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**Indian Ocean Tuna Commission
Commission des Thons de l'Océan Indien**

**28th IOTC Working Party on Tropical Tunas (WPTT28)
20-24 October 2026 IN-PERSON ONLY
&
17th IOTC Working Party on Methods (WPM17)
26-27 October 2026 IN-PERSON ONLY**

S/C DE TENERIFE, CANARY ISLANDS, SPAIN Hosted by



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IOTC 28th WPTT & 17th WPM

1. Meeting dates and venue

The WPTT28 will be held from the 20-24 October 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.
The WPM17 will be held from the 26-27 October 2026, from 09:00 to 17:00 daily.

IEO-CSIC Building - Calle Farola del Mar, 22 - Dársena Pesquera - 38180, Santa Cruz de Tenerife

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Webs IEO

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3. Arrival and entry formalities

ENTRY INTO SPAIN (SHORT STAYS)

Who can enter?

- Non-EU travellers
- Stay: max. 90 days in any 180-day period
- Purpose: tourism, business, study, visits, non-paid activities

BASIC REQUIREMENTS

Valid passport

Visa (if required)

Proof of stay (hotel, invitation, etc.)

Sufficient funds

No entry ban

DOCUMENTS AT BORDER

Passport

- Valid $\geq$ 3 months after departure
- Issued within last 10 years

Travel proof

- Return or onward ticket

Accommodation

- Hotel booking OR invitation letter

Purpose of trip

- Business: invitation / event access
- Study: admission/enrolment
- Other: relevant documentation

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS (2026)

€122 / day per person

Minimum: €1,099 per stay

Accepted proof:

- Cash
- Credit card + statement
- Bank documents

ENTRY DECISION

Entry allowed if all requirements are met

Entry denied if:

- Requirements not fulfilled
- Stay limit exceeded (90/180 rule)
- Entry ban applies

EU / EEA / SWITZERLAND

- Entry with ID card or passport
- Family members may need a visa (depending on nationality)

VISA-EXEMPT COUNTRIES

- No visa required for short stays
- Still must meet all entry conditions

ETIAS (COMING SOON)

- Expected: end of 2026
- Required for visa-exempt travellers

COVID-19

- No health restrictions currently

4. Health precautions

Healthcare System

High-quality public healthcare system in Spain
Modern hospitals and well-equipped clinics across Tenerife

EU / EEA Travellers

Access healthcare with the European Health Insurance Card (EHIC)
Covers medically necessary treatment during your stay

Non-EU Travellers

Travel health insurance strongly recommended
Private clinics widely available
Pharmacies

“Farmacia” = pharmacy
Identified by a green cross sign
Many open long hours; some are 24h on rotation

Emergencies

112 (free, multilingual, 24/7)
Covers ambulance, police, and fire services

Practical Tips

Bring prescriptions for regular medication
Pharmacies can provide advice for minor issues
Both public and private care are reliable and accessible

Current Situation

- No COVID-19 entry requirements
- No mandatory vaccinations
- No tropical disease risk

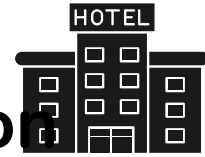
Subtropical climate (warm all year)
UV radiation is very strong, even in winter
Use high SPF sunscreen (50+)
Wear hat & sunglasses
Avoid sun exposure at midday (12:00–16:00)
Stay well hydrated



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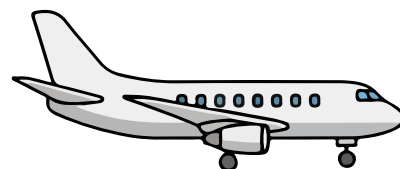
5. Recommended Accommodation

It is recommended to stay at in the main city, Santa Cruz, near the bus stops of the main bus lines connecting to the IEO-CSIC building:

