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51 EDICION DE LA BRIGADA EUROPEA DE SOLIDARIDAD CON CUBA JOSÉ MARTÍ

Dear Friends of Cuba:

The Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) and its travel agency Amistur have the pleasure of inviting European friends of Cuba to participate in the 51th Jose Marti European brigade. The program of activities is devoted to mark 171 anniversaries of the birth of the Cuban Independence Apostle José Martí, 65 of the triumph of Cuban Revolution and 71 of the National Rebellion Day. Brigade members will visit places of historic, economic, cultural and social significance, undertake voluntary work, be briefed on current affairs in Cuba, and engage with representatives from different organizations across our society, among other activities.

Your stay in Cuba will allow you to get to know our people and to gain a deeper knowledge of the main achievements gotten, which make us to be proud of and at the same time more committed to continue working for defending Cuban Revolution. This is a time of reforms that are being carried out as part of the updating of our socialist project in the face of adverse circumstances caused by the tightening of the economic, trade and financial blockade imposed on us by successive USA governments for over six decades. You will also enjoy a socio-political activities agenda, know our history and culture, streets citizenships safety, natural landscapes and ecological destinations, along with Cuban people's cheerful and human nature will come true an unforgettable experience.

The program of activities will take place from July 14 to 28, 2024 in the provinces of Artemisa, Cienfuegos, Villa Clara and the city of Trinidad; 14 nights of stay, 11 of them at the Julio Antonio Mella International Camp (CIJAM), located in the Caimito municipality, 45 km from Havana and 3 in Cienfuegos. The stay will cost 695.00 Euros if the total number of brigade members does not exceed 50 people. If it is higher, the cost of the program will be 630.00 Euros. This includes accommodation (in shared rooms for up to 4 people at CIJAM), double or triple rooms at the hotel, full board, transfer in and out of the airport and transportation to all the activities planned in the program.

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 for participants will be open until June 14 2023. To confirm your participation, we request that you send to the emails: director.europa@icap.cu _____ and amiventas@amistur.cu the following information: full name, passport number, date of birth, profession, languages spoken, country, organization represented as well as details of arrival and departure from Cuba (including dates, times and flight numbers). For Brigade members who come to Havana before the formal start date of the Brigade, we will put on a transfer bus to get you to the CIJAM. This will leave the ICAP main office July 14 2023 at 17.00 hrs.

It will give us great pleasure if you are able to join us for these friendship and solidarity activities, as part of the 51th Jose Marti European brigade of voluntary work and solidarity with Cuba, where friendship between Cuban and European peoples will rule, allowing us to march on towards consolidation of a better, peaceful and brotherhood future.

Fraternally,

Déborah Azcuy Carrillo
Director of the brigade
Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP)



**Program for the 51th Jose Marti European Brigade
From July 14 until July 28, 2024**

Sunday, July 14, 2024

17.00 hrs Departure of a bus from ICAP Headquarters to CIJAM.
During the day: Arrival of the brigadistas at the airport. Transfer to the camp.

Monday, July 15, 2024

07:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast
09:30 hrs Floral wreath at the monument to Julio A. Mella.
10:00 hrs Planting of a tree in the Bosque Martiano of CIJAM.
Official welcoming activity.
11:30 hrs General information meeting on the functioning of CIJAM.
12:00 hrs Lunch
14:00 hrs Conference: "José Martí in Fidel's thought and action".
19:00 hrs Dinner and Cuban night

Tuesday, July 16, 2024

06:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
06:45 hrs Morning News
07:00 hrs Departure to productive work.
11:00 hrs Return to camp

12:00 hrs Lunch
14:00 hrs Lecture: "Impact of the US blockade policy on the Cuban economy. Strategy for updating the Cuban economic model".
18:30 hrs Dinner
20:00 hrs Projection of a Cuban film. Debate.

Wednesday, July 17, 2024

06:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
06:45 hrs Morning News
07:30 hrs Departure to productive work.
12:00 hrs Lunch
14:00 hrs Conference: "Cuban political and electoral system. Democracy, popular participation and human rights in Cuba".
18:30 hrs Dinner
20:00 hrs Exchange with CDR in the neighborhood surrounding the Camp

Thursday, July 18, 2024

06:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
06:45 hrs Morning news
07:00 hrs Departure to productive work.
11:00 hrs Return to Camp
12:00 hrs Lunch
14:30 hrs Visit to the Memorial to the Martyrs of Artemisa. Exchange with local authorities on the socioeconomic development of the province.
17.00 hrs Visit to the house of culture.
19:00 hrs Dinner
20:30 hrs Dance classes

Viernes 19 de julio de 2024

06:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
06:45 hrs Morning news
07:00 hrs Departure to productive work.
12:00 hrs Lunch
13:00 hrs Departure to Havana
15:00 hrs Visit to Fidel Castro Center.
16:30 hrs Panoramic tour of the city, stop at the Revolution Square. End of the tour at the Museum of the Revolution.
Free time to explore the city and dinner on your own.
19:45 hrs Transfer from the Museum of the Revolution to the Morro Cabaña Fortress to witness "El Cañonazo" ceremony.
21:30 hrs Return to CIJAM.

