

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SALTA AND FINCA EL REY NATIONAL PARK, ARGENTINA

LOCATION: Salta is located in northwestern Argentina. Capital of the province of the same name, the city is situated in a mountain basin within the foothills of the Andes Mountains. Elevations average around 4,000 feet above sea level in town. Finca El Rey National Park lies east of Salta, in the narrow sub-tropical mountain forest belt. The area is also rich in both Colonial and pre-conquest archeological sites.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:30	12:57	12:16	11:32	10:56	10:38	10:46	11:16	11:56	12:40	13:18	13:39
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:53	5:06	3:59	4:21	4:48	4:54	5:51	6:42	5:48	5:46	5:55	5:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	34%	35%	39%	48%	56%	63%	66%	59%	49%	44%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	51 °	51 °	49 °	41 °	34 °	28 °	26 °	29 °	34 °	39 °	46 °	51 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	60 °	60 °	59 °	53 °	46 °	39 °	38 °	41 °	46 °	53 °	57 °	60 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82 °	80 °	77 °	73 °	70 °	67 °	69 °	72 °	75 °	79 °	81 °	82 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	89 °	87 °	87 °	83 °	83 °	83 °	88 °	89 °	92 °	94 °	94 °	92 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	17%	21%	11%	3%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	7%	3%	1%	1%	1%	0%	2%	5%	6%	13%	12%	12%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	64%	67%	64%	57%	51%	46%	41%	42%	42%	48%	54%
DRY DAYS	58%	57%	64%	81%	91%	95%	95%	94%	91%	84%	72%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	66%	68%	77%	90%	97%	99%	99%	98%	97%	92%	84%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.12	1.03	0.65	0.20	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.18	0.37	0.84
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	21%	17%	10%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	12%	19%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	4%	6%	10%	12%	10%	6%	3%	1%	1%	2%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has a highland version of the sub-tropical wet-and-dry year that gives it four distinct seasons, much as in the mid-latitudes. Winter days are moderately sunny, with many clear days. Afternoons are usually mild, but both hot and cold days should be expected. Humidities are usually low. Rain falls once or twice a month, and snow flurries are rare but do occur in some years. Summer days are somewhat less sunny (afternoon cloud), and much less likely to be clear. Afternoons are usually hot and frequently rainy. This rain comes as a series of brief but intense showers, usually starting in the afternoon and continuing into the evening. In between the showers, are dry periods that are often longer than the showers. Humidities are often muggy. Unless overridden by frontal systems, the area gets a distinct alternation of mountain and valley breezes. Winds tend to blow up the slopes rather gently during the day, reaching a peak in the late afternoon. During the night, they blow downslope with much more vigor, reaching a peak just about sunrise.