- Bus line 910 (20'): From Santa Cruz Bus Station to IEO-CSIC Bus Stop - every 10-13 minutes (30-40 seats)
- Bus line 015 (15'): From La Laguna Bus Station to Santa Cruz Bus Station via the highway - every 10 minutes (45-55 seats)
- Bus line 014 (40'): From La Laguna Bus Station to Santa Cruz Bus Station via secondary roads - every 5-8 minutes (30-40 seats)
- Metro from La Laguna to Santa Cruz (40') - every 6-8 minutes

La Laguna and Santa Cruz form a metropolitan area, and traffic congestion may occur during rush hour

6. Transportation



- There are two airports on the island. One is TFN, in Los Rodeos - La Laguna, north of Tenerife. By bus (lines 20, 30 or 104) it takes 5' long to reach La Laguna Bus Station
- The other is TFS, in Tenerife South. By bus (line 10) it takes 60' to reach Santa Cruz Bus Station

See next sections C to F below for transportation details



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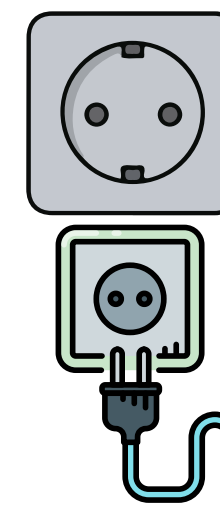
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7. Dress code

The dress code for the meeting is Smart Casual

8. Electricity

Electricity in Spain is 220–240 volts, with a utility frequency of 50 Hz, and type C and F sockets are used



9. Telephone service and WiFi

Wi-Fi will be available in the conference area. Internet service outside the conference will be at participants' own expense

The international dialing code for the Canary Islands (Spain) is +34. There are several mobile network operators in Spain, including Movistar, Vodafone Spain and Orange Spain, all of which provide SIM cards and prepaid services. SIM cards are available at official stores, shopping centres, and kiosks, including some locations at the airport or in major cities such as Santa Cruz de Tenerife



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10. Currency

Spain's currency is the euro (EUR) – currency can be exchanged at banks, exchange offices, or at the airport, and ATMs are widely available throughout the island, including in areas such as Santa Cruz de Tenerife

11. Food Options

Lunch and coffee breaks will be provided at the meeting venue. If you have any dietary requirements or preferences, please contact the organizers in advance.

If delegates wish to dine outside the venue, there are numerous restaurants offering a wide variety of local and international cuisine, particularly in areas such as Santa Cruz de Tenerife. **See section G below for more details**

12. Weather

The weather in Tenerife is mild and pleasant throughout the year, with average temperatures ranging from 20°C to 28°C

The island has a subtropical climate, generally characterized by dry, sunny conditions. However, occasional rain may occur, particularly during the winter months

It is advisable to bring:

- Light clothing for warm weather
- A light jacket for evenings or air-conditioned spaces
- Sun protection (hat, sunglasses, sunscreen)

13. Tourism, Climate and Additional information

Santa Cruz de Tenerife, a vibrant coastal city of around 210,000 residents, is located on the island of Tenerife, in the Canary Islands (Spain). Situated along the Atlantic coast, the city combines urban life with natural surroundings, including nearby beaches such as Las Teresitas and the Anaga Biosphere Reserve, known for its rich biodiversity and unique landscapes.

As the capital of the island and one of the main administrative centres of the Canary Islands, Santa Cruz offers a wide range of services, cultural activities, and infrastructure. The city is also well connected to San Cristóbal de La Laguna, a historic university town located just 10 km away.

Visit the official tourism website for more information about Santa Cruz and its surroundings:

[Discover Santa Cruz \(official tourism service\)](#)

Where can one swim in
the sea near Santa
Cruz?



Tenerife (Cabildo de Tenerife)
[Visit Tenerife – Official Tourism Website](#)



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Meeting building: IEO-CSIC

B

Meeting room: Floor 0

C

Coming by bus: Line 910 (20' max.)

D

Walking from the Bus Stop to the

IEO-CSIC (5' min.)

