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# Santa Cruz

A canton of the province of Guanacaste, it is located in the northwest region of the country. The center of the city is also named Santa Cruz.

Is especially known as the “the folk city” nombre. EThe census report from 2000 indicated a population of 10,295 inhabitants (the central district presented 17,486 inhabitants).



## GENERAL OVERVIEW

The city was founded in 1782, in the lands where the old overlord Diría , after whom the most important river of the canton was named. In 1804 an image of the venerated “Christ of Esquipulas” was believed to have made an appearance in the city becoming the patron of the town. Throughout the classically paved streets of this canton tourists can find traditional articles, folkloric memorabilia, souvenirs and delicious Guanacastecan folk food, and cultural activities are very common on weekends. Also, Santa Cruz possesses a prompted commerce driven by the touristic activity that the proximity to beaches like Tamarindo, Flamingo, Junquillal, Playa Grande, Playa Negra and Brasilito brings.