



## **Call for Participants**

### **XVI 1<sup>st</sup> of May International Brigade Voluntary Work and Solidarity with Cuba**

#### **Dear Friends of Cuba:**

The Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) and our travel agency Amistur have the pleasure of inviting you to participate in the XVI 1<sup>st</sup> of May International Brigade, marking International Workers Day, which will take place between the 23<sup>rd</sup> April and 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

As has traditionally been the case, this will include the opportunity to join the historic Cuban May Day parade which will take place in Revolution Square on the 1 May, along with the International Solidarity with Cuba event the following day. In addition, 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 organisations across our society.

Your stay in Cuba will allow you to get to know our people and to gain a deeper knowledge of the Cuban reality at present. 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.

The programme of activities will take place over 14 days in Havana, Artemisa, Villa Clara and Sancti Spíritus. This includes 10 nights in the International Camp Julio Antonio Mella (CIJAM) located in the Caimito municipality, 45 kilometres from Havana. Four nights will be spent in Sancti Spíritus, renowned for having some of the most intact and best-preserved colonial architecture of the American continent.

***FOR THE US Delegation:*** *The overall cost of your stay will be \$900 USD (includes cost of visa). This includes accommodation in shared rooms (of up to four persons in CIJAM and double or triple rooms in Sancti Spíritus); full board and airport transfers. Transport to all of the programmed activities will also be provided.*

It is obligatory to travel with travel insurance that covers any medical costs in Cuba. **Medical insurance is included with your direct US to Havana flight.** For brigade members who stay at the CIJAM before the 23 April start date, there will be an additional supplement of 15.00 Euros per night, covering accommodation and meals.

The voluntary work will be within agriculture in the vicinity of the CIJAM. The CIJAM was established in 1972 and is set up to cater for communal life and the needs of persons who visit us from different parts of the world. With your collaboration brigade members are expected to participate in all of the activities scheduled in the programme; abide by the CIJAM rules; and abide by the norms of good conduct; discipline and communal living, as well as public health measures.

It will give us great pleasure if you are able to join us for these friendship and solidarity activities.

Fraternally,

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