

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO USHUAIA AND TIERRA DEL FUEGO, ARGENTINA

LOCATION: Ushuaia, the capital of the Argentine province of Tierra del Fuego, is located on the south shore of the large island of Tierra Del Fuego. The city faces on the Beagle Channel, across from Chilean Patagonia. It's the "end of the line" for paved roads in South America. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Tierra del Fuego National Park lie just outside Ushuaia, to the northwest.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	16:38	14:47	12:36	10:22	8:25	7:20	7:47	9:29	11:37	13:51	15:58	17:13
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:42	6:31	5:04	4:10	3:10	2:30	2:45	3:58	4:43	5:50	6:09	5:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	34%	36%	40%	39%	44%	43%	43%	40%	37%	34%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	33°	32°	30°	26°	18°	13°	11°	16°	21°	28°	28°	32°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	41°	39°	35°	31°	29°	28°	29°	32°	36°	38°	40°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57°	57°	54°	49°	43°	40°	39°	42°	46°	51°	54°	56°
HIGH FOR MONTH	70°	71°	67°	60°	55°	51°	50°	51°	57°	63°	67°	68°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	3%	7%	30%	50%	72%	67%	67%	43%	20%	13%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	55%	59%	63%	67%	70%	66%	62%	58%	52%	54%	56%
NEARBY WATERS	47°	48°	47°	46°	43°	42°	41°	40°	40°	42°	43°	46°
DRY DAYS	57%	56%	63%	60%	57%	46%	69%	71%	75%	63%	62%	57%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	81%	81%	80%	79%	74%	85%	86%	88%	82%	81%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.32	0.37	0.36	0.31	0.29	0.32	0.27	0.25	0.22	0.25	0.31	0.31
LIKELY SNOWFALL	0.0"	0.0"	2.6"	3.2"	4.5"	6.3"	9.1"	9.8"	6.4"	3.5"	3.1"	0.6"
SNOWY DAYS	0%	1%	4%	7%	11%	18%	17%	18%	12%	8%	6%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	1%	0%	1%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: The region has a marine version of the sub-polar climate. The prevailing winds are strongly out of the west ("strongly" is an understatement), bringing with them the frigid, damp, air of the Antarctic margins of the Pacific Ocean. Summers are short, cloudy, very windy, and cool, with the occasional below-freezing temperature and snow flurry. Winters are long, cloudy, even more windy, cold and raw, with rain, sleet, snow, and whatever all mixed together. Since snow is no more common than rain or sleet (and no less), ground accumulations lasting more than a few days are rare. The reputation for storminess of this area is well-deserved. Violent storms can come out of the west with little or no warning, bringing extremely high winds and driving cold rain and sleet.