

"20 Years Fly Fishing Chile!"



Southern Exposure tailors unforgettable Fly Fishing Chile adventures to suit your needs, time and budget. Whether it's a week or two staying in luxury lodges or a day-trip to one of the local rivers we will customize a trip for you - we do not think that "one size fits all !".

[Get in touch](#), and let us put a personalized itinerary together for that Fly Fishing Chile trip of a lifetime.



It took 5 minutes of fishing in Chile - and no more than 5 casts - for Jack Bobbi to catch this beautiful 30' brown trout.

His biggest trout ever. Lucky man!

March 2007 -
Misterioso Lake

Alex Prior's Southern Exposure has specialized in customized fly fishing trips in Coyhaique, Chile since 1989.

You will enjoy a unique experience fly fishing Chile with us

This is what we offer you:

- Reasonable rates with excellent quality.
- A wide range of places to stay: hotels, hosterias, cabins and lodges.
- Fish with the best - English speaking - Chilean fly fishing guides.
- Fishing diversity that only Chile has to offer.
- Wonderful Chilean cuisine in our traditional restaurants and lodges.
- Opportunity to learn about our Patagonian culture

The money you spend here, stays here in Coyhaique - helping the community!

*"We discovered **Chile and Patagonia** with Alex Prior 10 years ago, and it has changed our lives. Rather than a once-in-a-lifetime trip, we chose to return again and again, always discovering new and wonderful fly fishing opportunities with Alex.*

*He taught me most of what I know about fly fishing, and showed me the wonders of **Patagonia**, no matter what the weather.*

His enthusiasm for flyfishing, and for giving his clients the best possible opportunities, means service above and beyond the norm."

Lynne Novack
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Our aim is to give you a good introduction into the exceptional Chilean Patagonia trout fishing, and the services we offer. This web site is a fine blend of information, jokes and exciting photos about what is waiting for you.

As fishermen our spirits soar at the sight of a rising fish and our hearts race at the take of a fine trout. As fly fishing guides we want you to share our Chilean experience and enjoy the pleasure of casting a 16 parachute dry fly a foot above a 20" plus trout, watching and waiting for that dramatic second, when there's nothing else but you, the fly and the trout.



Pam Brian's "Fish of a Lifetime". She sight casted a dry fly (Stimulator) to this 28" brown trout to finally land it on 5X tippet !! December 2007 - Cochrane.

Chile is one of the safest, most friendly, yet isolated and hauntingly beautiful regions of the world. And Coyhaique, the capital town of the Chilean Patagonia region, is easily reachable.

After only a 3 hour flight south from Santiago to the Balmaceda airport, you can be here, fly fishing in our paradise.

With us you will enjoy our Patagonian culture as much as the quality of our world-class Fly Fishing in Chile.



Chilean Patagonia Fly Fishing



My name is Alex Prior, owner, operator and guide of Southern Exposure. I live in the heart of the best fly fishing waters of Chilean Patagonia, in the city of Coyhaique.

An Uruguayan by birth, I first came to this region in February of 1989 on a fly fishing trip with my father. Simply stated, I was stunned by the beauty of Chilean Patagonia and its extraordinary fly fishing -- so much so that I moved here and started my company and later my family -becoming one of the first fly fishing outfitters in Chile.



Alex,

Thank you for providing us the best experiences that one can have in Chile. You continue to live up to your reputation as the best outfitter in the country! For several years now, you have hosted my family members and my friends - we have never been disappointed!

I have shamelessly recommended you to others and you never let them down. There are great tales of fishing, touring, feasting on your 'face down' fabulous streamside meals, and socializing with you, your colleagues, and wonderful family.

The Chilean experience is something we all cherish, as well as the wonderful photos, laughs, and memories. We will continue the annual adventure, as long as you are there.

Thank you my friend,

Dean and Denny Pierose

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Knowledge and Experience. After 20 years guiding and fly fishing in Chile, you can be sure that we've got it -in- depth knowledge of Chilean Patagonia and a history of serving you -the customer. This can only be achieved with time. **Beware of imitators!**

We like being guides. Not just anglers. We like to share fly fishing tips with you, to help you with your casting and even to learn from you. You are the one holding the rod but we enjoy it

as much as you do!!

