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- Our Cuban host is the Cuban Institute for Friendship with the Peoples www.icap.cu



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QUESTIONS?

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do you want to travel to **Cuba** ?



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Would you like to become a brigadista this summer?



Since 1993, hundreds of people living across Canada, of various ages, skills and backgrounds have enjoyed

an exciting and informative three-week stay in Cuba with the Ernesto Che Guevara Volunteer Work Brigade. The Che Brigade combines volunteer work with cultural, social, economic and political encounters visiting different cities across the island every year.

The trip provides the opportunity to look at the gains and victories of the Cuban revolution, as well as see Cuba's challenges first hand, particularly the impacts of over 50 years of illegal economic blockade from the United States. The Che Brigade fulfills two main goals. On the one hand, it is a great way to show support for the struggle of the Cuban people to maintain their independence. On the other hand, it is an important opportunity for people from Canada to know and understand the dynamism of all aspects of life in Cuba.

The Cuban people, who are committed to maintaining their revolution and its great gains, receive the Brigade participants, known as "Brigadistas", with warmth and friendship. The fact that Brigadistas come from Canada to share friendship, reaffirms to many Cuban people that the social change they are carrying out is important, not only for their country, but for the entire world.

This is a unique chance for people from Canada to support Cuba by volunteering on an agricultural field, painting a school, or any other projects alongside Cubans. We hope you will join us for the 2010 Che Brigade!

Every year the Che Brigade includes:

- ☑ Working with Cubans
- ☑ Talks on Cuban economy, political & democratic system, and world renowned healthcare system
- ☑ Visits to places of interest (schools, hospitals, factories, museums, etc.)
- ☑ Opportunity to explore the host city as well as Havana independently
- ☑ Visits to provincial centres
- ☑ Visits to Cuba's famous beaches
- ☑ Participation in cultural events
- ☑ Dance lessons

testimonials from past brigadistas!

Kerri Goodwin



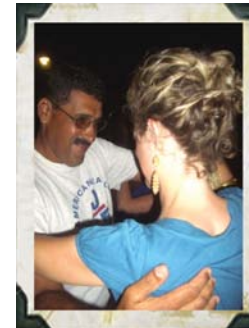
Vancouver, BC: "I have been on the Che Guevara Brigade for the past 3 summers. The volunteer work is always an important highlight of the trip. It is great to work beside our Cuban friends and learn about their culture and proud history. I also learn about their struggle against the US economic blockade which I think is inhuman and unjust. My absolute favorite part of the brigade is the dance lessons, every year I improve on my salsa skills!"

Aaron Mercredi



Vancouver, BC: "The brigade really is an excellent opportunity to learn more about Cuba, its people, it's rich history and culture. I went on the brigade in 2007, and helped in the construction of a school for the blind in the province of Ciego de Avila. Working alongside Cuban students, and visiting hospitals, political and cultural institutions, brought experiences that a regular visitor would never see, and brought a greater understanding of why the Cuban people have been able to defy the odds for the last 50 years."

Becky Pero



Kingston, ON: "I think the Brigade is a good opportunity to develop a lived experience of Cuba and its people! The ability to share day-to-day life with the Cuban people, through Brigade volunteer work and cultural activities, increased my understandings and sensibilities about the country. I thoroughly enjoyed learning what it means to be Cuban, and I would recommend the 2009 Brigade to anyone!"

Emily Waddington



Toronto, ON: "First off the brigade is simply amazing! The Ernesto Che Guevara Brigade provided me with an opportunity to witness the Cuban reality first hand. The 2007 program was jam packed with solidarity activities; such as rebuilding a school, picking mangoes, working in an organoponic, as well as tours to various political, cultural, and historical sights. In three short weeks I left Cuba yearning for more Cuban hospitality. Anyone wanting to travel to Cuba in search of more than mojito's and palm fringed beaches should not let this awesome experience pass them by."