

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MONTEVIDEO AREA, URUGUAY

LOCATION: Montevideo, Uruguay's capital and primate city, is located on the south coast of the country. The city is situated on the northern shore of the estuary of the La Plata River, not far above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:13	13:23	12:20	11:15	10:20	9:52	10:04	10:50	11:51	12:57	13:56	14:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	10:09	9:19	8:07	6:59	5:41	4:48	5:00	5:55	6:56	8:00	9:23	10:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	62%	62%	59%	58%	52%	49%	50%	52%	52%	54%	59%	60%
LOW FOR MONTH	56°	56°	53°	47°	41°	36°	35°	37°	39°	43°	47°	53°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	62°	61°	59°	53°	48°	43°	43°	43°	46°	49°	54°	59°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	82°	78°	71°	65°	59°	58°	60°	63°	68°	74°	79°
HIGH FOR MONTH	93°	90°	87°	82°	75°	69°	72°	74°	77°	80°	87°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	14%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	60%	61%	64%	67%	70%	70%	67%	65%	63%	60%	57%
NEARBY WATERS	69°	71°	69°	66°	60°	55°	53°	52°	58°	57°	63°	68°
DRY DAYS	72%	65%	71%	68%	70%	71%	69%	71%	70%	68%	67%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	79%	80%	80%	82%	82%	82%	82%	81%	81%	80%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.53	0.57	0.66	0.64	0.57	0.57	0.49	0.55	0.57	0.53	0.54	0.50
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	18%	16%	13%	11%	11%	9%	9%	10%	10%	12%	14%	17%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	3%	4%	9%	16%	23%	17%	15%	11%	5%	4%	3%

COMMENTS: Montevideo has a mid-latitude, four-season, humid subtropical climate; with long hot summers and short cool winters. Snow flurries have been known to occur, but are rare. Only about three to four days in the average winter will start out below freezing, and even these frosty mornings will warm substantially into the afternoon. Precipitation is at least adequate in all seasons. The *pampero sucio* is a violent squall on the leading edge of a cold front. They are most common during the cooler months, when polar outbreaks move out of the south and west. They are often preceded by a "squall line" of thunderheads and blowing dust. When they arrive, they bring heavy downpours and winds. The rain usually stops after a short time, but the wind can continue for hours. Following the storm, the air is usually clear, cool, and sunny. This spell of nice weather is frequently called *pampero* as well. Montevideo gets about sixteen of these storms a year.