

SANTA CRUZ

TRAVEL GUIDE



Santa Cruz: Where Ice Shapes the Land

Swept by Antarctic winds at Patagonia's edge, Santa Cruz unites colossal glaciers, endless steppe, and the wild Atlantic coast. From the blue towers of Perito Moreno to the silence of solitary estancias and the call of penguins at Cabo Vírgenes, it's a land where raw nature and frontier spirit stand in timeless union.

Suggested 5-Day Itinerary

Day	Morning	Afternoon	Evening
Day 1 – El Calafate	Arrive in El Calafate, visit Glaciarium Ice Museum	Explore town's artisan shops and cafés	Dinner with Patagonian lamb
Day 2 – Perito Moreno Glacier	Drive or tour to Los Glaciares National Park	Walk the glacier boardwalks or take a boat tour	Return to El Calafate
Day 3 – El Chaltén	Travel to El Chaltén (3–4 hrs), short hike to Chorrillo del Salto	Explore town and enjoy mountain views	Overnight in El Chaltén
Day 4 – Fitz Roy Trek	Full-day hike to Laguna de los Tres (or shorter trails)	Return to El Chaltén for a relaxing evening	Stay overnight in El Chaltén
Day 5 – Scenic Return	Optional visit to Lago del Desierto	Drive back to El Calafate or continue north toward Los Antiguos	Farewell Patagonian dinner

Travel Tips for Santa Cruz, Argentina



Dress in layers – Patagonian weather can change rapidly, even in summer.



Plan transport early – Distances are vast, and buses between towns may be limited.



Prepare for strong winds – Especially in open steppe areas and near glaciers.



Book tours in advance – Glacier treks, boat tours, and park entries can sell out in peak season.



Savor local specialties – Patagonian lamb, guanaco meat, and craft beer are regional highlights.



Choose your season wisely – October to April is best for trekking; winter offers a quieter, snowy experience.