

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PORTO ALEGRE AND THE GAUCHO COUNTRY, BRAZIL

LOCATION: Porto Alegre, the capital of Rio Grande do Sul, is located in the southernmost part of Brazil. The city is situated on the northeastern bank of the estuary of the Rio Guabiba, where it empties into the brackish Lagoa dos Patos. Elevations in the city and its surroundings are all close to sea level. Most of the beach resorts are on the ocean shore of the Littoral Gaucho, a long barrier island separating the Lagoa dos Patos from the ocean proper.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:51	13:10	12:18	11:24	10:38	10:15	10:25	11:03	11:54	12:48	13:37	14:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:02	7:41	6:51	6:11	5:30	4:46	5:06	5:19	4:58	6:30	7:44	8:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	47%	50%	49%	47%	44%	45%	42%	42%	43%	49%	50%
LOW FOR MONTH	58°	60°	56°	50°	42°	37°	38°	39°	42°	47°	51°	55°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	69°	69°	66°	61°	55°	51°	51°	52°	55°	59°	62°	66°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	86°	83°	78°	71°	67°	67°	68°	71°	75°	80°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	98°	98°	95°	90°	85°	82°	84°	85°	87°	90°	95°	98°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	33%	37%	18%	6%	1%	0%	1%	2%	4%	6%	12%	25%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	57%	57%	61%	64%	66%	66%	65%	62%	59%	55%	54%
NEARBY WATERS	74°	75°	75°	72°	68°	64°	61°	61°	62°	64°	68°	71°
DRY DAYS	68%	71%	71%	68%	66%	64%	68%	65%	63%	68%	69%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	79%	81%	79%	78%	75%	77%	76%	75%	79%	81%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.64	0.68	0.61	0.66	0.71	0.87	0.78	0.80	0.87	0.68	0.57	0.58
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	12%	11%	9%	7%	7%	9%	10%	13%	13%	10%	10%	12%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	12%	13%	23%	27%	24%	26%	23%	14%	11%	8%	6%

COMMENTS: The region has a humid sub-tropical climate, with hot summers and mild winters. Rainfall is well distributed throughout the year. Below-freezing temperatures are not unknown, but do not occur in most years. Humidities range from moderate to high, and morning fogs and mists are fairly common. Think of Jacksonville, Florida, with the seasons reversed, and you'll pretty well have the weather of Porto Alegre (just the weather, mind you). The city is the capital and commercial heart of the *gaucho* country. Gauchos are the Brazilian equivalent of the American cowboy. Porto Alegre is also a common base of operations for visits to the spectacular Parque Nacional de Aparados da Serra, which features impressively deep canyons and forests of araucaria trees. The sea temperatures in the table are for the oceanfront of the Littoral Gaucho, a barrier island to the east of Lagoa dos Patos. The season here is from November through March. The beaches on the lake itself are considered to be too polluted for swimming.