

36th Southern Cross Brigade Program

27th Dec 2018 – 16th Jan 2019

Thurs 27 December 2018

- Brigadistas arriving at Jose Marti International Airport will be met by ICAP representatives & taken to CIJAM (Campamiento Internacional Julio Antonio Mella)

17:00 Those already in Cuba must be at ICAP (el Instituto Cubano de Amistad con los Pueblos) in Vedado ready to depart by bus for CIJAM.

20:00 Dinner at CIJAM

Friday 28 December 2018

08:00 Breakfast

09:30 Welcome Activity

- Laying of a wreath at the monument for Julio Antonio Mella (by the youngest & oldest Brigadistas on behalf of the Brigade)
- Tour of the History Room
- Explanation of the Brigade, rules at CIJAM & the introduction to the workers
- Planting of the Tree of Friendship in the Bosque Martiano

11:30 Lunch

13:00 Departure for Artemisa Province

14:00 Visit to the Memorial to the Martyrs of Artemisa

15:00 Meeting with the local Party & government representatives of Artemisa

20:00 Dinner & Cuban Night at CIJAM

Saturday 29 December 2018

07:00 Breakfast

07:30 Morning Meeting

08:00 Agricultural Work

12:00 Lunch

14:00 Tour of the village of San Antonio de los Baños - visit to the Bosque Martiano

18:00 Dinner

20:00 Dance Classes

Sunday 30 December 2018

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 Departure to Las Playas del Este (Beach)
- 12:30 Lunch at a local restaurant
- 16:00 Return to CIJAM
- Dinner then free night

Monday 31 December 2018

- 07:30 Breakfast
- 08:30 Agricultural Work
- 13:00 Lunch
- 15:00 Leave for La Havana
- Check in at Hotel Habana Paseo
- Free time
- 21:00 Dinner at the Friendship House (la Casa de Amistad) & a cultural activity to celebrate the anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution
- 01:00 Return to the Hotel

Tuesday 1 January 2019 - Aniversario 60 del Triunfo de la Revolución

- 08:00 Breakfast in the Hotel
- Free morning
- 12:00 Check Out
- Free Afternoon
- 17:00 Attend la Gala del Ballet Nacional de Cuba dedicated to the anniversary of the triumph of the Revolution.
- 19:00 Return to CIJAM

Wednesday 2 January 2019

- 05:00 Breakfast
- 05:30 Depart for Ciego de Avila
- Lunch in transit
- 13:00 Arrive & Check in at Hotel Ciego de Avila
- Dinner
- Free night

Thursday 3 January 2019

07:30 Breakfast

09:00 Welcome by the ICAP & local officials of Ciego de Avila

12:00 Lunch at the hotel

15:00 Visit to *La Escuela de Arte Nola Saiz* in Ciego de Avila. Meet with students, including those studying clarinet & saxophone

16:30 Tour of the Historical Centre of the city

19:30 Dinner at the hotel

Free night

Friday 4 January 2019

07:30 Breakfast

08:30 Voluntary Work on a social project

12:00 Lunch at the hotel

15:00 Visit to the Museums of History & Decorative Arts in the municipality of Ciego de Avila

18:00 Return to the hotel

19:00 Dinner at *el Restaurante Don Avila*

Saturday 5 January 2019 - Paso de Fidel por Ciego de Avila

7:30 Breakfast

08:30 Depart to the Municipality of Morón

The entire day's program in the Municipality of Morón with visits to:-

- Health Centres
- The Recreation & Cultural Centre at Laguna La Redonda
- Launch trip
- Lunch at this centre
- The Theatre Company of Morón (Community projects & various cultural shows)

18:00 Return to the hotel at Ciego de Avila

19:30 Dinner

Free night

Sunday 6 January 2019 - Paso de Fidel por Villa Clara

Breakfast and Check out of Hotel Ciego de Avila

07:00 Departure to Villa Clara

Visit to the Memorial Sculpture of Comandante Ernesto 'Che' Guevara

- 12:00 Check in & Lunch at La Casa de Amistad Villa Clara
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:00 Activity at a CDR (Committee for the Defence of the Revolution)

Monday 7 January 2019

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:30 Depart for Cienfuegos
- 10:30 Arrival at Cienfuegos
 - Tour of the city
 - Lunch in a local restaurant
- 14:30 Depart for Artemisa Province & CIJAM
- 20:00 Dinner at CIJAM

Tuesday 8 January 2018 - Entrada de Fidel a La Habana

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 08:00 Voluntary work on a project
- 12:30 Lunch
- 15:00 Presentation about a local community project
- 20:00 Dinner
 - Free night

Wednesday 9 January 2019

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:30 Morning Meeting
- 08:00 Agricultural Work
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Talk on *The Cuban Economy & the Achievement of the Economic Plan*
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:00 Dance Lesson

Thursday 10 January 2019

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:30 Morning Meeting
- 08:00 Agricultural Work
- 12:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Talk on the Electoral Process, Democracy in Cuba & Information on Cuban Society
- 19:00 Dinner
- 20:00 Dance Lesson

Friday 11 January 2019

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:00 Depart for Expocuba
- 10:30 Visit Expocuba
- Discussion with founders & officials
 - Tour of the exhibition in homage of the 30th anniversary of the founding of the centre created by Fidel
- 12:30 Depart for the Botanical Garden
- Lunch & tour of the Botanical Garden
- 18:00 Depart for CIJAM
- Dinner ?

Saturday 12 January 2019

- 07:00 Breakfast
- 07:30 Morning Meeting
- 08:00 Agricultural Work at CIJAM
- 10:00 Final production activity
- 12:00 Lunch
- Preparation for the Australian Night**
- 20:00 Dinner followed by the Australian Night (a show/performance put on by the Brigadistas for CIJAM workers, their families & ICAP officials)

Sunday 13 January 2019

- 08:00 Breakfast
- 09:30 Visit to UCCM (la Unidad Central de Colaboración Médica) & discussion
- 12:00 Lunch at the Friendship House (La Casa de Amistad)

- 14:30** Visit to the Memorial de la Denuncia
- 16:00** Meeting with the leaders of the following organisations: FMC,FEU,UJC,PCC & CTC at La Casa de Amistad
- 18:00** Return to CIJAM
- 19:30** **Dinner**
- 20:30** **Showing of a Cuban film**

Monday 14 January 2019

- 8:00** **Breakfast**
- 9:30** Visit to the School of Music (La Escuela de Música) Alejandro García Caturla
- 12:00** **Lunch** at la Casa de Amistad
- 14:00** Tour of the Historic Centre of Habana
- 18:30** Return to CIJAM
- 19:30** **Dinner**
- Free night**

Tuesday 15 January 2019

- 8:00** **Breakfast**
- 8:30** Race from CIJAM to Guayabal "Brigadistas Against the Blockade"(Brigadistas en contra del Bloqueo)
- 10:00** Talk on the improvement of the relationship between Cuba & the USA
- 13:00** **Lunch**
- 16:00** Closure of the XXXV1 Contingente de la Brigada Cruz del Sur with discussion to form a Final Declaration
- 18:30** **Dinner**
- 20:00** Final Farewell Activity

Wednesday 16 January 2019

- 08:00** **Breakfast**
- 10:00** Departure to Habana via airports (International/Domestic). Those leaving Cuba to return to Australia will depart according to their itineraries. Those staying on in Havana will be taken into the city centre.