

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PUERTO MONTT AND THE GULF OF ANCUD, CHILE

LOCATION: Puerto Montt is located at the southern end of what is considered to be central Chile. The city is situated at the head of the Gulf of Ancud, with elevations everywhere close to sea level. Most of the city center occupies a narrow marine terrace fronting the Gulf, with the hills rising steeply behind. A major port and commercial center, Puerto Montt is the capital of Region X (Los Lagos). For most visitors, it is a provisioning point and port of departure for the magnificent fiord country to the south.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:48	13:45	12:24	11:01	9:51	9:14	9:30	10:29	11:47	13:11	14:26	15:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:56	7:18	6:09	4:53	3:46	3:41	3:43	4:27	5:34	6:14	6:47	7:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	41%	37%	30%	23%	25%	24%	28%	34%	34%	34%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	40°	38°	36°	32°	30°	27°	26°	27°	29°	33°	36°	38°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	51°	51°	48°	45°	43°	41°	40°	40°	41°	43°	46°	49°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	67°	66°	63°	59°	55°	51°	51°	52°	55°	58°	61°	65°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	77°	75°	68°	64°	59°	58°	60°	67°	68°	72°	77°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	1%	4%	7%	19%	20%	18%	11%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	67%	71%	78%	85%	87%	85%	80%	74%	72%	69%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	58°	59°	58°	56°	55°	53°	52°	51°	51°	52°	54°	57°
DRY DAYS	57%	57%	52%	36%	23%	23%	28%	31%	37%	43%	41%	48%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	75%	70%	61%	50%	49%	50%	56%	61%	66%	66%	71%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.63	0.67	0.83	1.06	1.52	1.54	1.52	1.35	1.02	0.81	0.80	0.76
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	10%	11%	12%	8%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	5%	5%

COMMENTS: These are the latitudes of the “roaring forties”, and the winds out of the west are both very strong and virtually continuous. Windless days are very rare, and the wind reaches gale velocity about one day in twelve, more frequently during the winter season. These winds can produce considerable “wind chill” on exposed flesh, resulting in sensible temperatures as much as 30°F cooler than actual air temperatures. Under these conditions, frostbite is possible even when actual air temperatures are well above freezing.