

FIVE SISTER CITIES Peace through friendship

CITY of SANTA CRUZ



SISTER CITIES Committee



Alushta, Ukraine | A popular beach resort on the scenic Crimean coast set against a magnificent backdrop of green and rugged mountains climbing to 5,000 feet. This year celebrating 25 years as sister cities, Santa Cruz and Alushta have marked the milestone with delegations, teacher exchanges, a student exchange and a 25th anniversary celebration on the Santa Cruz Wharf.



Shingu, Japan | This small coastal city in remote southern Japan on the Wakayama Peninsula is known for its beautiful historic shrines and stunning natural settings. Exciting student exchanges take place each spring and summer. Business and mayoral delegations are planned every other fall. Next year we'll celebrate our 40th anniversary as sister cities!



Sestri Levante, Italy | The Italian Rivera is home to this picturesque fishing village delivering stunning views and a laid-back lifestyle. Each year the Sister Cities Committee enters local writers into the Hans Christian Andersen Fables Contest. The famed Danish writer lived in Sestri Levante in 1835.



Jinotepe, **Nicaragua** | A friendly, non-touristy city in the south Pacific-side of the country that will give you a taste of the true culture and authentic lifestyle of the native Nicaraguan people. Sister Cities provides vital humanitarian aid through donations and presented Jinotepe a much-needed garbage truck last year.



Puerto La Cruz, Venezuela | This city on the Caribbean offers water sports galore and is the gateway to the nation's favorite getaway, Isla de Margarita and a jump-off point to the beautiful Parque Nacional Mochima. Our first sister city was established in 1966 with soccer exchanges an early goal.