E

Recommended Hotels

F

If you stay further away... **Additional**

Bus or Metro Lines and

Recommended Hotels

G

Some touristic information

H

By bike

P



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CALLE FAROLA DEL MAR, 22 - DÁRSENA PESQUERA
38180 - SANTA CRUZ DE TENERIFE - SPAIN

01 Traffic signs (deviation 1)

02 Traffic signs (or deviation 2)

Where is the IEO-CSIC
building?

Where is the entrance?

TELEPHONE: +34 922 54 94 00

03 View from the main road

04 Closer view

05 Main entrance





WELCOME: VENUE, REGISTRATION AND FACILITIES

Please, pick up your **BADGE** at the registration desk

Could you help me?

Where is the meeting room?

May I have some water, tea or coffee beforehand?

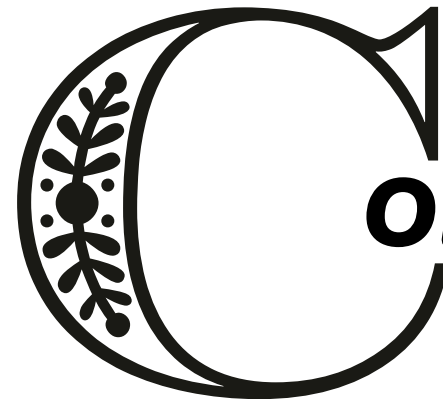
Prior to the session, water, tea, and coffee will be available at the on-site cafeteria

The **ENTRANCE** to the meeting room is located just behind the registration desk

How do I reach the IEO-
CSIC by bus?

Could I buy the tickets
in advance?

May I pay by cash or
card at the bus?

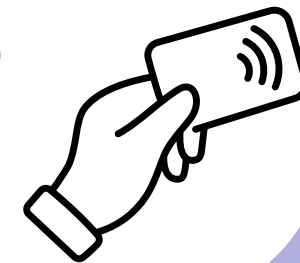


COMING BY BUS - LINE 910

**You can buy your
bus card in
advance, or pay
on the bus by
cash or credit
card**

And
/Or

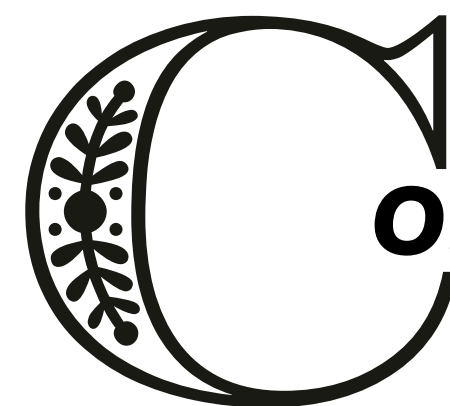
**You can also
download the
public transport
App**



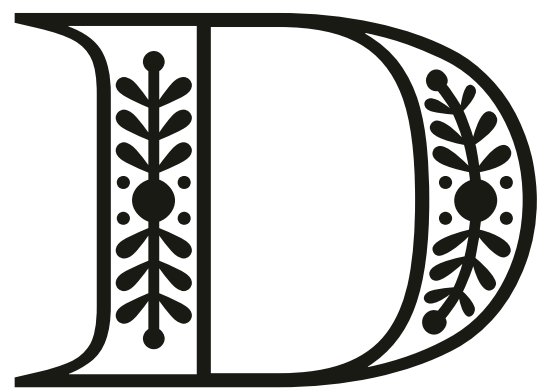
Transportation Card **Points of Sale**: <https://www.titsa.com/index.php/atencion-al-cliente/puntos-de-venta-y-recarga>

Transportation Card **App Ten+**: <https://www.titsa.com/index.php/atencion-al-cliente/puntos-de-venta-y-recarga>

Which are the
bus
timetables?