Fly Fishing Diversity. What do you want to do today -fish small dries, hoppers, streamers or nymphs? Or from a different perspective, fish a spring creek, float a free-stone river, or catch big fish in a lake? You tell us, and we make it happen.

We live in Chilean Patagonia. We know the waters, the fish, the birds, the plants, the culture, the history, ...and we share it you.

Personalized Service. Southern Exposure is a small company, which allows us to suit all your needs, to the smallest detail. Each trip is a custom trip for us.

So, if you want to have an outstanding fly fishing and cultural experience in Chilean Patagonia, then you need us. You need...



There are two kinds of fishermen. Those that fish for sport and those that catch something!!

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Chile Flyfishing



Chile, particularly the Coyhaique area, offers an incredible variety of flyfishing waters and landscapes -from small spring creeks in the dry pampas to big rivers in the temperate rain forests. And all of this within 50 miles of Coyhaique. Of course this also provides a great fly fishing diversity, from tiny dry flies to large Chernobyl and Hoppers: From big streamers to small nymphs.

Flyfishing for resident Rainbows and Browns are our main targets, and though we do not focus on Salmon fishing you might incidentally hook a big Silver or a King salmon in some of our waters.



Chile Flyfishing Season

Chile flyfishing season goes from the second Friday in October to the first Sunday in May. I know you want me to tell you which is the best time to come and my answer to that is simple.

"Chile always offers good water to fly fish".

*"I have lost count of the great fishing days i have enjoyed with Alex since my first visit to **Chile in 1990**.*

Alex is a highly skilled flyfishing guide, an expert angler and extremely good company. I thoroughly recommend his services."

David Richardson
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October/November: Glaciers are not melting yet, so it's a great period to fly fish glacial fed rivers, as they run small and clear. Some good examples are the Rios Baker, Blanco and Paloma. Spring creeks are also at their best, with good water flows and fish that haven't seen an imitation in months.

December/January: A good opportunity for flyfishing the outflows of some lakes, such as Lagos Elizalde and Azul, and some others that I rather not mention here. The Rios Simpson, Manihuales, Aysen, Nirehuao and Huemules start to get in shape.

February/March: Mayfly hatches on the Simpson and Lago Frio, grasshoppers on the Nirehuao and Huemules and evening caddis hatches on Lago Pollux. It is the best period for dry fly fishing.

April/May: The Fall is already here. Days are shorter and mornings cooler. Lengua trees are

turning red while the mountain peaks turn white. It's the most beautiful time of the year, the rivers are very small and there are mayfly hatches all day long.



Let's talk about "average fish size".

This will depend mostly on your goals. In the spots described above you can get a good balance between size and quantity. Your average fish will range between 16 and 18 inches, with plenty of opportunities to get fish up to 24 inches..

But If you enjoy having lots of action on the surface, we can fish small creeks like the Emperador Guillermo or Coyhaique, where the average size is 12 to 14 inches, with an occasional 18 to 22 inches fish.

On the other hand, if you want to catch big fish on the surface, we can fish the Lagos - Las Ardillas, Alto, Tamango or Los Juncos - with Chernobyl Ants (lots of fun!!) where the average goes from 20 to 24 inches, with the possibility to get one up to 28".

Do you want to try for even bigger ones? Well, then get your sinking lines and streamers out and we can have a shot at fish ranging 25 to 30 inches in some secret lakes.

It's your call!!

Come and Enjoy Chile Fly Fishing with us !!

What is the best way to communicate with a fish?

Drop it a line !!

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Fly Fishing Coyhaique - Chile

On a map, Chile looks like a long ribbon reaching from the middle of South America's west coast (18°S) straight down to the southern tip of the continent (56°S). Chile's neighbors are Peru and Bolivia to the north and Argentina to the east. To the west, Chile is bounded by the Pacific Ocean.

Chile, from its north end to the city of Puerto Montt consists of three distinct longitudinal structural regions - the Andes, the central Valley and the coastal range.

