



## CALL AND PROGRAM

### 53<sup>rd</sup> EDITION OF THE JOSÉ MARTÍ EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY WITH CUBA BRIGADE

The Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) and its Travel Agency Amistur Cuba S.A. summon friends of Cuba in Europe to participate in the 53<sup>rd</sup> edition of the “José Martí” European Volunteer Work and Solidarity with Cuba Brigade.


The program of activities is devoted to commemorate the centennial of the birth of Fidel Castro Ruz, Historic Leader of the Cuban Revolution and a worldwide symbol of anti-imperialist resistance and international solidarity. Through meetings, tours, and volunteer working days, the brigade members will be able to get closer to his legacy and learn about the relevance of his thought in the Cuban social project. As it is traditional, the program also includes visits to sites of historical, economic, cultural, and social interest, meetings with representatives of political and mass organizations, as well as other activities and exchanges that will allow its members to learn first-hand about the achievements and current challenges of the Cuban revolutionary project and the impact of the economic, commercial, and financial blockade imposed by the U.S.A government for more than 6 decades, which has been significantly tightened under the current Trump administration.

The program of activities will take place from August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in the provinces of Artemisa, Havana, Villa Clara, and Cienfuegos; a 14-night stay, 11 of them at the Julio Antonio Mella International Camp (CIJAM), located in the municipality of Caimito, 45 km away from Havana, 1 night in Santa Clara, and 2 nights in Cienfuegos. The stay will cost **790.00 Euros**. This includes shared room accommodation, full board, transfer in -- out from Havana's José Martí Airport to CIJAM whenever arrival coincides with the brigade's start and end dates, and transportation to all activities scheduled in the program.

Payment is made via bank transfer, online payment gateway, or by payment card, Visa or Mastercard, whenever they are not issued by U.S.A banks. It is an essential condition to travel with medical insurance that provides coverage in Cuba. Brigade members who arrive to Cuba 1 or 2 days before August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2026, and wish to stay at CIJAM, must pay an additional supplement of **20.00 Euros** per night, for accommodation and meals.

Registrations will be open to interested parties until July 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026. To confirm your participation, please send the following information to the emails: [director.europa@icap.cu](mailto:director.europa@icap.cu) [euroiberia@icap.cu](mailto:euroiberia@icap.cu) and [amiventas@amistur.cu](mailto:amiventas@amistur.cu): full name, passport number, date of birth, profession, languages spoken, country of origin, organization represented, dietary restrictions if any, date, time, and flight number of arrival to and departure from Cuba.

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We hope to have your presence at the 53<sup>rd</sup> edition of “José Martí” European Volunteer Work and Solidarity with Cuba Brigade, where friendship and solidarity between the Cuban and European peoples will reign, allowing us to advance in building a better future of peace and brotherhood.

Fraternally,



Europe Division  
Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples

**PROGRAM**  
**August 2<sup>nd</sup> to 16<sup>th</sup>, 2026**

**Day No. 1- Sunday, 02/08/2026. Artemisa / CIJAM**

During the day: Arrival of brigade members to the airport. Transfer to the Julio Antonio Mella International Camp (CIJAM).

16:00 Departure from the Friendship House to CIJAM, Caimito, for brigade members who arrived into the country earlier.

19:00 Dinner at CIJAM.

**Day No. 2- Monday, 03/08/2026. Artemisa / CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast.

09:30 Planting of a friendship tree in the Martiano Forest at CIJAM. Floral tribute to Julio Antonio Mella. Official welcome activity in the CIJAM theater. Presentation of the Cuban delegation and information about CIJAM's functioning.

12:00 Lunch

14:30 Conference: Cuba today: political, economic, and social update and state of relations with the U.S. government.

20.00 Dinner and Cuban night.

**Day No. 3- Tuesday, 04/08/26. Artemisa / CIJAM**

06:30 Wake-up and breakfast.

07:30 Morning meeting

08:00 Departure for the Quisicuba Assisted Living Camp in San Antonio de los Baños, a project for the care of people with social disadvantage and vulnerable situations. Explanation of the center's work and productive workday.

11:30 Return to camp.

12:30 Lunch.

14:30 Exchange on cultural colonization, social media, neo-fascism, and how Cuba prepares to face these phenomena that threaten our nationality and values.

19:00 Dinner.

20:30 Dance classes or screening of a Cuban film.

**Day No. 4- Wednesday, 05/08/2026. Artemisa / CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast.

07:30 Morning meeting


08:30 Visit to the La Burgambilia Agroecological Farm. Explanation of agroecological systems in Cuba, sustainable circular economy, and its social-community approach. Productive work on the farm.

