Dear Friend:

As every year, the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, together with its Travel Agency Amistur Cuba S.A. invites you to participate on the 14th edition of the May Day International Volunteer Work Brigade in Solidarity with Cuba.

On this occasion, we will be meeting between April 22nd and May 5th, 2019. In addition to celebrating together with the Cuban people the conquests of its workers, it will be time to follow up the work of the Central Organization of Cuban Trade Unions (CTC) that this year, while marking the 80th anniversary of its foundation will held its twenty-first Congress.

The program as a whole will be a tribute to the heroes and martyrs of our libertarian and emancipatory process on the 60th anniversary of the triumph of the Cuban Revolution. It will take place in the provinces of La Habana, Artemisa, Villa Clara and Sancti Spíritus, where participants will complete days of voluntary work, visit places of historical, economic, cultural and social interest; will receive lectures on up-to-date national topics and exchange with representatives from different organizations of the Cuban society.

The 14-night stay will cost 551.00 CUC (Cuban Convertible Pesos) per brigade member. Out of these, 10 nights you will be accommodated at the “Julio Antonio Mella” International Camp (CIJAM), located in Guayabal, Caimito municipality, Artemisa province, 40 Km away from the capital, and 4 nights in a tourist resort located in the province of Sancti Spíritus. The price includes accommodation in shared rooms (up to 8 in the CIJAM and double or triple in hotels), with full board (all three meals); airport transfers (in–out) and transportation to all the activities included in the program.

Additional nights will have an extra cost of 15.00 CUC per pax and will be paid directly into the CIJAM as well as the optional activities. Less than 10 days stay in the Brigade will not be accepted. It is an essential condition to travel health insurance with coverage in Cuba.

Registrations will be open until March 29th, 2019. Your attendance will be confirmed once received essential information: Name and last name, country of origin, date, time and flight arrival and departure to Cuba. In previous editions participation has been increasingly rising, so we inform you that once covered the 220 capacities of accommodation at the CIJAM, new confirmations will have an alternative of accommodation in similar conditions at the same cost.

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By confirming participation, “brigadistas” take responsibility of participating in all activities under the proposed program; as well as assuring compliance with CIJAM regulations, maintaining an appropriate behavior, high standards of discipline and a socially responsible conduct, consistent with norms for social interaction.

We will be happy to receive you in our country to continue building that other better world that it indeed possible! We look forward to have you here!

Fraternally,

THE CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLE

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Draft program of the 14th May Day International Brigade of Volunteer Work and Solidarity with Cuba.

Date: April 21st to May 5th, 2019

Sunday: April 21st 2019 Arrival of delegations

Optionals Activities
17:00 hrs. Departure of the transport from the Institute of friendship with the peoples (ICAP) towards the “Julio Antonio Mella” International Camp (CIJAM) in Caimito or “Niceto Perez” ANAP Integral Center, at Guira de Melena.

Monday: April 22
06:45 hrs. Wake up call
07:00 hrs. Breakfast
09:30 hrs. Official welcome activity
10:30 hrs. Floral tribute at the monument of Julio Antonio Mella.
11:00 hrs. Information and orientation meeting
11:30 hrs. Lunch
15:00 hrs. Panel “Challenges and new demands of the Cuban society in the face of the 60th anniversary of its Revolution”.
17:30 hrs. Exchange meeting (by countries)
20:00 hrs. Cuban Night

Tuesday: April 23
05:45 hrs. Wake up call
06:15 hrs. Breakfast
07:00 hrs. Departure for productive work.
11:30 hrs. Lunch
17:30 hrs. Meeting of the Coordinating Committee (with reps from the different delegations)
18:30 hrs. Dinner.
20:30 hrs Salsa Lessons
Screening of a Cuban film

Optionals

Wednesday: April 24
05:45 hrs. Wake up call
06:15 hrs. Breakfast.
07:00 hrs. Productive work.
11:30 hrs. Lunch
14:00 hrs. Departure for the mausoleum of the martyrs of Artemisa.
15:00 hrs. Official reception by provincial authorities in the mausoleum. Visit to the mausoleum
16:30 hrs. Presentation of a cultural project at Artemisa’s main park.
17:15 hrs. Free in the city
18:30 hrs. Departure for CIJAM
19:00 hrs. Dinner
21:00 hrs. Exchange meeting (by regions)

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**Thursday April 25**
04:00 hrs. Wake up call
05:30 hrs. Departure for Sancti Spíritus.
   Arrival to Santa Clara.
   Official reception to the Brigade members by the local authorities in the province
   and the ICAP representatives at the Ernesto Guevara Revolution Square in
   Santa Clara and visit to the Museum dedicated to the action against the armored
   train.
12:30 hrs. Lunch in Santa Clara.
15:00 hrs. Continue the travel to Sancti Spíritus.
17:00 hrs. Official welcome activity by the provincial authorities in the monument to the
   martyrs from the province.
   Accommodation at the hotel "Los Laureles" and "Rancho Hatuey".
19:00 hrs. Dinner in hotels.
20:00 hrs. Meeting of the Coordinating Committee
21:00 hrs. Cultural activities in hotels.