South of Puerto Montt, begins Patagonia and although these structures remain, there are some major changes. The coastal range peaks turn into a chain of around 3,000 hilly islands; the central valley (now under the sea) is the Canal Moraleda, and the Andes highest peaks are on the coastline.

Patagonia ends at the famous Strait of Magellan. Across the strait we find Tierra del Fuego, and then the southern extreme of America, the mythical Cape Horn.



Fly Fishing Coyhaique



Coyhaique, the heart of Chilean Patagonia fly fishing, is a three hour flight from Santiago. Isolated from the capital and main population centers of Chile, Coyhaique boasts all the comforts of a fair sized town.



There are excellent places to stay, restaurants, grocery stores, and excellent medical facilities. The scenery is splendid. Coyhaique is surrounded by the Southern Andes, and the untainted rivers and lakes that nourish this vast wilderness.

"In my three consecutive years of fly fishing travel throughout Chile, the thing that impressed me most was the diversity of the angling opportunities. I thought I'd

seen it all, then I spent a week with Alex Prior at Southern Exposure in Coyhaique. WOW, everyday new experiences and new adventures!

With Alex we fished chilean rivers where we felt like we were the first people to set foot in the rivers. The size and numbers of hard fighting trophy rainbows and browns was mind-blowing. Lots of great photos, all catch and release, at Southern Exposure you really get the feeling they want you back.

Streamers, dries, wading, drifting what ever we asked, Alex found an area to suit our desires. Great fun to fish with such a competent chilean guide that gets as excited as his guests on every hookup."

Thanks again Alex, "I'll be back".

Dave Petrie

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- It's a stable democracy.
- Chile's growing economy is a model for other countries around the globe.
- The people are friendly and always willing to help travelers.
- The national language is Spanish.
- It's very safe and there is no terrorism of any kind.
- There are no tropical diseases.
- There are neither poisonous animals nor plants.

Come and enjoy the high quality fly fishing that Coyhaique has to offer.

Chile is the country to visit, **Coihaique** is the place to fish and **Southern Exposure** is your outfitter !

It was the worst salmon season Coyhaique had experienced for years and a disgruntled tourist angler held up his single salmon. "I have come half way round the world to catch this one damn salmon, so I reckon it has cost me at least \$5000." "Bloomin' lucky you only caught one then, hey," said his guide.

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Chile Fly Fishing Lodge

Southern Exposure

Coyhaique is growing fast as a fly fishing destination and there are now many places to stay. You can choose between fancy fly fishing lodges, small attractive hotels, "bed and breakfasts", and comfortable cabins.



Our mission is to help you find the best lodging option according to your requirements, and we would like you to have a wide range of possibilities. You tell us what you're looking for, and we'll work from there.

***ALEX:** I can't thank you enough for the wonderful adventure you have given us. We all could not have been more pleased with all parts of the trip:*

*The fishing was fantastic, **Mincho's Lodge** was perfect with a perfect hostess, Victoria. Your guides could not have been more knowledgeable, helpful and patient with us, your services as an outfitter were the best, especially the lunches. The places we fished, the variety of fish and fisheries were perfect and we could not have asked for anything more, **Thank You!!!***

We all are looking forward to our return in April of 2007 and I am looking at our calendar now and will have an idea of time within the next few months. I have attached some of the pictures I took for your library. I should have taken more pictures, especially of some of the larger fish but what is locked in my mind is what counts. Please express our thanks to Ivan, Pedro and Victoria and I will be in touch soon.

Thank You Again, My Friend.

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"All Inclusive Fly Fishing Package with Mincho's Lodge"



We've teamed up with Mincho's Lodge to offer probably the best "All Inclusive" package in the Coyhaique area.

To learn more about our packages visit our [Rates Page](#)

To see more pictures of Mincho's [Click Here](#)

The difference between a fairy tale and a fish story is a fairy tail begins, "Once upon a time..." and a fish story begins, " This ain't no bullshit..."

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Fly Fishing Patagonia

Daily Guiding Fly Fishing Rates

This is an option for those who want to be more independent; who don't want to spend their budget on "all inclusive packages" or fancy fly fishing lodges, but want to experience the high quality fly fishing that Patagonia has to offer.

These rates do not include lodging, but we are happy to help find the best alternative for you.



