrs Lunch.

13.00 hrs Transfer to the airport of the brigade members who leave Cuba that day and to Havana for those who will remain in the country.