

Che Guevara Anniversary Solidarity Brigade to Cuba ***'Por los Caminos del Che'*** **1 – 14 October 2017**



Join this special brigade **'Por los caminos del Che'** (Along the Paths of Che) to commemorate the 50th anniversary of the death of Che Guevara on 8 October 1967.

Open to all who want to learn more about Che's legacy in Cuba and show their solidarity with the Cuban revolution and the Cuban people at such an important time. Nine nights are spent at the international camp outside of Havana and 5 nights in hotels in central Cuba, and accommodation, meals and transport are included.

The programme includes visits to important historical sites linked to Che Guevara in Havana, Pinar del Rio, Santa Clara and Sancti Spiritus.

Visits included are:

- To the first village liberated by the troops of Che in central Cuba,
- To bases which were under Che's command prior to 1959 including a visit to the base camp La Hormiga and the local community in the Escambray mountains,
- Las Villas university,
- The museum at Las Villas at the site of the assault on the train by Che and his troops,
- The Che Guevara Studies Centre.

There will also be chances to meet with veterans who fought alongside Che in Cuba and in the Congo, participation in the central national event in Santa Clara on 8 October and other special events, meetings with youth organisations such as the students unions, Young Communists (UJC) plus the Womens federation (FMC) and trade unions as well as sessions of agricultural manual work, plus free time to relax and soak up some Cuban culture.

The full cost of this Brigade not including flights is £700.00 per person.

The Brigade is arranged in conjunction with the Cuban international friendship organisation (ICAP). Members of the Brigade (Brigadistas) stay at a purpose-built centre in the countryside, about 25 miles south west of Havana. The centre provides dormitory accommodation, meals, a bar and shop, basic sports facilities and lecture spaces.

Who can apply: You will need to be 18 by the date of departure from the UK. You do not need to speak Spanish but it helps. You will need to have reasonable health and fitness to participate in the programme. The camp is not fully accessible or adapted for all disabilities. Previous skills and



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experience are not required for the work and each person is expected to do only what they feel capable of.

What is included:

The cost of the Brigade is £700.00. This price includes:

- A Cuban Tourist Card (where possible) – lasts for up to 30 days.
- Transfer from Havana International Airport to the camp or from the city (where possible)
- Accommodation for the period of the brigade plus 3 meals per day whilst at the camp PLUS most visits
- Preparation and Information Pack & schedule plus advice on travel arrangements
- CSC 'Hasta La Victoria Siempre' T-shirt & CSC brigadista goody bag PLUS a year's membership of CSC if you are not already a member
- Administrative costs of CSC

What is not included: Costs of flights, optional extra visits/travel, drinks and snacks, travel & health insurance, any other costs not listed above.

Flights:

We can help with your options for flights to Cuba - the cost is likely to be from £600-1000.

To apply:

- Complete and send the Application Form with your deposit of £100 to Cuba Solidarity Campaign, c/o Unite, 33-37 Moreland Street, London EC1V 8BB.
- Make your cheque payable to 'Cuba Solidarity Campaign' or call the office on 020 7490 5715 to pay by credit/debit card.
- **Full payment will be required by 15 August 2017.**

Conditions on the brigade – sharing and sanitation

Beds are basic wooden bunkbeds in single sex dormitories shared with up to 6 others. We advise you to take your own sleeping bag or liner, pillow, towels and mosquito net. Bathrooms are also shared and basic – with no hot water. Please note that the camp has suffered from water supply issues (drought, lack of materials) in recent times so we advise you to drink bottled water where possible, take antiseptic hand wash, water purification tablets, and take precautions when using shared facilities to avoid the spread of illness. There are occasional power cuts.

Insurance

The Cuban Ministry of Tourism requires all visitors to Cuba to have a valid travel insurance policy, including comprehensive medical cover. You must check with your insurance provider that the policy is recognised and valid in Cuba. You must take an insurance cover note to Cuba to be shown to immigration authorities if requested.

To discuss the **Che Brigade**, contact us 020 7490 5715 e-mail tours@cuba-solidarity.org.uk