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Valle de Colchagua

Traveler's guide

Central Chile wine valley based around Santa Cruz: Carménère vineyards in Apalta, huaso culture and rodeos, the colonial village of Lolol and Pichilemu's surf 1 h 30 away.



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Nature

The Colchagua Valley, in the O'Higgins Region, is a farming basin watered by the Tinguiririca River between the Andes and the Coastal Range, with a Mediterranean climate of warm, dry summers. Santa Cruz, about 180 km from Santiago by road, is its hub: a main square with a carillon clock, the Colchagua Museum, opened in 1995, and vineyards climbing the Apalta hills, known for Carménère and Cabernet Sauvignon. To the southwest, Lolol keeps adobe mansions with long verandas in a historic centre declared a Zona Típica (protected heritage area) in 2003.



Activities

- Winery visits with tastings, from boutique cellars to the icon-wine estates of Apalta, also by bike or on horseback through the vineyards
- Colchagua Museum in Santa Cruz, with collections ranging from pre-Columbian times to the colonial era and Independence
- Huaso culture: rodeos in a medialuna arena, horse rides in the Coastal Range hills, traditional threshing with mares and February's Semana Lololina festival
- Stroll through Lolol's historic district and its verandas, about 30 min from Santa Cruz
- Surfing at Punta de Lobos in Pichilemu (about 90 km, 1 h 30 by car) and the artisanal salt pans of the Cáhuil lagoon
- Stargazing among the vineyards at the Cerro Chamán observatory near Santa Cruz

When to go

The grape harvest, from March to April, is the liveliest time, and the Colchagua Harvest Festival takes place in March on Santa Cruz's main square. Spring, from September to November, brings green vineyards, and September adds fondas and rodeos for the national holidays (Fiestas Patrias). In summer the heat often exceeds 30 °C, while winter is cool and rainy.

How to get there

The nearest airport is Santiago (SCL), about 190 km from Santa Cruz: 2 h 30 to 3 h by car on Ruta 5 Sur to San Fernando and then Ruta 90. Frequent buses leave from the Estación Central terminals in Santiago (about 3 h). From Santa Cruz, Lolol is about 30 min away and Pichilemu 1 h 30; for winery visits with tastings, a tour or a driver is advisable.

Activities in this destination

Hiking & trekking · Volcano · Rafting & hydrospeed · Boat trips, canoe & kayak · Hot springs · Zipline & tree climbing · Canyoning & rappelling · Paragliding · Horseback riding · Snow & snowshoeing · Local & indigenous culture · Nature & photography · Stargazing · Full-day excursions · Food & wine · Family & inclusive · Surfing & bodyboard · Sandboarding & dunes · Cycling & MTB · Climbing & mountaineering · Ice & glaciers · Kitesurfing & windsurfing · Diving & snorkelling · Wildlife & whale watching · City & walking tours · Birdwatching · Fly & sport fishing · Archaeology & ruins · Wine & wineries · Coffee & cocoa · 4x4 safari & overland

Experiences

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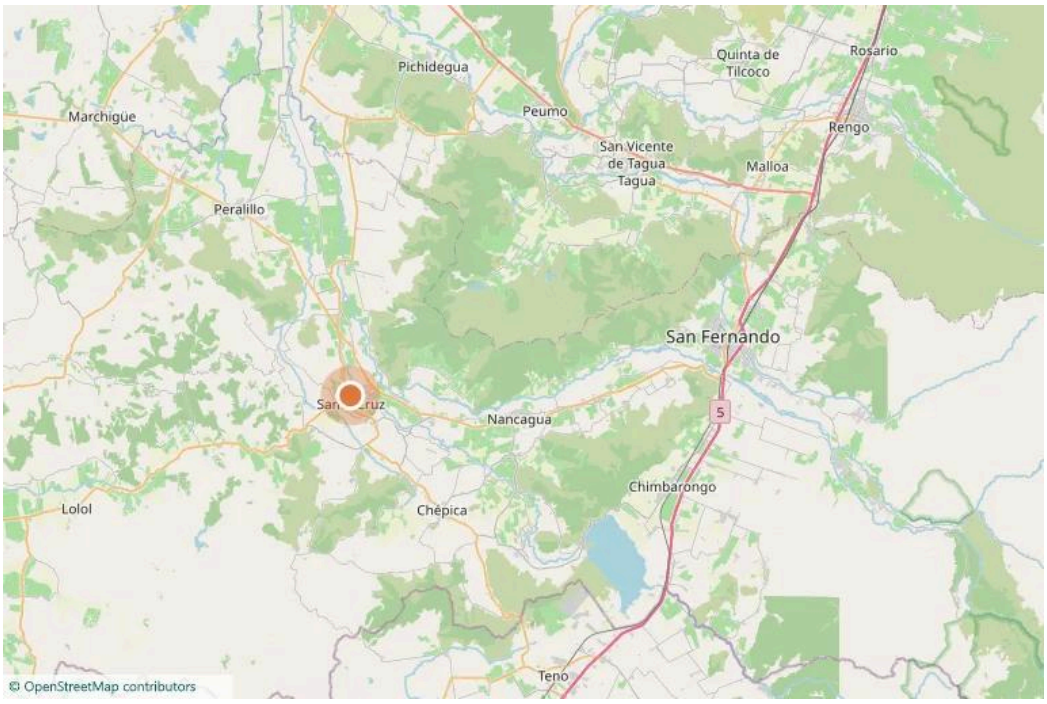


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