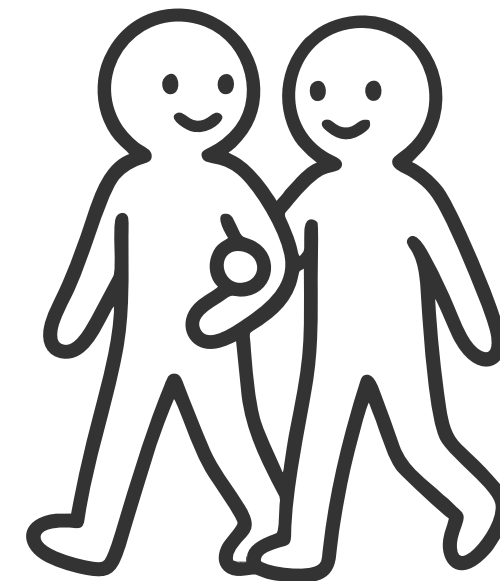
 **OMING BY BUS - LINE 910**

How long does it
take from the last
bus stop to the IEO-
CSIC main
entrance?



Walking from the Bus Stop to the IEO-CSIC Entrance

You can follow the yellow line

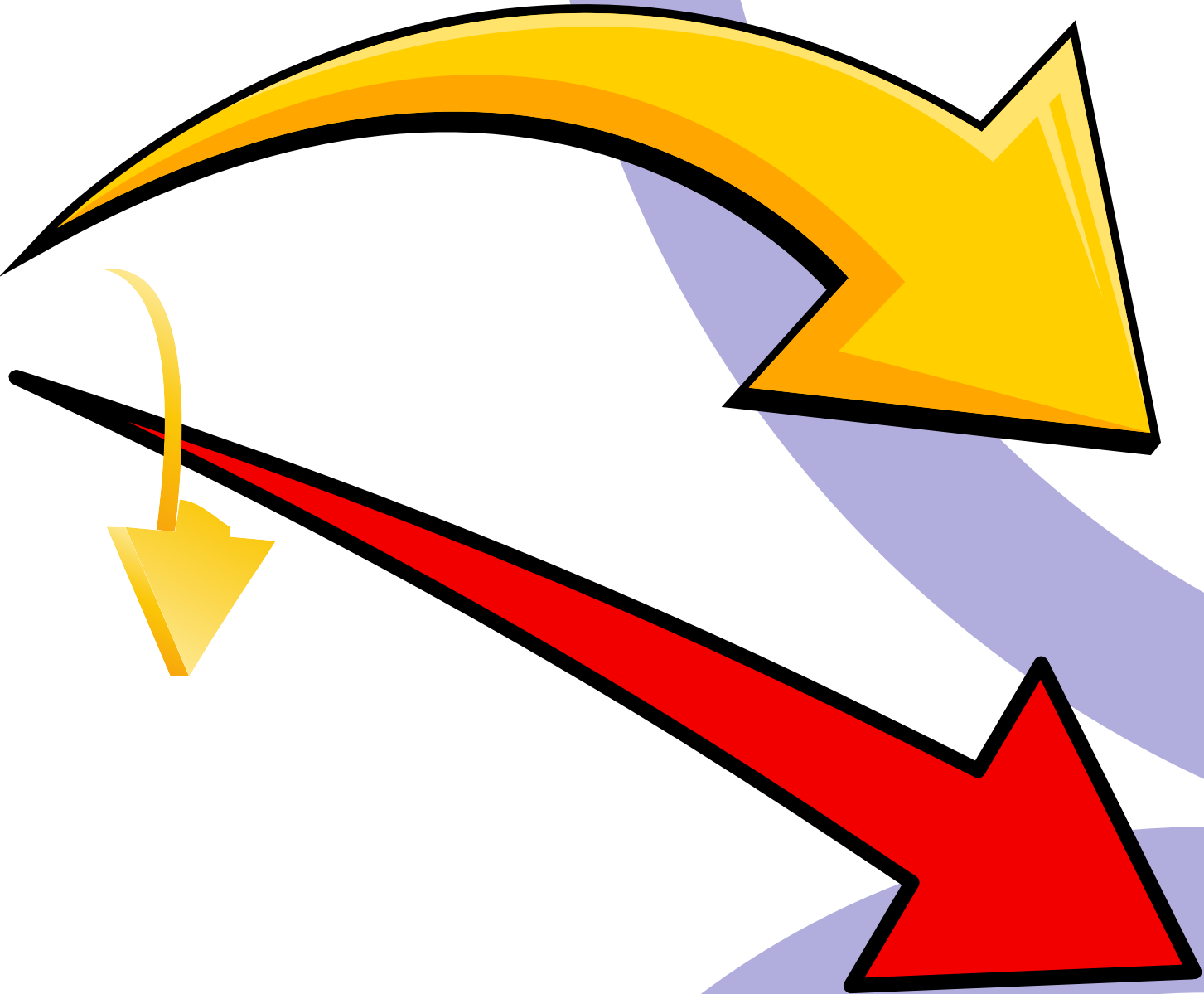


Which hotels do
you recommend in
Santa Cruz?



***Recommended
Hotels***

It is recommended to stay at a hotel near the bus stops of **Bus Line 910** (see **Section C for more details**), in order to reach the IEO building with a single bus. Please note that this Line runs approximately every 10-13 minutes, has around 30-40 seats and Santa Cruz can be busy during the morning rush hour.



List of Recommended Hotels, ordered by proximity and best transport connections to the IEO-CSIC building:



Recommended Hotels

Hotel	Category	Phone	Email	Website
Hotel Escuela Santa Cruz	★★★★	+34 922 847 500	recepcion.hesc@hecansa.com	https://www.hotelescuelasantacruz.com
Hotel Colón Rambla	★★★★	+34 922 272 550	reservas@hotelcolonrambla.com	https://www.hotelcolonrambla.com
Taburiente Tenerife	★★★★	+34 922 276 000	info@hoteltaburiente.com	https://www.hoteltaburiente.com
Iberostar Heritage Grand Mencey	★★★★★	+34 922 609 900	mencey@iberostar.com	https://www.iberostar.com
Barceló Santa Cruz Contemporáneo	★★★★	+34 922 271 571	santacruzcontemporaneo@barcelo.com	https://www.barcelo.com
