

Colombia,
the only risk
is wanting
to stay.



Santander
Land of adventure



Santander adventure



Land of adventure is the perfect name for this territory whose imposing mountain landscapes invite lovers of extreme sports to live memorable experiences.

The department of Santander is a destination with a great variety of cultural, architectural and gastronomic attractions in a framework of exotic and diverse landscapes that include rocky mountains, rushing rivers, and monumental caverns.

Bucaramanga, the capital of the department, located on a terrace on the eastern mountain range of the Colombian Andes, is an industrial, commercial, and university city. The average temperature of this warm city is 25°C.

Definitely, **SANTANDER is a land of Adventure!**

For adrenaline fans, nothing can be better than the town of **San Gil** and its surroundings, with sites for experiencing energy to the extreme by paragliding, kayaking, rafting, wet and dry rappelling, and spelunking in deep caves.

Just a few minutes away from these natural attractions is **Barichara**, known as “the prettiest town in Colombia” and declared a National Monument. Stone artisans and an exquisite regional cuisine have consolidated it as a tourist destination.

The following are absolute musts when visiting Santander: **El Gallineral Natural Park**; the **Chicamocha Natural Park**; the municipalities of **El Socorro**, birthplace of the Comunero Revolution; **Girón**, a lovely colonial village; and the Mesa de los Santos plateau.

There is no doubt! The Santander experience is a complete adventure!





Rafting, Fonce river

Mountain Sports

Descending dry rocks or waterfalls while hanging from ropes, harnesses, and snap hooks in the region's waterfalls, Juan Curi, Pinchote and Pescaderito, can easily be the thrill of a lifetime.



Rappel, Santander



El Gallineral Natural Park, Santander

The vertigo of the rapids

A passion for rapids and pure adrenaline is found in the rushing Fonce, Suárez, and Chicamocha rivers, where the steep slopes of the Andes generate torrents and cascades that are ideal for engaging in rafting, hydrospeeding, and kayaking, among others.

Qualified instructors supply equipment and offer experience and training to tourists.

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The exploring spirit

Daring to tour mysterious caves in the company of bats and admiring the stalactites and stalagmites of these karstic formations is part of the adventure.

You are sure to enjoy the walk through the ample salons with stone walls and ceilings. And you can observe the origin, evolution, resources, and curiosities of the karstic phenomenons of the caverns. The most famous are Cueva de Yeso, Cueva del Indio, Cueva de la Vaca, and Cueva Antigua.



The magic of flying

Taking off and experiencing the feeling of flying in the clouds propelled by strong currents of air is an unparalleled sensation provided by paragliding above Santander's beautiful geography.

USHPA-certified instructors will take you on this memorable experience of flying like the birds, yet will carefully control any risk.

Among the best sites for paragliding, the following stand out: **Ruitoque**, just five minutes from Bucaramanga and considered one of the best four paragliding sites in the world; **Mesa de los Santos**, for adrenaline seekers who can take off at 1,800 meters above sea level and land in the middle of the marvelous canyon of the Chicamocha River; and **Panachi**, located within the Chicamocha National Park.

Other activities

If you like to play golf, you will enjoy the golf courses of the region: two 18-hole ones and a 9-hole one. The Ruitoque Golf Country Club course was designed by Nicklaus. The Club Campestre has two courses, one in Cañaveral and one in Mesa de los Santos, both designed by Mark Mahannah for an unequalled golf experience. In an ideal climate and surrounded by lovely scenery, the people of Santander will make sure you will want to repeat the experience.



Golf, Santander



“How can you not stay to live
in a country
where every place is full
of magic and adventure?”

Shaun Clohesy,
an Australian in love
with Colombia

Chicamoche's canyon, Santander

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