

## **Southern Cross Brigade Program for Voluntary Work and Solidarity with Cuba**

**Day 1: Thursday, December 28, 2023. Havana (CIJAM), arrivals:**

***Members of the Pre-Brigade Group gather at ICAP.***

***ICAP address: 17 Street, between H & I, Vedado, Havana***

**15:30** Arrival at ICAP

**17:30** Departure to Airport. Picking up remaining Brigadistas arriving in Havana.

**20:00** Arrival at CIJAM (Julio Antonio Mella International Camp).

Accommodation according to rooming list

**20:30** Dinner/ snack (Depending on the time we arrive to the Camp)

### **Accommodation CIJAM**

**Day 2: Friday, December 29, 2023. Artemisa (CIJAM):**

**07:30** Breakfast at CIJAM

**09:00** Inauguration

**10:30** Presentation on the work of the Institute, workshop to explain the program and Q & A session about the program.

**12:30** Lunch at CIJAM

**14:30** Conference: Understanding Cuba's history

**18:30** Dinner

**20:30** Recreational activities

### **CIJAM Accommodation**

**Day 3: Saturday, December 30, 2023. Artemisa (CIJAM): (ICAP Anniversary) (Holiday)**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:30** Participation in the Friendship Race with camp workers and solidarity brigades

**13:00** Lunch

**14:00** Exchange on Cuba-USA relations.

**16:00** Solidarity exchange, with the Brigades present at CIJAM and prepare International Night

**21:00** International Night

### **CIJAM Accommodation**

**Day 4: Sunday, December 31, 2024. Artemisa (CIJAM):**

**08:00** Breakfast.

Volunteer work at CIJAM in different areas (plumbing, electrical, cleaning etc)

**12:30** Lunch

**14:00** Work continues to get ready for New Year Eve and celebration of the triumph of the Cuban Revolution

**16:00** Participation games, sports and recreational activities

**20:00** Dinner and recreational activity to celebrate the 64th anniversary of the Triumph of the Revolution and the advent of the new year with the members of the Camp and other international Brigades

### **CIJAM CP Accommodation**

**Day 5: Monday, January 1, 2024. Artemisa (CIJAM):**

**8:30** Breakfast

Free morning

**11:30** Departing to Havana

**12:30** Lunch at Casa de la Amistad (Friendship House)

**15:00** Tour in Havana and souvenir shopping

**17:00** Gala of the National Ballet of Cuba dedicated to the anniversary of the Triumph of the Revolution.

Important: semi-formal dress code

**20:45** Visit to the Cannon Shot Ceremony (traditional ceremony inherited from colonial period)

**21:15** Dinner in a restaurant at Havana city

**22:30** Return to CIJAM

### **CIJAM Accommodation**

**Day 6: Tuesday, January 2, 2024. Artemisa (CIJAM):**

**08:30** Breakfast

**10:00** Cultural activities (Movie, Documentary, Salsa & Rumba Class)

**12:30** Lunch

**14:30** Getting ready for the rest of the program in other provinces

**18:30** Dinner

### **Accommodation CIJAM**

**Day 7: Wednesday, January 3, 2024. Artemis –Zapata Swamp:**

**07:30** Breakfast

**08:45** Departure to Ciénaga de Zapata (Zapata swamp), Matanzas

Visit to the "Australia" community and the local museum ("Australia" Sugar mill was the headquarters of the revolutionary forces from where Fidel Castro led the defence and counteroffensive against mercenaries during the Bay of Pigs invasion)

**12:30** Lunch in transit restaurant PIO CUA

**14:30** Arrival at the Korimakao sociocultural project.

Welcome program and accommodation

**20:00** Dinner and cultural activity with Korimakao

**Korimakao Accommodation**

**Day 8: Thursday, January 4, 2024. Zapata Swamp:**

**07:30** Breakfast

**08:30** Departure for Girón Museum

**09:00** Visit Girón Museum

**10:00** Departure to local Community with members of the Korimakao Group and support socio-communitarian work

**13:00** Lunch

**15:00** Visit to the Fishes`s Cave

**17:00** Return

**20:00** Dinner and cultural activity with Korimakao

**Korimakao Accommodation**

**Day 9: Friday, January 5, 2024. Zapata Swamp:**

**08:30** Breakfast

**09:30** Cultural Exchange/Socio-Community Work with El Korimakao at its headquarters

**12:30** Lunch

The Cultural Exchange continues

**20:00** Dinner and farewell cultural activity with Korimakao

**Korimakao Accommodation**

**Day 10: Saturday, January 6, 2024. Zapata Swamp – Villa Clara**

**09:00** Breakfast

**10:00** Departure for Villa Clara

**12:30** Arrival at the Casa de la Amistad, lunch accommodation.

**14:30** Formal welcome at the ICAP Delegation of the territory

**15:00** Exchange with main authorities of the territory and exchange with leaders of mass and student organisations, at the ICAP headquarters itself

**18:30** Dinner

Free night

**Accommodation Friendship House Villa Clara**

**Day 11: Sunday, January 7, 2024. Villa Clara:**

**08:30** Breakfast

**10:00** Visit to Che's Mausoleum and the Armored Train

**12:30** Lunch at Casa de la Amistad de Santa Clara

**14:00** City tour and visit to El Mejunje project

**19:00** Dinner at a local restaurant, Santa Rosalía Tourist Club

**22:00** Return to the Friendship House

**Accommodation Friendship House Villa Clara**

**Day 12: Monday, January 8, 2024. Villa Clara:**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:30** Volunteer work in an environmental project

**12:30** Lunch at the Friendship House

**14:00** Visit to a local development project/cooperative/ small-to-medium size private enterprise with a significant social impact in the territory.