NH Tenerife	★★★	+34 922 534 422	nhcollectiontenerife@nh-hotels.com	https://www.nh-hotels.com
AC Hotel Tenerife	★★★★	+34 822 680 581	ac.tenerife@acmarriott.com	https://www.marriott.com
Hotel Príncipe Paz	★★★	+34 922 249 955	reservas@hotelprincipepaz.com	https://www.hotelprincipepaz.com
S/C Urban Anaga Hotel	★★★★	+34 922 474 600	info@urbananaga.com	https://www.urbananaga.com
Boutique Hotel Tenerife Guimerá	★★★	+34 822 043 330	info@tenerifeguimera.com	https://www.tenerifeguimera.com
Hotel Adonis Plaza	★★★	+34 922 272 453	hotelplaza@adonisresorts.com	https://www.adonisresorts.com
Hotel Adonis Capital	★★★	+34 922 284 848	capital@adonisresorts.com	https://www.adonisresorts.com
HI Suites Hotel	★★★	+34 822 904 030	info@hisuiteshotel.com	https://www.hisuiteshotel.com
Hotel Tanausú	★★★	+34 922 217 000	info@hoteltanausu.es	https://www.hoteltanausu.es
Hotel Atlántico Centro	★★	+34 922 246 375	info@hotelatlantico.com	https://www.hotelatlantico.com
Hotel Náutico	★★	+34 922 247 066	nautico@a-caledonia.com	https://www.hotelnautico.es
Hotel Pensión París (Pa Ri Gi)	★★	+34 922 246 919	(contact via website)	https://www.hotelparis.es
Tenerife Experience Hostel	★★	+34 822 171 607	info@tenerifeexperiencehostel.com	https://www.tenerifeexperiencehostel.com

I would like to stay
further away. Are
there
transportation
options and hotels
available?



