

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE FALKLAND ISLANDS, SOUTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

LOCATION: The Falkland Islands are located in the South Atlantic Ocean, some 300 miles east of the eastern tip of South America. They are a British Dependency, and are also claimed by Argentina, to whom they are the Islas Malvinas. Port Stanley is the capital, and is located at the eastern tip of East Falkland Island. Elevations range from sea level to some 2,313 feet above it at the summit of Mount Usborne on East Falkland.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	16:05	14:29	12:33	10:33	8:50	7:54	8:18	9:46	11:40	13:40	15:31	16:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:53	5:41	4:56	3:33	2:22	2:01	2:13	2:50	3:59	5:49	6:32	5:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	26%	29%	31%	30%	28%	30%	29%	29%	30%	31%	29%	26%
LOW FOR MONTH	35°	35°	33°	30°	27°	22°	22°	24°	26°	28°	31°	33°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	41°	40°	37°	34°	31°	31°	31°	33°	35°	37°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	55°	53°	49°	44°	41°	40°	41°	45°	48°	52°	54°
HIGH FOR MONTH	68°	66°	65°	57°	51°	46°	47°	48°	53°	59°	64°	66°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	1%	9%	22%	39%	36%	33%	27%	14%	4%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	61%	64%	73%	74%	76%	79%	75%	69%	63%	59%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	48°	49°	48°	46°	44°	42°	41°	40°	41°	42°	44°	46°
DRY DAYS	31%	34%	40%	30%	28%	26%	30%	31%	40%	38%	33%	35%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	74%	73%	65%	67%	72%	77%	75%	79%	79%	74%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.41	0.40	0.42	0.40	0.35	0.31	0.32	0.25	0.25	0.32	0.45
SNOWY DAYS	4%	3%	7%	11%	35%	24%	33%	31%	23%	16%	14%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	8%	11%	13%	12%	17%	17%	13%	14%	14%	8%	11%

COMMENTS: The Falkland Islands have a strongly maritime two-season year---but there isn't a lot of difference between the seasons. Summers (November through March) feature long blustery days with cool to chilly afternoons. Winters (April through October) have short stormy days with chilly to cold afternoons. Precipitation is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year, and are three times as likely to be rain as snow. Snow, however, can be expected in every month. The exceptionally strong winds out of the west dominate the weather, and average some 17 miles per hour. All months have their share of sudden and violent storms. Humidities are high throughout the year. Although the cold can hardly be described as severe, the wind makes it hazardous to those who are poorly prepared or incautious in their plans. Wool clothing with a water-and-wind-proof outer shell is the costume of choice in the "camp" (anyplace outside of Port Stanley).