

PROGRAM FOR THE 30th EDITION OF THE
"ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA" VOLUNTEER WORK BRIGADE

(April 20th to May 5th)

Arrival date: April 20th, 2024 (Varadero)

Departure Date: May 5th, 2024 (Varadero)

Accommodations: Machurrucutu/Pinar del Río/Matanzas

ICAP Official: Raúl Cardoso Cabrera

AMISTUR Guide: Javier Huerta de la Presilla

Transportation: TRANSGAVIOTA-Havana

Saturday, April 20th:

-Arrival at "Juan Gualberto Gómez" International Airport, Varadero.

-Transfer to Machurrucutu camp

-Accommodation

-Dinner

Sunday, April 21st:

07:00 h Breakfast

08:00 h Departure to the touristic complex "Las Terrazas".

09:00 h Ascent to the "Taburete" Hill

13:30 h Lunch at "Las Terrazas".

- "Las Terrazas" Tour

17:00 h Return to the camp

18:30 h Dinner

-Free Night

Monday, April 22nd (Program with May Day Brigade):

07:00 h Breakfast

08:00 h Departure to "Julio Antoni Mella International Camp" (CIJAM)

09:30 h Floral tribute and homage to Julio Antonio Mella. Official inauguration activity

-General information meeting on the Brigade's program.

12:30 h Lunch

15:00 h Conference on the challenges of the Cuban economy, new strategies to face the blockade and the role of young people in society.

20:00 h Dinner and Cuban night to welcome the brigadistas.

-Return to Machurrucutu camp

Tuesday, April 23rd (Havana-Pinar del Río):

07:00 Breakfast

08:00 h Departure to the province of Pinar del Río

10:00 h Visit to "Los Portales" Cave (Ché's headquarters during the Missile Crisis).

11:30 h Continue travel to Pinar del Río

13:00 h Accommodation at International Villa "Aguas Claras".

-Lunch

15:00 h -Welcome by the provincial authorities

-Welcome and Congratulations for the 30th edition of the Brigade.

-Venue: Provincial Center for the Strategic Management of Local Development (GEDEL)

15:30 h Return to the villa

- Free time
- Dinner

Wednesday, April 24th:

- 07:00 h Breakfast
- 08:30 h Visit to the Vocational School of Arts "Raúl Sánchez".
- 13:00 h Lunch
- 15:00 h Visit to the Home for Children without Family Support
- 16:30 h Return to the Villa
- Dinner
- 20:30 h Visit to a CDR.

Thursday, April 25th:

- 07:00 h Breakfast
- 08:30 h Voluntary work Electronic Components Factory "Ernesto Ché Guevara"
- Cleaning and maintenance of the facilities.
- 13:00 h Lunch
- 15:00 h Visit to the House of Culture "Pedro Junco".
- 16:30 h Return to the villa
- Dinner
- 20:30 h Visit to "Hermanos Saiz" Cultural Association's house in Pinar del Río.
- Exchange with the artistic and cultural vanguard of the province.

Friday, April 26th:

- 07:00 h Breakfast
- 08:30 h Voluntary work Electronic Components Factory "Ernesto Ché Guevara"
- Cleaning and maintenance of the facilities.
- 13:00 h Lunch
- 14:30 h Visit to the Pediatric Hospital "Pepe Portilla".
- 16:30 h Return to the villa
- Dinner
- Free time

Saturday, April 27th:

- 07:00 h Breakfast
- 08:30 h Voluntary work Electronic Components Company "Ernesto Ché Guevara"
- 12:30 h Lunch
- 14:00 h Departure to "La Coloma" community ("Las Canas" beach)
- Exchange with a representative of the Cuban Ministry of Science, Technology and Environment (CITMA)
- Presentation of "Task Life" Program
- Beach area sanitation actions
- 18:00 h Return to the villa
- Dinner
- Final activity

Sunday, April 28th (Pinar del Río-Havana):

