

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PUERTO AISEN AND THE CHILEAN FIORDS

LOCATION: Puerto Aisen is located in the Patagonian section of southern Chile. This region is the site of numerous national parks preserving and celebrating the magnificent scenery of the area. Here, the Andes Mountains plunge into the Pacific in a maze of glacially-carved valleys and fiords. This is the same type of scenery that you will find in coastal Norway, New Zealand's South Island, and the Alaskan Panhandle. Many consider it to be scenically superior. The small town of Puerto Aisen is situated at the head of once of these fiords, served by the Rio Coyhaique. Elevations in town are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	15:14	14:00	12:27	10:52	9:30	8:48	9:06	10:14	11:45	13:21	14:48	15:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:18	3:50	2:42	2:03	2:05	1:41	1:36	2:33	2:40	3:34	3:36	3:50
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	21%	19%	19%	23%	25%	21%	25%	22%	23%	22%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	41°	37°	34°	31°	26°	26°	27°	28°	33°	38°	41°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	50°	49°	47°	43°	40°	36°	35°	36°	38°	42°	45°	48°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	64°	63°	60°	55°	49°	45°	44°	47°	52°	55°	59°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	77°	75°	72°	61°	58°	53°	53°	55°	64°	67°	71°	76°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	6%	12%	30%	31%	25%	16%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	71%	71%	74%	78%	81%	79%	75%	71%	70%	69%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	56°	57°	56°	54°	52°	50°	49°	49°	49°	50°	52°	54°
DRY DAYS	39%	48%	53%	36%	31%	33%	40%	35%	37%	37%	37%	41%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	62%	61%	61%	56%	46%	48%	55%	51%	58%	58%	58%	56%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.25	1.23	1.22	1.49	1.90	1.84	1.81	1.63	1.22	1.11	1.23	1.30
LIKELY SNOWFALL	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.2"	4.0"	7.9"	2.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	4%	7%	11%	9%	8%	6%	7%	4%	1%	1%	0%

COMMENTS: The region has a mid-latitude four-season year. Precipitation is abundant (to say the least) in all months, with a distinct winter maximum. Below-freezing temperatures can occur in any month, but summer are usually mild. Winters are windy, raw, and cold. Snowfall is usually mixed with or followed by rain, so snow rarely remains on the ground for long at sea level. The winds in this area are incredibly strong, persistent, and gusty. The normal direction is from the southwest, but they can change direction in an instant without losing any force. Winds in excess of 70 mph are found in every month, and a 30 mph breeze is practically considered a calm. These winds can produce "wind chills" of up to 30° below actual temperatures.