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Dear Friends

Revolution Route Study Tour
Exploring Cuba's Central Provinces
and
Special Invitation to Attend Colloquium for the 5 Cuban Heroes
10 - 25 November 2010

Thank you for your recent enquiry about the Cuba Solidarity Campaign's **Revolution Route Study Tour**, exploring Cuba's culture and society in the central provinces. In addition to our standard itinerary, we are very pleased to announce that the study tour includes a special invitation from the Cuban Institute of Friendship with Peoples (ICAP) to take part in the 6th Colloquium for the Freedom of the 5 Cuba Heroes. A wonderful opportunity to be involved in this important struggle for justice.

The Cuba Solidarity Campaign is running this tour in association with Havanatour (ATOL 4636), the UK's leading Cuba specialist, and I have pleasure in enclosing the booking conditions and Booking Form for your information.

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- Visit the world famous Camagüey Ballet School.
- Meet Cuban families at a neighbourhood Committee for the Defence of the Revolution meeting.
- Visit the historic town of Santa Clara, where Cuba's revolutionary hero Che Guevara intercepted Batista's troop train, and Che's evocative mausoleum.
- Tour the UNESCO world Heritage site of Trinidad, Cuba's best preserved colonial town, and some of its wonderful museums.
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- Ascend José Martí's monument in Plaza de la Revolución.

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The full cost of this unique 14-night tour is £1,559.00 per person

In addition, if you are currently not a member of CSC, we are delighted to offer you a year's free CSC membership as part of your participation in a CSC Study Tour. A form is enclosed and we look forward to receiving your application for membership.

Accommodation & Meal Plans

Hotel Plaza, Havana. 3 star. 10 – 12/11/2010. 2 nights. Bed & breakfast.
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Hotel Plaza, Havana. 3 star. 22 - 24/11/2010. 2 nights. Bed & breakfast.

Flight Times

Virgin Atlantic. Winter timetable.

10 November 2010. Outbound: VS063. London Gatwick (South Terminal) to Havana. Depart: 11:45. Arrive: 16:40 local time.

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22 November 2010. Cubana domestic flight Holguín to Havana.
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Transport

Air conditioned transportation with driver and English speaking AMISTUR guide as per itinerary.

Itinerary

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14 Nov	Transfer to Camagüey.	Camagüey City Tour.	
15 Nov	<u>Professional visit.</u> Policlínico health centre Visit to Camagüey Ballet School.	<u>Professional visit.</u> Agricultural cooperative farm.	
16 Nov	Transfer Holguín.	Visit to Victims of 1976 Cubana Airline Bombing Memorial on route.	
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20 Nov	Colloquium.	Lunch in Expo-Holguín.	Committee for the Defence of the Revolution neighbourhood meeting (CDR).
21 Nov	Colloquium Closing ceremony.		Cultural activity celebrating 50 th anniversary of ICAP.
22 Nov	Cubana domestic flight to Havana.	<u>Professional visit.</u> Latin American medical school.	Canon ceremony
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To confirm your participation please complete and send the enclosed Booking Form with your deposit of £150 per person, made payable to 'Havanatour UK Ltd' to Alejandro Suarez, Groups Coordinator, Havanatour, 3 Wyllyotts Place, Potters Bar, Herts, EN6 2JD. The deposit is used to secure your flight booking. Once made the deposit is non-returnable.

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