**16:00** Visit to a special education school/foster home in Villa Clara

**19:00** Dinner at the Friendship House

**Accommodation Friendship House Villa Clara**

**Day 13: Tuesday, January 9, 2024. Villa Clara: Anniversary of the death of Julio Antonio Mella**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:00** Voluntary work in the agricultural sector

**12:30** Lunch at the Friendship House of Villa Clara

**15:00** Visit to a "neighbourhood in transformation"

**18:00** Return and dinner

**Accommodation Friendship House Villa Clara AP**

**Day 14: Wednesday, January 10, 2024. Villa Clara:**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:00** Voluntary work in urban small-scale that contributes to a school, community, hospital or other entity for social benefit and exchange with representatives of that entity.

**12:30** Lunch

**14:00** Visit to a local development project or social project to benefit the community.

**19:00** Dinner

### **Accommodation Friendship House Villa Clara AP**

#### **Day 15: Thursday, January 11, 2024. Artemisa (CIJAM):**

**07:30** Breakfast

**08:00** Departure for Havana

**12:00** Lunch at the Friendship House

**13:30** Visit to the Fidel Castro Center and Conference about the challenges of the Cuban Revolution

**16:00** Visit to the Literacy Museum

**17:30** Departure for CIJAM

Dinner at CIJAM

### **Accommodation CIJAM MAP**

#### **Day 16: Friday, January 12, 2024. Artemisa – Isle of Youth**

**07:30** Breakfast

**09:00** Departure for the Isle of Youth (timing depends on boat departures)

**15:00** Welcome, accommodation and city tour.

**20:00** Dinner

Free night

### **Accommodation Rancho del Tesoro MAP**

#### **Day 17: Saturday, January 13, 2024. Isle of Youth**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:30** Visit municipal museum

**10:30** Visit to environmental project

**13:00** Lunch

**15:00** Visit the Abra Museum (Sardá House, Martí's place of stay after the Prison)

**17:00** Return to the hotel

**18:30** Dinner

**Accommodation Rancho del Tesoro MAP**

**Day 18: Sunday, January 14, 2024. Isle of Youth**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:00** Visit to the Model Prison

**10:30** Stay on the Arenas Negras beach

**12:30** Lunch

**17:00** Back to the hotel

**18:30** Dinner

**20:30** Meeting with a CDR

**Accommodation Rancho del Tesoro AP**

**Day 19: Monday, January 15, 2024. Isle of Youth: Cuban Science Day**

**07:30** Breakfast

**08:30** Volunteer work at La Caoba Cooperative

**10:30** Visit to the "neighbourhood in transformation" La Caoba

**12:30** Lunch

**15:00** Visit to the "Chocolate House" (Project for children with cancer)

**16:30** Visit to a Foster Home

**18:00** Return to the hotel

**19:00** Dinner and free night

**Accommodation Rancho del Tesoro MAP**

**Day 20: January 16, 2024. Isle of Youth – Havana**

**7:00** Breakfast

**8:00** Departure for Havana

**11:00** Arrival in Batabanó

**13:00** Lunch at the Casa de la Amistad in Havana

**14:30** Accommodation in Havana

Free afternoon

**19:30** Dinner

**Accommodation Hotel Vedado Azul CP**

**Day 21: January 17, 2024. Havana:**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:00** Conference about Youth and The Cuban Revolution

**12:30** Lunch at local restaurant

**14:00** Conference on the media war against Cuba

**19:00** Dinner at the Friendship House

**20:30** Screening of a documentary about the media war at the Casa de la Amistad

### **Accommodation Hotel Vedado Azul CP**

#### **Day 22: January 18, 2024. Havana**

**08:00** Breakfast

**09:30** Visit to a scientific institution to learn about the process of generating Cuban vaccines and other relevant medicines developed by Cuba (covid-19, Heberprot-p, drugs against Alzheimer's, clinical trials of the dengue vaccine, etc...)

**12:00** Lunch Restaurant at the Hotel Bello Caribe

**14:30** Visit to special school "Solidarity with Panama"

**16:30** Return to accommodation

**19:30** Dinner at the Friendship House

Free night

### **Accommodation Hotel Vedado Azul CP**

#### **Day 23: January 19, 2024. Havana**

**08:30** Breakfast

**09:30** Visit to a Local Development Project or enterprise with outstanding social impact in Havana

**12:30** Lunch at local restaurant

**15:00** Farewell activity and conclusion of the Brigade at ICAP

**16:30** Visit and exchange with CDR of the province as a farewell to the brigade.

**20:00** Dinner at the Friendship House

### **Accommodation Hotel Vedado Azul CP**

#### **Day 24: 20 January 2024. Havana**

**08:30** Breakfast

**10:00** Departure for the airport