Prices per day	Low Season*	High Season*
Price per one angler	\$ 340.-	\$ 390.-
Price per two anglers	\$ 440.-	\$ 490.-

Our services include:

- All transportation in 4WD vehicles.
- Boats when required (Mc Kenzies, rafts or motor boats).
- One bilingual guide per 2 anglers.
- Gourmet lunch, which consists of a barbeque, salads, wine, beer and more.
- Fishing Licenses.

Our services do not include:

- Fishing tackle (but we are happy to help if you need something).
- Air fares.
- Gratuities.
- Lodging

All Inclusive Fishing Trip with Mincho's Lodge

Do you want our staff to take care of all the arrangements - ground transportation, all lodging, all meals, and guided fishing? We can take full responsibility of every detail. If so, then THIS is the right alternative for you.

Here is a sample itinerary - 6 nights and 5 full days fly fishing in Patagonia. (It can, of course, be adjusted for as many days as you wish.)

	Low Season*		High Season*	
	Single	Double	Single	Double
Price per person	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,490	\$ 3,590	\$ 3,120

Our services include:

- All transportation in 4WD vehicles.
- Boats when require(Mc Kenzie, raft or motor boat)
- One bilingual guide per 2 anglers.
- Lodging
- All meals w/. chilean wines
- Fishing licenses.

Our services do not include:

- Fishing tackle (but we are happy to help if you need something)
- Air fares.
- Gratuities.
- Laundry.
- International phone calls.

Note: All prices are in American Dollars.

* Low Season: October, November, December and April.

* High Season: January, February and March.

For non-anglers, we can arrange optional activities such as: kayaking, trekking, bird watching, horseback riding etc. putting you in contact with the best outfitters in each area.



Bookings:

To make a booking [telephone or e-mail us](#).

To hold your reservation, we require a 40% deposit, with full payment 30 days prior to your arrival. However, if you have a last minute urge to come down and fish, don't hesitate to contact us. We will do our best. As soon as we've received your deposit, we will send you a pre-trip package containing what to bring and other pertinent information.

Cancellations & Refunds—At the time we receive written notice that you must cancel your trip, the following cancellation charges will apply:

Days Prior to Departure	Cancellation Charges
60+ days	25% of trip price
59 - 30 days	40% of trip price
29 days or less	100% of trip price

*What does a fish say when it runs into a brick wall?
Dam!*

Here you are: [Fly Fishing Tackle](#)

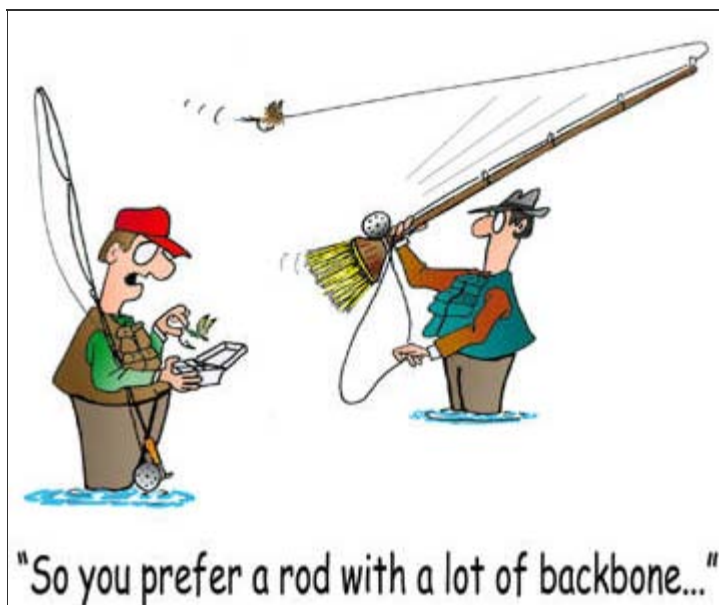
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TACKLE & EQUIPMENT

Here is what we, at **Southern Exposure** believe you should bring to fly fish in Patagonia.

We suggest you to visit [Yager's Flies](#) if you want to check on prices or for placing an order. You can also click on the highlighted items down below, to go to the respective pages.