Saturday, July 20, 2024

07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
08:30 hrs Productive work in a social project in Caimito in celebration of July 26th
12:00 hrs Lunch
14:00 hrs Preparation for European Night.
18:00 hrs Dinner and European Night

Sunday, July 21, 2024

07.00 hrs Stand up and breakfast

- 09:00 hrs Visit to Sierra del Rosario Ecological Station. Ecovida-Center for Environmental Research and Services in Las Terrazas. Community Sharing Tour. Enjoyment of the place.
- 12:30 hrs Lunch at a local restaurant
- 14:00 hrs Visit to the San Juan River. Bath time.
- 16:30 hrs Return to CIJAM.
- 18.30 hrs Dinner and free night

Monday, July 22, 2024

- 07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
- 08.30 hrs Friendship race with workers of the camp and authorities of the municipal INDER.
- 10:00 hrs Exchange on media manipulation and the use of social media against Cuba.
- 12:00 hrs Lunch
- 14.00 hrs Visit to the Center for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology.
- 16.00 hrs Exchange with representatives of the FMC and CTC at ICAP.
- 18.00 hrs Return to camp
- 19:00 hrs Dinner
- 20:30 hrs Meeting to explain the program in Cienfuegos.

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

- 07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
- 08:00 hrs Departure to Cienfuegos.
- 11:30hrs Welcome by the ICAP delegation in Cienfuegos and authorities of the province. Placement of a wreath in tribute to the martyrs of the 5 September 1957 uprising at the cemetery "Tomás Acea". After City tour.
- 12:30 hrs Lunch
- 15:00 hrs Visit to the Provincial Museum and the Tomas Terry Theater.
- 16:30 hrs Visit to a community project with children.
- 18:00 hrs Accommodation at the hotel
- 19:00 hrs Dinner
- 20.30 hrs Cultural activity at the hotel

Wednesday, July 24, 2024

- 07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
- 08:00 hrs Visit to an agricultural production cooperative. Tour and exchange on sustainable agriculture.
- 11.00 hrs Visit to a MSME to learn about the role of new economic actors in the process of updating the Cuban economic model.
- 13.30 hrs Lunch
- 15.30 hrs Visit to a home for the elderly.
- 19.00 hrs Dinner
- 20:30 hrs Exchange with a representation of students from the FEU and UJC.

Thursday, July 25, 2024

- 07:00 hrs Stand up and breakfast
- 08:30 hrs Departure to the city of Trinidad, World Heritage Site.
- 10:00 hrs Reception by municipal authorities. Tour of the historic center of the city.
- 12:00 hrs Departure to the Ancon Peninsula and lunch at a local hotel. Free afternoon to enjoy the beach.
- 16:00 hrs Return to Cienfuegos.
- 19:00 hrs Dinner

21:00 hrs Exchange with a CDR waiting for July 26th.

Friday, July 26, 2024

07:00 hrs Breakfast. Check out from the hotel
08:00 hrs Departure to Santa Clara
09:30 hrs Visit to the Ernesto Che Guevara Sculpture Complex and the Monument to the Action against the Armored Train.
12:00 hrs Lunch in Santa Clara
14:00 hrs Departure to CIJAM.
18:00 hrs Arrival at CIJAM
19:00 hrs Dinner and free night

Saturday, July 27, 2024

06:30 hrs Stand up and breakfast
07:30 hrs Departure to productive work.
11:00 hrs Return to camp.
11.30 hrs Recap of the productive days.
12.30 hrs Lunch
14.00 hrs Final workshop on the importance of solidarity with Cuba and exchange of experiences among the members of the brigade, closing of the brigade and cultural sharing.
18.30 hrs Dinner and free night

Sunday, July 28, 2024

08:00 hrs Breakfast. End of the brigade.
10:00 hrs Transfer of the participants to Havana and to the airport.
Return of the delegations to their countries.