**Friday April 26**
07:00 hrs Breakfast.
08:30 hrs Departure to the Yaguajay municipality.
09:30 hrs Welcome at the Camilo Cienfuegos Memorial.
   Wreath lying.
   Visit to the National Museum of Camilo Cienfuegos.
   Exchange with combatants of the Cuban Revolution.
12:30 hrs Lunch at hotel San José del Lago and enjoyment of the place.
16:30 hrs Back to Sancti Spíritus
19:00 hrs Dinner in the hotels.
21:00 hrs Cultural activity - recreation in the city centers.

**Saturday: April 27**
07:30 hrs Breakfast.
08:30 hrs Visit to 2 cooperatives, where volunteer work activities will be carried out. Tour
   around the areas of the cooperative and group exchange on sustainable
   agriculture.
13:00 hrs Lunch in the hotels
15:00 hrs Meeting with representatives of the Cuban Workers Union (CTC)
   The Brigade members will exchange with representative of institutions and
   bodies illustrative of the different trade unions in Cuba.
19:00 hrs Dinner in the hotels.
20:30 hrs Meeting with members of the Committees for the Defense of the Revolution.

**Sunday April 28**
07:30 hrs Breakfast
08:30 hrs Departure to the city of Trinidad, declared a World Heritage Site.
10:00 hrs Official reception by municipal authorities.
   Tour around the historical center of the city.
12:30 hrs Departure towards the Ancon Peninsula and lunch at a hotel there.
   Free afternoon to enjoy the beach.
17:30 hrs Return to Sancti Spíritus.
19:00 hrs Dinner in the hotels
20:30 hrs Cultural and recreational farewell activity at the cabaret of Los Laureles hotel.

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Monday April 29
08:00 hrs  Breakfast
09:00 hrs  City tour around Sancti Spiritus
12:00 hrs  Lunch at the hotels.
            Check out of the hotel
14:00 hrs  Departure for CIJAM and ANAP Camps.
20:00 hrs  Dinner at the camps

Tuesday April 30
05:45 hrs.  Wake up call
06:15 hrs.  Breakfast
07:00 hrs.  Productive work
11:30 hrs.  Lunch
15:00 hrs.  Lecture "Cuban economy. Update overview and future challenges"
17:30 hrs.  Meeting of the Coordinating Committee.
18:30 hrs.  Dinner and rest.

Wednesday May 1st
03:00 hrs  Breakfast
04:00 hrs  Departure for the Revolution Square.
07:00 hrs  Participation on the International May Day parade
            At the conclusion of the March return to the CIJAM or:
            –  Free time in the city
            –  AMISTUR optionals
16:00 hrs  Return to the CIJAM for the brigades who were left in the city from the House of
            friendship.

Thursday May 2
05:30 hrs.  Wake up call
05:45 hrs.  Breakfast
07:00 hrs.  Departure for the Convention Center
            Participation in the International Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba
            Lunch at the Convention Center
15:00 hrs.  Visit to the Memorial de la Denuncia (memorial dedicated to the victims of
            terrorism in Cuba) and the Museum of the Revolution
18:30 hrs.  Collection of brigade members in the "13 de Marzo" Park, next to the Museum
            of the Revolution.
19:00 hrs.  Dinner and cultural activity at the Friendship House

Friday May 3
07:00 hrs.  Breakfast
10:00 hrs.  Solidarity meeting. Brigade’s closing activity
12:30 hrs.  Lunch
            Free time to organize the international night
20:00 hrs.  International night

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**Saturday May 4**
07:00 hrs. Breakfast

**AMISTUR Optionals**
08:30 hrs. Departure to the Old Havana.
10:00 hrs. Join the “Rutas y Andares” (Routes and Pathways) project in the context of the 500 anniversary of the city.
13:00 hrs. Lunch at the Friendship House
   Free in the city.
19:00 hrs. Departure for the CIJAM from the Friendship House
20:30 hrs. Dinner

**Sunday May 5**
The delegations return to their countries.