

# International Brigade Commemorative Tour

## Remember the Ebro



The **North West Trade Union International Committee (NWTUIC)** is organising a trip to commemorate the 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of the Ebro, the last great offensive launched by the troops of the Spanish Republic and the International Brigade Volunteers to stem the advance of Franco and his fascist hordes in the Spanish Civil war of 1936 to 1939.

Our aim is to educate today's trade union activists in the living history of our movement and in particular in the spirit of solidarity that was exemplified by the heroic struggle and sacrifice of the volunteers of the International Brigade. The Brigade was made up of working class people from around the world made a dangerous journey to Spain to try and stem the rise of fascism there and throughout Europe.

Their legacy is priceless and our tour will commemorate that legacy in order to inspire today's working class fighters in the values our trade union movement holds dear – solidarity, justice, anti-fascism and internationalism.

**The Ebro Solidarity Commemoration Tour takes place from Thursday 19 April 2018 to Monday 23 April 2018, inclusive.**

**Cost** – The cost of this trip (excluding transport to and from Calafell) is **£250**. This includes coach hire, hotel accommodation (based on two people sharing rooms), breakfast and several hotel meals. To secure a place you must pay a **£50** non-refundable deposit by 30 September 2017. The £200 balance must be paid by 15 December 2017.

**Transport** – Please arrange and pay for your own flights to Barcelona and your own train journey to Calafell. All journeys on the tour are covered.

**Payment** – If paying by cheque please make the cheques payable to International Brigade Mersey Tours and send to Charles Jepson, Aysgaard, Beardwood Brow, Blackburn, BB2 7AT. Otherwise the bank details you need are:

Bank: Barclays Bank Preston Branch  
Account name: National Clarion Cycling Club 1895 (cheques payable to: NCCC1895)  
Branch sort code: 206985  
Account number: 30436291  
Iban number: GB74BARC 206985 30436291  
BIC/Swift code: BARCGB22 206985 30436291

Please reference cheques and BACS payments, "Ebro 2018".

**Contact details** – In order to register for this trip you must contact Charles Jepson and only Charles either by post (to the above address) or by email at [clarioncc@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clarioncc@yahoo.co.uk). You must provide Charles with your full name, your email address, and your dietary requirements for (vegetarian, vegan etc., **not** your food likes and dislikes!).

**Please see tour itinerary overleaf**

### **Thursday 19 April**

19.30 – Buffet at Silken Canada Hotel, Calafell

21.30 – Welcome reception and presentation on the Battle of the Ebro and the retreat of the Abe Lincoln Brigade at the Silken Canada Hotel, Calafell

### **Friday 20 April**

08.45 – Board coaches

10.45 – Visit the Cave Hospital at La Bisbal de Falset

13.00 – Lunch

15.00 – Visit railway tunnel at Ermita del Carmen

17.00 – Visit last Battle position

18.00 – Check in Hotel Pique, Gandesa

19.00 – Free time to visit the museum at Gandesa

21.30 – Dinner in hotel followed by drinks at the Societat Unio

### **Saturday 21 April**

*The tour party will be split into two groups, A and B*

#### Group A

09.15 – Board bus

10.00 – Guided tour of Corbera de Ebro

12.00 – Visit museum

13.00 – Unite with Group B at church in Corbera de Ebro for wreath laying ceremony

#### Group B

09.45 – Board Bus

10.15 – Visit museum

11.30 - Guided tour of Corbera de Ebro

13.00 – Groups unite at church in Corbera de Ebro for wreath laying ceremony

14.00 – Go to restaurant in Corbera for drinks, food, presentations, songs, readings and poetry. The local Mayor will join event.

18.30/19.00 – Group A and Group B board buses respectively – free time in Gandesa

### **Friday 22 April**

10.30 – Visit Memorial on Hill 705

11.30 – Depart by bus to Calafell

12.30 – Stop at Marca Peace Memorial

14.30 – Check in to Silken Canada hotel at Calafell and grab a snack for lunch

16.00 – Visit Pau Casals museum for event with the local community

18.00 – Free time

21.00 – Dinner at hotel

### **Monday 23 April**

Depart at time of your own choosing.

**For further details contact Danny Payne (danpayne40@yahoo.co.uk)**