11:30 Return to camp.

12:30 Lunch

14:30 Exchange with representatives of the Federation of Cuban Women and the

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Confederation of Cuba Workers on the work of both organizations, main tasks, and current challenges.

Explanation about the visit to provinces.

19:00 Dinner. Free night.

#### **Day No. 5- Thursday, 06/08/2026. Artemisa -- Santa Clara / Los Caneyes**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast

08:00 Departure for Villa Clara

12:00 Check-in with lunch at Los Caneyes hotel

14:00 Welcome by the ICAP delegation in the province and exchange with members of the Association of Combatants of the Cuban Revolution.

16.30 City tour and visit to the El Mejunje sociocultural project

19:00 Dinner and cultural activity at the accommodation site.

#### **Day No. 6- Friday, 07/08/2026. Santa Clara - Cienfuegos / Rancho Luna**

08:00 Breakfast

09:30 Visit to the Ernesto Che Guevara Sculptural Complex and the Monument to the Armored Train.

12:00 Check-out and lunch at the hotel

13:30 Transfer to Cienfuegos

15.30 Welcome by the ICAP delegation of Cienfuegos and other provincial authorities. City tour.

18:30 Accommodation and dinner at the hotel.

20.30 Meeting with representatives of the National Union of Writers and Artists of Cuba to learn about artistic work in the province of Cienfuegos.

#### **Day No. 7- Saturday, 08/08/2026. Cienfuegos / Rancho Luna**

07:30 Breakfast.

09:00 Exchange with representatives of the provincial delegation of the Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment on the "Task Life" plan and strategies to face climate change.

11.00 Exchange with leaders of the Young Communist League.

12:30 Lunch at the hotel

14:00 Visit to a small or medium-sized private enterprise to learn about the work of new economic actors in the process of updating the Cuban economic model.

15.30 Visit to a home for children without family care and delivery of donations to the center.

18:30 Dinner at the hotel.

20.00 Enjoyment of the hotel facilities

#### **Day No. 8- Sunday, 9/08/2026. Cienfuegos - Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:30 Breakfast and free morning to enjoy the beach and hotel facilities

12:00 Check-out and lunch at the hotel

14:00 Departure for the camp


18:00 Entry to CIJAM

19:00 Dinner at CIJAM. Free night.

#### **Day No. 9- Monday, 10/08/2026. Artemisa -- Havana - Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast. Departure for Havana

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12:00 Lunch included

Return to camp

19.00 Dinner

#### **Day No. 10- Tuesday, 11/08/2026. Artemisa -- Havana - Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast. Departure for Havana.

Participation in activities for the centenary of the birth of Commander in Chief, Fidel Castro.

12:00 Lunch included

Return to camp

19.00 Dinner

#### **Day No. 11- Wednesday, 12/08/2026. Artemisa -- Havana - Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast. Departure for Havana.

Participation in activities for the centenary of the birth of Commander in Chief, Fidel Castro.

12:00 Lunch included

Return to camp

19.00 Dinner

#### **Day No. 13- Thursday, 13/08/2026. Artemisa -- Havana - Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast. Departure for Havana.

Participation in activities for the centenary of the birth of Commander in Chief, Fidel Castro.

12:00 Lunch included

Return to camp

19.00 Dinner

#### **Day No. 14- Friday, 14/08/2026. Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast.

07:30 Morning meeting

08:00 Volunteer work day at an agricultural production cooperative near the camp.

11:30 Summary of productive workdays.

12.30 Lunch

14:00 Exchange with health and education collaborators who have fulfilled internationalist missions abroad.

16.00 Brigade closing activity/ceremony

19:30 Dinner

20:30 Dance classes or screening of a Cuban film.

#### **Day No. 15- Saturday, 15/08/2026. Artemisa/ CIJAM**

07:00 Wake-up and breakfast.


09:00 Visit to the Ciro Redondo García General Teaching Hospital in Artemisa.

Explanation of the center's work and delivery of medical donations by the brigade.

11.00 Visit to the Memorial to the Martyrs of Artemisa and exchange with local authorities on the socioeconomic development of Artemisa.

13:00 Lunch at camp

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14:00 Preparation for the European Night.  
19:00 Dinner and European Night.

**Sunday, 16/08/2026.**

08:00 Breakfast. End of the brigade.  
10:00 Transfer of brigade members to the airport for those returning to their countries during the day and to Havana for those staying in Cuba.

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