

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TEMUCO AND THE ARAUCANIA REGION, CHILE

LOCATION: Araucania is a region of towering volcanoes, pine forest, lakes, and rolling farmland. It is one of Chile's most scenic and pleasant area. Temuco is the normal base of operations for exploring the region and its numerous national parks. The city is located in the great central valley of south-central Chile. It is situated on the Rio Cautin, and is some 400 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:33	13:35	12:22	11:07	10:04	9:31	9:45	10:38	11:49	13:05	14:13	14:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:07	8:19	6:24	5:10	3:42	3:20	3:34	4:10	5:43	6:03	7:16	8:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	63%	61%	51%	44%	33%	31%	32%	35%	42%	42%	48%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	41°	40°	37°	32°	30°	28°	26°	28°	29°	34°	36°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	51°	50°	48°	44°	43°	41°	39°	39°	41°	44°	46°	49°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	76°	76°	72°	65°	58°	53°	53°	55°	59°	64°	68°	72°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	87°	83°	73°	66°	61°	61°	66°	72°	74°	78°	82°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%	14%	17%	13%	7%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	46%	45%	48%	56%	68%	73%	69%	63%	58%	56%	53%	49%
NEARBY WATERS	57°	57°	57°	56°	55°	54°	53°	52°	53°	54°	55°	57°
DRY DAYS	83%	81%	76%	61%	45%	44%	48%	49%	58%	66%	69%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	90%	87%	78%	64%	63%	64%	68%	75%	80%	82%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.25	0.28	0.30	0.55	1.15	1.17	1.15	0.90	0.59	0.51	0.41	0.37
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	17%	21%	26%	25%	22%	20%	21%	19%	15%	11%	15%	15%

COMMENTS: The region enjoys a Mediterranean-type climate, with cloudy, cool, and wet winters. From late May through early September, below-freezing temperatures can be expected about one morning in five or six. Snow flurries do occur, but are much less common than rain. Snow on the ground is rare. Clear winter mornings are often accompanied by fog. Summer afternoons are sunny, warm (occasionally hot), and dry. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition. The *puelche* is a warm and very dry wind that blows down the slopes of the Andes at various times throughout the year. As it descends, it gets even warmer and drier. During the warmer months, this desiccating wind can cause considerable crop damage, and usually accounts for the annual high temperature. During the winter and spring, it can cause extensive and rapid melting of snow on the mountain slopes, with consequent flooding in the valleys below.