***If you stay
further away...
Additional Bus
or Metro Lines***

All:
every 5-13 minutes

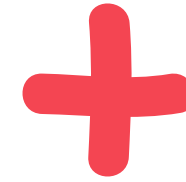
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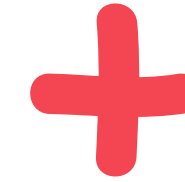


***If you stay
further away...
Additional Bus
or Metro Lines***

Departures from La Laguna
Bus Station to Santa Cruz
Bus Station



Plus 20' more by Bus Line 910



Departures from La Laguna
Bus Station to Santa Cruz
Bus Station

Bus Stops

Bus Stops

I would like to stay further away. Are there transportation options and hotels available?



If you stay further away... Recommended Hotels

La Laguna city is approximately 10 km from the IEO-CSIC building. Please note that travel time may take up to one hour during rush hour.

Hotel	Category	Area	Phone	Website
La Laguna Gran Hotel	★★★★	La Laguna	+34 922 108 080	https://lalagunagranhotel.com
Hotel Laguna Nivaria	★★★★	La Laguna	+34 922 264 298	http://www.lagunanivaria.com

What can I visit?



Some turistic information

Teide National Park – Official Website (English).

<https://www.reservasparquesnacionales.es/real/parquesnac/usu/html/detalle-actividad-oapn.aspx?ii=6ENG&cen=2&act=1>

DATE

From 24 October to 2 November 2026

VENUE

Recinto Ferial de Tenerife

Avenida de la Constitución, 12

Santa Cruz de Tenerife

The event will take place in the Main Hall, with an open exhibition space of 12,000 m².

OPENING HOURS

2 November: 16:00 – 21:00

All other days: 11:00 – 21:00

EXHIBITORS

200 artisans from Europe, Africa, and the Americas

Are there any
events in
Santa Cruz or
nearby those
days?



***Some turistic
information***

List of Evening and Night Events in Tenerife (20–27 October)

Event	City / Location	Dates	Description	Link
Starmus Festival	Santa Cruz / La Laguna / Teide National Park	20–22 Oct	Science & music festival with talks, concerts, and night activities	https://starmus.com
Tenerife Peñón Fest	Santa Cruz de Tenerife (Palmetum)	23–24 Oct	Indie/pop-rock concerts in an outdoor evening setting	https://tenerifepenonfest.com
Auditorio de Tenerife Adán Martín (programme)	Santa Cruz de Tenerife	Various dates	Classical music, opera, and evening performances	https://www.auditoriodetenerife.com
Teatro Leal (programme)	San Cristóbal de La Laguna	Various dates	Theatre and cultural events in the evening	https://www.teatroleal.es

Are there any
restaurants
nearby the
Meeting Point?



Some turistic information

There is only one restaurant (Yanfi Marina) located near the IEO-CSIC building, and it is advisable to make a reservation in advance. The other restaurants are situated in the village of San Andrés, close to La Teresitas Beach, and they tend to be quite busy, especially during peak hours

Can I go by bike to
the IEO-CSIC
building?



Yes, you can, but the bike lane ends at kilometer 6.5-7 of the road from Santa Cruz to San Andrés, and you will then have to continue on the road.

Practical Tips for Cycling (Santa Cruz – San Andrés)

The bike lane runs along the coast but is not fully continuous, so be prepared to share the road in some sections at the end of the lane.

Pay special attention at junctions and port access areas, where traffic can be heavier.

Always follow traffic rules and signals, and ride defensively. Wearing a helmet is strongly recommended.

Bring water and sun protection, as the route is very exposed to the sun.

Check weather conditions, especially wind, which can be strong along the coast.

Use lights or reflective elements if cycling in low visibility conditions.



By bike

There are no bicycle parking facilities in the IEO-CSIC building or nearby.

Please let us know if you plan to come by bike, and we will do our best to help you with this.

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