

# Frequently Asked Questions for Meeting Planners

## *Most Frequently Asked Questions about Meetings in Santa Cruz County*

### 1. Where is Santa Cruz County located?

Santa Cruz is on California's beautiful Central Coast, approximately 70 miles south of San Francisco International Airport and approximately 30 miles from Mineta-San Jose International Airport. We recommend taking the legendary Pacific Coast Highway's (Hwy 1) scenic drive from San Francisco. If arriving in San Jose, Highway 17 will bring you directly into Santa Cruz.

	Los Angeles	San Francisco	San Jose	Santa Cruz
Los Angeles		382	340	341
San Francisco	382		48	70
San Jose	340	48		32
Santa Cruz	341	70	32	

### 2. What types of team building options does Santa Cruz County offer?

Santa Cruz County offers various team-building specialty companies who offer a variety of options on the beach, in a redwood forest or in town. Group activities such as sand castle building, rope courses, zip lines, geocaching, drum circles, surfing, kayaking, skydiving, sailing, bird watching, wine tasting, golfing and so much more are available, in various settings.

### 3. What special events are happening while our group is in Santa Cruz County?

Numerous types of events take place in Santa Cruz County throughout the year, and range from cultural, sports-related, family-oriented, festivals, music, theater, and more. In fact, there is something fun taking place nearly every day of the week: during summer, Wednesday night sailboat races, Thursday night beach parties and Friday night concerts on the sand are a few examples. Year-round activities like farmer's markets, wine tasting events and much more can also be enjoyed. The Santa Cruz County Conference & Visitors' website is an excellent resource for finding out what's happening in town on any given day: <http://www.santacruz.org/events/index.php>.

### 4. What else is there to do before and after our meeting?

Take a surfing lesson, go hiking or bring the kids for some great fun at our attractions such as Santa Cruz Beach Boardwalk and Roaring Camp and more than 28 museums!

<http://santacruzmeetings.travel/things/index.php>

<http://www.santacruzmah.org/uploads/museumsbrochure.pdf>

### 5. Are there restaurants which have space for groups?

Many local area restaurants offer private dining rooms for groups and conferences. Choose from a room or patio in a seaside setting or with a scenic vista: <http://santacruzmeetings.travel/lodg-dine/dining.php>.

**6. Are there restaurants within walking distance of hotels?**

Many hotels offer on-site dining; however there are many options within walking distance of conference-friendly properties.

**7. What are the largest meetings rooms?**

Of our larger venues, there are five which feature meeting rooms starting at 4000 square feet. Choose from a variety of settings and views.

**8. What is the shopping like in Santa Cruz County?**

Whether it is for you or to take back to your family and friends, Santa Cruz County has distinctive shopping. We specialize in boutique stores and unique offerings which reflect the character of the locale. For more information, check here: <http://santacruzmeetings.travel/things/shopping.php>.

**9. What is the weather like in Santa Cruz County?**

Santa Cruz County boasts approximately 300 days of sunshine per year. The climate tends to be mild with summer temperatures in the mid-70s, and winter temperatures in the mid-50's. Humidity is low for a coastal area. An average of 31 inches of rain falls annually, primarily between November and April. Occasional fog occurs due to changing Pacific currents.

**10. Is Wi-Fi available?**

Most hotels and B&B's offer Wi-Fi. In addition, you will find it in many restaurants, libraries, coffee shops, cafes, bookstores, etc.

**11. I'd like to unwind after the conference ends. Can you tell me what options I may have for relaxation?**

Santa Cruz County spas offer a variety of massage choices, from sea salt body scrubs, green tea and ginger wraps, rejuvenating facials, and more! Opt for an individual or couples massage, or order one to go in a massage suite or hotel room. Find more information here: <http://santacruzmeetings.travel/things/spas.php>.

**12. What type of information can you provide for meeting attendees?**

We offer the Official Santa Cruz County Travelers Guide, which will give your group a good overview of the area, as well as things to do, maps, and other information. We would be more than happy to provide them to you for your meeting. Just give us a call at 800.833.3494, x 102.

**13. Do you need more assistance?**

Please click here to send your question via email: [krupp@santacruz.org](mailto:krupp@santacruz.org).