

37th Southern Cross Brigade to Cuba

28 December 2019 – 17 January 2020

Brigade program



Saturday, December 28, 2019 Havana - Artemisa – Caimito (CIJAM)

- Arrive in Havana
- Airport pick-up of brigadistas arriving by plane. Transfer to the International Camp "Julio Antonio Mella" (CIJAM)
- 5:00 pm Departure from the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP) in downtown Havana to CIJAM for the brigadistas who are already in Havana.
- Dinner at CIJAM

Sunday, December 29, 2019 Artemisa – Caimito (CIJAM)

- Welcome by the Director of the Brigade, CIJAM Director and camp workers
- Tour of the History Room
- Explanation of the brigade program, CIJAM regulations and presentation by the workers
- Lunch
- Tour of the town of San Antonio de los Baños. Visit to the Martian Forest.
- Dinner and Cuban night

Monday, December 30, 2019 Artemisa – Caimito (CIJAM)

- Official inauguration of the Brigade by ICAP Executive. Laying of a wreath at the monument to Julio A. Mella. Planting a Friendship Tree in the Martian Forest
- Lunch at CIJAM
- Agricultural work
- Dinner
- Optional night tourist activities with Travel Agency Amistur

Tuesday, December 31, 2019 Artemisa – Caimito (CIJAM)

- Morning of agricultural work
- Lunch
- Free afternoon
- Dinner and cultural activity to celebrate the anniversary of the Triumph of the Revolution and New Year's Eve

Wednesday, January 1, 2020 Caimito (CIJAM) - Havana

- Anniversary of the Triumph of the Revolution.
- Free morning
- Lunch
- 5:00pm Attend the Gala Concert by the National Ballet of Cuba dedicated to the Anniversary of the Triumph of the Revolution.
- Return to CIJAM for dinner



Thursday, January 2, 2020 Havana - Villa Clara

- Departure CIJAM for the province of Villa Clara
- Exchange with young members of solidarity projects and government authorities of the region
- Lunch at Casa de la Amistad Villa Clara
- Visit to the Comandante Ernesto Guevara Memorial Sculptural Complex
- Visit the monument to the action against the Armoured Train. Tour other places of interest in the city.
- Accommodation and dinner at Casa de la Amistad Villa Clara. Free night

Friday, January 3, 2020 Villa Clara – Holguín

- Check out and depart for the province of Holguín
- Lunch in the province of Camagüey
- Continue trip
- Welcome at the hotel by the representative of the ICAP Delegation and the Ronda de los Sueños Children's Company Show
- Check in Hotel Bosque / o Pernik
- Dinner at the hotel
- Free night

Saturday, January 4, 2020 Holguín - Santiago de Cuba

- Check out and depart for the province of Santiago de Cuba.
- Visit to the historical centre of Birán
- Continue trip to Santiago de Cuba
- Reception and lunch at the ICAP Delegation of Santiago de Cuba
- Visit to the Santa Ifigenia Cemetery. Tribute to José Martí and our historic leader Commander in Chief Fidel Castro Ruz
- Check in Hotel América / o San Juan
- Dinner at the hotel
- Free night

Sunday January 5, 2020 Santiago de Cuba

- Breakfast at hotel
- Departure from the hotel
- Visit to the Second Oriental Front Frank País Mausoleum
 - Visit the museum
 - Visit to the Second Front Hospital
 - Lunch at the Second Front Hotel
- Return to the City of Santiago de Cuba, stopping on the way for photographs in Plaza de la Revolution "Major General Antonio Maceo" and Museum July 26
- Dinner at the hotel
- Free night



Monday, January 6, 2020 Santiago de Cuba – Villa Clara

- Check out and depart for the province of Villa Clara
- Lunch at local restaurant in the province of Camagüey
- Continue trip to Villa Clara
- Welcome at the Villa Clara ICAP Delegation
- Accommodation and dinner at Casa de la Amistad Villa Clara
- Free night

Tuesday, January 7, 2020 Villa Clara- Cienfuegos- Havana

- Check out and depart for the province of Havana. Today we will stop in the province of Cienfuegos.
- Welcome Delegation at ICAP Cienfuegos
- Visit to the Special School
- Lunch at a local restaurant
- Continue trip to Havana (Artemisa- CIJAM)
- Accommodation and dinner at CIJAM

Wednesday, January 8, 2020 – Havana

- Visit to the Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples, ICAP
- Conference: Update on Cuba-United States relations
- Visit to the Memorial Museum of the Complaint
- Lunch at Casa de la Amistad
- Tour through the historic centre of Old Havana

Thursday, January 9, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- Breakfast
- Conference: Cuban political system
- Lunch at CIJAM
- Conference: The Cuban economy and the updating of the economic model
- Dinner at CIJAM
- Exchange with the community, visit to a Committee in Defence of the Revolution (CDR)

Friday, January 10, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- am Agricultural work
- CIJAM lunch
- Departure to Artemisa province.
- Visit to the Artemisa Martyrs Memorial. Meeting with authorities of the Party and the government of Artemisa. Explanation of the Mariel Special Development Zone "and the economic development of the province.
- Free afternoon in Artemisa
- Return to CIJAM
- CIJAM dinner



Saturday, January 11, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- Morning agricultural work
- Lunch at CIJAM
- Dance classes at CIJAM
- Dinner at CIJAM
- Optional night tourist activities with Travel Agency Amistur

Sunday, January 12, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- Morning agricultural work
- Lunch at CIJAM
- Dance classes at CIJAM
- Preparation for the Australian/NZ Night
- Australian/NZ Night at CIJAM

Monday, January 13, 2020 CIJAM- Havana

- Depart for Havana
- Exchange with program specialists from “Yo sí puedo” literacy campaign
- Visit to the Literacy Museum
- Lunch at the Casa de la Amistad
- Visit to the National Centre of Sexual Education, CENESEX
- Visit to a community project
- Free afternoon in Havana
- Return to CIJAM
- Dinner at CIJAM

Tuesday, December 14, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- Morning agricultural work
- Lunch at CIJAM
- Meeting with leaders of several organisations: Cuban Women Federation, University Students Federation, Young Communist League, Workers Central Union

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- Morning agricultural work
- Lunch at CIJAM
- 5km Friendship Race to commemorate the 37th anniversary of the Southern Cross Brigade. (From CIJAM to the town of Guayabal)

Thursday, January 16, 2020 Artemisa – Caimito: CIJAM

- Morning agricultural work
- Lunch at CIJAM
- Final meeting of the Brigade
- Dinner and cultural activity

Friday, January 17, 2020 Havana

- AM: Depart according to flight schedule
- PM: Depart to Havana for those brigadistas who will stay in Cuba

