

JOIN THE 28TH ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA VOLUNTEER WORK BRIGADE



TO CUBA!

April 26 - May 10, 2022



VISIT HAVANA + SANTA CLARA!



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---➔ **Why should you join this trip to Cuba?**

Cuba is famous for many things around the world, from its exemplary healthcare and education systems to Cuban salsa dancing and music. While many people from Canada travel to Cuba to enjoy the extraordinary beaches, resorts and sun, there is much more to experience on this dynamic island – and with the Che Guevara Volunteer Work Brigade!

The Che Guevara Brigade is a unique opportunity to get to know Cuba through people-to-people solidarity and on the ground experiences. There is no better way to get to know the Cuban people than working alongside them, sharing meals and leisure time, and there is no better way to learn about the Cuban Revolution than by seeing its accomplishments first hand!

---➔ **Who can join the Brigade?**

- This Brigade is open to everyone of all physical abilities and ages. We have had Brigadistas from 7 to 86 years old!
- Anyone interested in cultural exchange and solidarity between Canada and Cuba.
- Anyone interested in volunteering abroad, learning about different cultures and making new friends!
- The Che Brigade is centered in Canada but is open to people living in or outside Canada. People of all nationalities are welcome to join! All activities will have English translation.

---➔ **What kind of work will we do?**

It depends on the specific needs when we arrive in our host communities, and is often agricultural or light construction work. Everyone is encouraged to participate but different kinds of work are possible based on our individual physical conditions.

---➔ **How much does it cost?**

The cost of the 2022 Che Guevara Brigade is \$1080 Canadian. This includes your accommodation, all meals, travel and activities within Cuba. It does not include your flight and medical/travel insurance, which can be purchased independently or through our travel agent.

---➔ **How do I register?**

Ready to join? Please register at www.canadiannetworkoncuba.ca/brigade

If you have any questions please contact the Che Brigade National Coordinator Janine Solanki at (778) 881-6156, or by e-mail at chevolbrigade@gmail.com

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28th Che Guevara Volunteer Work Brigade

Program - April 26 to May 10, 2022

Tuesday, April 26:

- Arrival at “Juan Gualberto Gómez” International Airport in Varadero
- Welcome by Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP)
- Departure to camp of the National Association of Small Farmers (ANAP) in Güira de Melena, near Havana
- Dinner

Wednesday, April 27 - Havana

- 7:30am Breakfast
- 8:30am Inauguration of the Brigade and program orientation
- 9:30am Departure to Havana and visit to the Fidel Castro Center
- 12:00pm Lunch at the Friendship House
- 2:30pm Tour of neighborhoods undergoing development transformation
- 5:00pm Return to the ANAP camp
- 7:30pm Welcome dinner, cultural event

Thursday, April 28 - Havana

- 6:30am Breakfast
- 7:00am Departure to volunteer work
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Meet and exchange with political and social organizations including the Communist Party of Cuba (PCC), Cuban Institute of Friendship with the Peoples (ICAP), Federation of Cuban Women (FMC), Central of Cuban Workers (CTC), Union of Young Communist (UJC) and Committees for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR)
- 7:30pm Dinner
- 8:30pm Free evening, screening of Cuban film

Friday, April 29 - Havana

- 6:30am Breakfast
- 7:00am Departure to volunteer work
- 12:30pm Lunch

2:00pm Panel Discussion: “Updating the Family Code*. Perspectives & main challenges” with speakers from the Ministry of Justice, Federation of Cuban Women (FMC) and National Center for Sexual Education (CENESEX). *The Family Code includes updates regarding same-sex marriage.

6:00pm Departure to the Camp “Julio Antonio Mella” (CIJAM)

6:30pm Dinner and international evening with the May Day Brigade

11:00pm Return to the ANAP Camp

Saturday, April 30 - Havana

- 7:30am Breakfast
- 8:00am Departure to participate in International Solidarity event with the Workers Central Union of Cuba (CTC)
- 12:30pm Lunch
- 7:00pm Dinner at ANAP camp
- 8:00pm Salsa dance lesson

Sunday, May 1 - Havana

International Workers Day!

- 4:30am Breakfast and departure
- 7:00am Participation in the International Worker’s Day Parade in Central Havana!
- Free time in city, optional tours to Varadero or Viñales
- 4:00pm Return to ANAP camp
- 8:00pm Dinner
- 9:00pm Salsa dance lesson

Monday, May 2 - Havana

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am Departure for International Meeting of Solidarity with Cuba at the Palacio de las Convenciones in Havana
- 12:30pm Lunch at convention center
- 4:00pm Return to ANAP camp
- 7:00pm Brigade Night - brigadistas make dinner for our Cuban hosts!

Tuesday, May 3 - Santa Clara

- 6:00am Breakfast
- 7:00am Departure to the province of Villa Clara
- 10:00am Arrival at “Ernesto Ché Guevara” Square in Santa Clara.
- Lay wreath in honour of Che Guevara
- Tour of the museum and mausoleum
- 11:30am Tour of Santa Clara’s historical sites (Armoured Train battle site, Loma del Capiro and Ché’s Statue)
- 1:30pm Lunch
- 3:30pm Arrival at hotel, free afternoon
- 7:00pm Dinner at the hotel, free time

Wednesday, May 4 - Santa Clara

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am Departure to the volunteer work
- 11:30am Return to hotel
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm Departure to visit the hospital “Arnaldo Milián Castro”, presentation on the healthcare system in Cuba
- 4:30pm Return to hotel
- 7:30pm Dinner at the hotel, free time

Thursday, May 5 - Santa Clara

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am Departure for volunteer work
- 12:00pm Lunch at hotel
- 2:00pm Departure to visit the Central University “Martha Abreu”
- Tour of Che Guevara’s Command Post
- Meeting with members of the University Student Federation (FEU) and with professors
- 7:30pm Dinner at the hotel
- 8:30pm Visit “El Mejunje” a diverse, inclusive community cultural project

Friday, May 6 - Santa Clara

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:00am Departure to volunteer work
- 12:00pm Lunch at hotel
- 2:00pm Departure to visit to the Industrial Household Appliances

Producing Company (INPUD)

5:00pm Return to hotel

7:30pm Dinner at the hotel, free evening

Saturday, May 7 - Jibacoa

- 7:00am Breakfast
- 8:30am Departure to Jibacoa community in Manicaragua municipality
- Visit family doctor and tobacco factory
- Presentation of work at the Turquino Program
- Boat tour of the Hanabanilla dam
- Lunch at the Hanabanilla hotel
- 4:00pm Return to the city of Santa Clara
- 7:00pm Dinner at the hotel
- 8:30pm Neighbourhood party with a local Committee for the Defense of the Revolution (CDR)

Sunday, May 8 - Playa Larga

- 6:00am Breakfast
- 7:00am Departure to Playa Larga
- 10:00am Arrive at Playa Larga/Giron
- Visit Fish Cave, Crocodile Farm and Giron (Bay of Pigs) Museum.
- Lunch, free time at the beach!
- 5:00pm Depart for Havana
- 8:30pm Dinner at ANAP camp

Monday, May 9 - Havana

- 7:30am Breakfast
- 9:00am Visit a Cuban scientific center. presentation on Cuban Covid19 vaccine
- 11:30am Tour of the Memorial of Denunciation
- 1:00pm Lunch at la Casa de la Amistad (Friendship House)
- Free afternoon in Havana
- 6:30pm Return to ANAP camp and dinner

Tuesday, May 10

- 7:30am Breakfast
- Departure to Varadero for return flights to Canada