[Fly Rods:](#)

Multi-piece 7, 6 or 5 wt. rods will cover most of the fishing situations you will encounter in Chile. We strongly recommend bringing a minimum of 2 rods. One for streamer fishing (ie. 7 wt.) and the other for dries and nymphs (ie.5 wt).



[Fly Reels:](#)

Good quality, lightweight fly reels, with simple disk drags or pawl drags are the best choice. Reels should be filled with fresh 20 pound backing.

[Fly Lines:](#)

You will basically need two fly lines, a weight forward floater, for dries and nymphs and a sink tip fly line (Tiny 200 or similar) for streamers.

[Leaders and Tippetts:](#)

For a week's fishing you will need no less than four tapered leaders 9 ft. 3X, for your floating line and four 7ft. 2X leaders for your sinking fly lines.

For tippet you should bring fresh spools from 6X to 2X.

[Flies:](#)

- Dries and Attractors: Chernobyl Ants and Dave's Hoppers, 6, 8 - Parachute Adams, 12 to 18 - Blue Wing Olive, 14 to 18 - Hares Ear Parachute Hi-Vi's Dry Fly, 12 to 16 - Elk Hair Caddis, 12 to 16 - Humpys and Royal Wulff 10 to 16 - Black ants, 12, 14 - Griffith Gnat, 18, 20 - Black beetle, 14, 12.
- Streamers: Buggers and Zonkers, black, green, brown and white, with and without

beads, 2 to 6.

- Nymphs: Hare's Ear, Bird's Nest, Prince Nymph and Pheasant Tail, with and without beads, 10 to 14, Black and Golden Stoneflies, 6, 8.
- Emergers: Non-weighted Hare' Ear and Bird's Nest, work well 12, 14.
- And of course, include your favorite weapons.



CLOTHING & EQUIPMENT

Clothing:

The weather in Chilean Patagonia is constantly changing. One day it can be 80 degrees and sunny and the next day rainy, damp and in the low 40's or cooler with a stiff breeze, and all these can happen in a matter of hours. Therefore, clothing strategy should be based on the "layering system".

- Start off with a polypropylene type fabric or silk next to your skin (thermal underwear).
- Your second layer could be a medium weight wool or polypropylene shirt, sweater or pull-over.
- Your third layer, if needed, can be a fleece or wool jacket.
- Your fourth layer will be your rain jacket. High quality Gore tex type products and oiled cotton jackets are a fine choice. Also good rubber coated jackets are a good bet, although are not breathable. Try to buy the best rain gear you can afford , as being wet is no fun.

Now you are ready to what ever Mother Nature dishes out. You can easily adjust and adapt to the weather's changes as they arrive.

Waders: Chest waders are the only way to go. Good quality Gore tex and Neoprene waders are good options.

Wading Boots: Felt soled wading boots. Wading cleats or studs are not needed and tough on boats and rafts.

Other important items

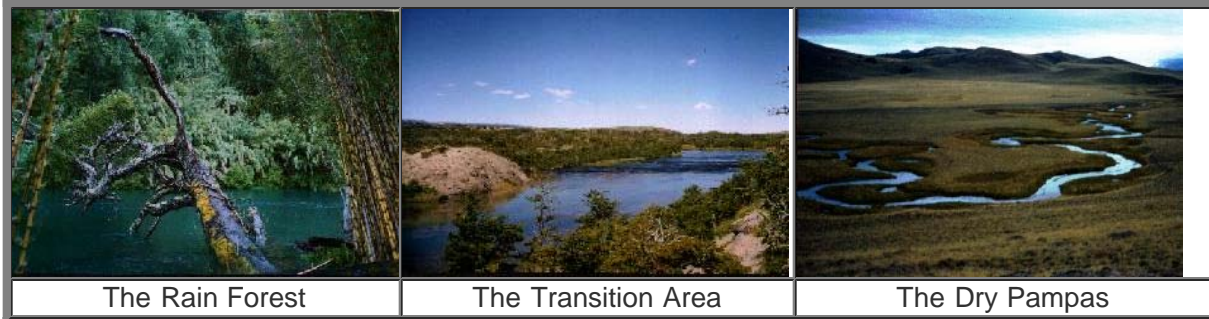
- Wool or polypropylene gloves.
- Fishing Vest or Tackle Pack
- Fishing Hat
- Small Day/Funny Pack
- Clippers, Hemostats and Pliers
- Flashlight
- Polaroid Sun Glasses
- Sun protection (SPF 30)