- 07:00 h Breakfast
- 08:30 h Departure to Artemisa province
- 12:00 h Return to Machurrucutu camp
- 12:30 h Lunch
- Free time

-Dinner

Monday, April 29th:

07:00 h Breakfast
08:00 h Departure to Havana.
09:00 h Brigade 30th Anniversary Celebration Activity
-Location ICAP Headquarters
11:30 h Lunch (with guests)
14:30 h Departure to the Cabaña Fortress.
-Visit to Ché's office
17:30 h Return to the camp
19:00 h Dinner
-Free night

Tuesday, April 30th (Program with May Day Brigade):

07:00 h Breakfast
08:00 h Departure to Havana.
09:00 h Participation in the "International Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba and Anti-imperialism".
-Reception in a Labor Center, with the participation of workers, union and community leaders, and international delegates.
-Welcoming remarks by the General Secretary of the Section or Trade Union Bureau.
-Brief characterization of trade union work
-Cultural Moment
-Remarks by the Director of the center.
09:30 h Tour of the Center
10:00 h Trade Union Tribune.
-Interchange and interventions of international delegates and guests with workers
11:30 h Conclusions
-Cultural Moment
-Farewell words
12:00 h Return to the camp
-Lunch
-Dinner.
-Free night

Wednesday, May 1st (Program with May Day Brigade):

03:15 h Breakfast.
04:00 h Departure to Havana.
07:00 h Participation in the central activity for May Day.
10:00 h International Festival of Solidarity, at the "Casa de la Amistad"
-ICAP's meeting with international brigades
-Lunch
-Return to the camp
-Dinner
-Free night

Thursday, May 2nd (Program with May Day Brigade):

- 06:00 h Breakfast
- 07:00 h Departure to Havana.
- 09:00 h Plenary Session and Closing of the "International Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba and Anti-imperialism" at the Convention Center
- Projection of audiovisual material dedicated to the 85th anniversary of the founding of the CTC.
 - Statement by Ulises Guilarte de Nacimiento, Secretary General of the Cuban Trade Union Central (CTC)
 - Cultural Moment
 - Cuban Ministry of Foreign Affairs' (MINREX) statement on Cuba - U.S. relations
- 10:00 h Break
- 10:30 h Work in Commissions.
- World trade unionism and workers' struggles in the current context (Room 3)
 - Unity in diversity, for the just causes of the peoples (Room 4)
 - The struggles of solidarity, social and popular organizations in defense of peace and peoples' sovereignty (Room 1)
- 14:30 h Closing
- Speech by Fernando González, President of ICAP
 - Awarding of decorations
 - Presentation of the declaration of solidarity with Cuba
 - Cultural moment.
 - Closing remarks by a leader of the Revolution.
 - The International (short version)
 - Lunch
 - Return to the camp
 - Dinner
 - Free night

Friday, May 3rd (Program with May Day Brigade):

- 06:30 h Breakfast
- 07:30 h Departure to Havana
- 09:00 h Visit to the "Fidel Castro Center". Tour by groups
- 11:00 h Closing of the Brigade. Reading of the Final Declaration
- 12:30 h Lunch at the "Casa de la Amistad"
- 14:30 h Return to camp
- 15:30 h Departure to CIJAM
- Free afternoon to organize the final activity
- 19:00 h Dinner at CIJAM
- 20:30 h International Night.
- Return to camp

Saturday, May 4th (Havana-Matanzas):

- 06:30 h Breakfast.
- 07:30 h Departure to Matanzas
- 09:00 h Visit to the "Ernesto Ché Guevara" Thermoelectric Plant of Mayabeque
- 12:30 h Lunch in the city of Matanzas
- 14:30 h Visit to the Community Cultural Project "Marvels of Childhood".
- 15:30 h Departure to Varadero
- Accommodation
 - Final meeting of the Brigade
 - Free afternoon
- 19:00 h Dinner

-Free Night

Sunday, May 5th:

-Transfer to Juan Gualberto Gómez International Airport, Varadero.

-Return to Canada