

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LAGO ARGENTINO AND THE PATAGONIAN LAKE DISTRICT, ARGENTINA

LOCATION: Lake Argentino is located in the Patagonian province of Santa Cruz, near the southern tip of Argentina. The eastern bulk of the lake is in Argentina, but it also extends across the Chilean border. The lake is glacier-fed, and lies at an elevation of some 700 feet above sea level. The major town is El Calafate, which also goes by the name of Lago Argentino. Nearby is the Argentinian Glacier National Park, featuring the magnificent Moreno Glacier.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	15:52	14:22	12:31	10:37	9:00	8:07	8:29	9:53	11:41	13:35	15:20	16:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:20	7:14	5:51	4:55	3:42	3:09	3:17	4:28	5:17	6:30	7:17	7:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	36%	39%	39%	39%	42%	38%	41%	41%	40%	35%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	37°	39°	35°	27°	24°	20°	19°	19°	26°	31°	29°	36°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	46°	41°	37°	32°	29°	27°	29°	33°	37°	41°	44°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	66°	65°	61°	54°	46°	41°	40°	44°	51°	57°	61°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	75°	72°	63°	57°	54°	52°	53°	64°	70°	72°	74°
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	2%	5%	24%	56%	74%	84%	77%	50%	19%	5%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	32%	32%	38%	46%	55%	58%	59%	54%	44%	35%	33%	32%
DRY DAYS	94%	93%	88%	85%	83%	87%	84%	89%	90%	90%	92%	92%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	97%	95%	92%	92%	94%	93%	94%	96%	96%	96%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.06	0.10	0.17	0.19	0.13	0.16	0.13	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.08
LIKELY SNOWFALL	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.9"	2.7"	3.5"	6.7"	7.0"	2.2"	1.0"	0.0"	0.0"
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	6%	11%	10%	3%	2%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	4%	8%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: The lake has a four-season year. Spring runs from the middle of September through the middle of November. It offers alternating spells of cold wintry weather and mild summery weather. Summer extends from mid-November through mid-March. It is the driest time of year. Autumn takes in the period of mid-March through the middle of May. It offers the same changeable weather as spring, but with the rainiest weather of the year. Winter holds sway from the middle of May through the middle of September. It's cold, but fairly dry. Snow is common all winter, but the light totals and frequent thaws keep it from staying on the ground for long. In the mountains, elevation and the direction that the slope is facing are the two major controls of climate. As you go up in elevation, temperatures will drop an average of 1°F for each one-hundred feet of increase in elevation (and vice versa, when you go down).