Patagonia Weather

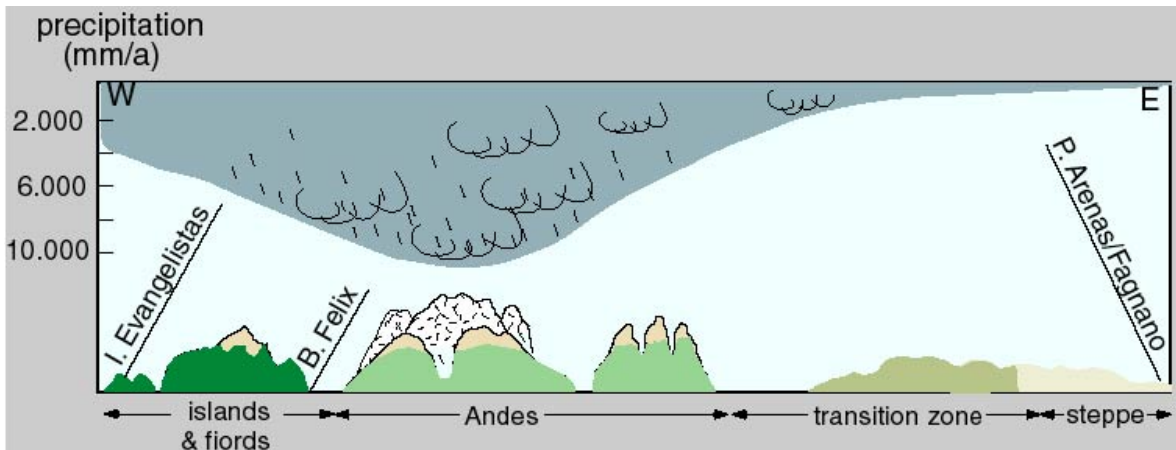
Learn about Patagonia Climate

Generally, **Patagonia weather** is dominated by two factors. The first is the strong and highly predominant westerly wind and the second is the Andes, as they build a barrier to the west winds and the moisture these winds carry, in a manner comparable to the Rocky Mountains in North America but on a much bigger scale. This is mainly due to the Antarctic influence, also called the "**Antarctic accent**".



Going through **Patagonia** from west to east, it can be observed that over a distance of only 60 miles the precipitation regime changes from fully temperate **Patagonian Rainforest** (200 inches of rainfall annually) to semi-arid **Patagonian Steppe** (20 inches of rainfall annually), due to the effect of the **Andes barrier**, as shown in the figure below.

This is of most importance for our fly fishing operation. Coyhaique is located in the transition zone, which allows us to move between the rainforest and the steppe in less than one hour, giving us many choices depending on weather conditions. For example, if it's too windy we can go toward the Andes, into the rain forest where there is usually little wind, and if it's raining hard we can fish the spring creeks on the steppe.



As you can see **Patagonia weather** patterns are amazingly complex, and so it's virtually impossible to answer the common question "When can you expect the best weather?" Throughout our fishing season the temperature can range from 40 to 90 F, with winds from 0 to 50 miles per hour. It could be cold and wet or hot and sunny, so it's best come prepared for any conditions. We will provide you with all the information on what to bring, once you book with us

Other Important facts about Patagonia Weather

- Due to high annual precipitation in the form of snow over 3000 feet, many glaciers of the Patagonian Ice fields on the west side calve into the Pacific at the same latitude as Vancouver, Canada.
 - In Patagonia there are only small seasonal changes in the temperature regime in contrast to the same latitude in the northern hemisphere, but "**all the seasons can be observed in a single day**".
 - Western Patagonia is thought of as the region with the most precipitation outside the Tropics. In 300 to 320 days of the year there is precipitation and there is not a single month for which official records are available with more than 6 days without precipitation.
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