

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SAN FERNANDO DE APURE AND THE LLANOS, VENEZUELA

LOCATION: San Fernando de Apure is located in the west-central part of Venezuela. It is the capital of Apure state, and the largest city in this part of the Llanos (savanna-covered plains). The city is situated on the south bank of the Apure River, and elevations are within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:44	11:53	12:05	12:18	12:29	12:35	12:33	12:23	12:11	11:58	11:47	11:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:21	9:44	9:14	7:16	6:06	5:18	5:44	5:59	6:51	7:50	8:42	9:08
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	49%	40%	25%	19%	17%	17%	19%	21%	23%	29%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	62°	67°	69°	68°	70°	67°	65°	69°	69°	67°	66°	67°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	72°	73°	74°	76°	75°	73°	73°	74°	75°	74°	74°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	92°	94°	96°	95°	91°	87°	86°	86°	88°	90°	91°	91°
HIGH FOR MONTH	97°	99°	100°	99°	96°	93°	95°	91°	94°	95°	95°	95°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	80%	91%	95%	89%	57%	22%	18%	16%	40%	47%	64%	62%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	28%	25%	24%	32%	47%	62%	66%	66%	55%	47%	38%	32%
DRY DAYS	98%	98%	96%	83%	55%	32%	26%	31%	41%	58%	78%	93%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	98%	88%	69%	51%	44%	50%	62%	74%	88%	98%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.49	1.12	1.70	1.87	1.78	1.12	0.76	0.30	0.08
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	8%	21%	21%	29%	31%	31%	23%	9%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The region has a tropical climate with well-marked wet and dry seasons. Its tropical location ensures that neither the length of the daylight period nor the temperatures vary much from one month to another. The rainy season usually runs from May through October. Days are distinctly cloudier. That, and the cooling (relatively speaking, of course) rains keep temperatures in the hot rather than the very hot range. Thunderstorms are common, but heavy rains can fall without them. The dry season runs from November through April. It is significantly sunnier, but also quite often hotter. The dry season will get both the hottest and the coldest temperatures. The same clear skies that allow the tropical sun to bake the earth's surface during the afternoon will allow the heat to escape into outer space with little hindrance during the clear nights. The Spanish terms *verano* and *invierno* have special meanings here that reverse the European seasons. *Verano* is the dry (and somewhat warmer) season of December through May, and *invierno* is the wet (and somewhat cooler) season of May through November.