



"48th CONTINGENT OF THE EUROPEAN BRIGADE"

Dear friends!

The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) have the pleasure to invite you to join the 48th Contingent of the European Brigade, which takes place at the International Camp "Julio A. Mella" (CIJAM), from July 9th, 2017 to July 28th, 2018.

Joining this Brigade constitutes an excellent opportunity to learn about historical legacy of José Martí, National Hero of Cuba, the validity of his thought in the Cuban revolutionary process headed by the undefeated Commander in Chief Fidel Castro, and also to celebrate along with the people from Santiago de Cuba el 65th Anniversary of the attacks on the headquarters Moncada and Carlos Manuel de Céspedes, experimenting the advances of the process of updating of the Cuban socialist economic model of the Cuban Revolution.

This also will be an opportune moment to strength the fraternal exchange between Cubans and European friends on current issues and interests related with Cuba and its realities, as well as strengthen the solidarity work with the Cuban revolution and other just causes all over the world.

As it is already traditional, the carrying out of the voluntary work days as a contribution to the agricultural and productive development of the country, have helped to the expansion of the solidarity movement and to strengthen the friendship and the mutual knowledge between Cuba and the other peoples of the world.

It will also combine sporting and dance activities, videos and documentaries and solidarity days. All this will offer you the possibility of approaching the idiosyncrasies of our people and understanding even more the reasons that sustain and strengthen our Revolution.

The program includes visits to places of historical, cultural and social interest in Havana, as well as Artemisa, Santiago de Cuba, Camagüey and Sancti Spíritus provinces, the carrying out of lectures and talks on national and international issues, on the work and thought of Martí and meetings with organizations of the Cuban civil society.

The cost of the stay is 650 CUC per person, with headquarters in the International Camp "Julio Antonio Mella" (CIJAM), located in Guayabal, Caimito, Artemisa province, 40 km from the capital, which includes accommodation in shared rooms, meals (full board), arrival and departure transfers at the airport, transportation to the all activities included in the program, first aid medical services, and 5 nights of stay in a tourist center located in the province of Santiago de Cuba.

Optional visits are not included in the Brigade package, although we would appreciate, if you subscribe, inform it when you send the rest of the information requested.

CIJAM also offers cafeteria, bar and shop services, national and international telephony, internet and email services and safe box for personal documents and valuables.

The payment of the package must be made within the first 24 hours of arriving at CIJAM, so it is necessary to change your currency to CUC (Convertible Cuban Pesos) in the exchange office (CADECA) of CIJAM.

The exchange of currencies to CUC can be made from Euros, Canadian dollars, British pounds and Swiss Francs according to the international exchange rate of the day in: airports, hotels, convention and business centers and the exchange offices (CADECA) enabled in the country.

Persons who pay by bank transfer must bring receipt of their execution. It is recalled as a security measure that the bank transfers and corresponding payments should not be made, under any concept, in US dollars.

Those interested should contact us before June 1, 2018, sending us your name and surnames, date of birth and passport number, profession or study you do, if you are vegetarian, vegan, celiac or lactose intolerant; arrival and departure flights details to confirm your participation in the Brigade and to organize transfer services at the airport, as well as lodging in the CIJAM and at the hotel in the province.

Each brigadista must bring 2 photos size 4 x 4 cm. for the card that accredits him as a member of the "Nordic Brigade", suitable clothing and shoes (long-sleeved shirt, long jeans, gloves, work shoes and hat) to carry out the productive work.

**Brigadistas who remain in Cuba, at the end of the Brigade, must personally make their visa extension in the Immigration and Foreigners offices; in case of remain for longer in the country.
Official languages will be English, French and Spanish.**

It would be very pleasant to be able to count on your presence and share with you what has traditionally been an unforgettable experience, as an expression of friendship and solidarity among our peoples.

Your confirmation of participation should be sent to the following email addresses:

European division: deuropa@icap.cu; euroeste@icap.cu;

Travel Agency AMISTUR SA: amistur@amistur.cu

You can contact us through the telephones of the European division of ICAP:

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Web sites: www.icap.cu and www.amistur.cu

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Hope see you soon!

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