

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HONG KONG AND THE NEW TERRITORIES, CHINA

LOCATION: Hong Kong is located on the East China Sea at the eastern entrance to the Zhu (Pearl) River estuary. The former British Crown Colony is situated on a number of islands, plus the Kowloon Peninsula on the Chinese mainland. Elevations range from sea level to 3,143 feet above it at the summit of Tai Mo Shan.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:56	11:24	12:01	12:40	13:12	13:29	13:22	12:55	12:18	11:40	11:06	10:48
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:47	3:27	2:54	3:33	5:01	5:21	7:29	6:47	6:19	6:46	6:20	5:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	25%	20%	19%	19%	18%	29%	28%	37%	46%	47%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	46°	47°	52°	59°	68°	73°	74°	75°	73°	65°	56°	49°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	56°	56°	61°	68°	75°	78°	79°	79°	78°	73°	66°	59°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	65°	64°	69°	76°	83°	86°	88°	88°	86°	82°	75°	69°
HIGH FOR MONTH	75°	75°	80°	84°	89°	91°	92°	92°	92°	88°	83°	77°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	26%	49%	45%	27%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	70%	74%	75%	76%	75%	74%	74%	70%	62%	58%	59%
NEARBY WATERS	63°	62°	65°	70°	77°	81°	82°	81°	82°	78°	73°	69°
DRY DAYS	76%	63%	57%	52%	45%	35%	48%	48%	55%	80%	81%	83%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	83%	78%	69%	56%	41%	46%	49%	59%	84%	89%	93%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.19	0.34	0.45	0.95	1.93	2.61	2.24	2.40	1.87	0.73	0.27	0.18
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	6%	13%	16%	21%	18%	22%	13%	5%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	3%	6%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Hong Kong enjoys a tropical two-season year. The rainy season runs from late April through the middle of October in most years. It features longer and hotter days, with frequent very heavy rains. There is enough sunshine between the rainy spells, and enough clear days to make this the sunniest season as well. The dry season extends from late October through the middle of April. Days are shorter, significantly cooler, and the rains are both less frequent and less heavy. Frost is not completely unknown, especially in the outer suburbs, but is extremely rare. British residents were fond of remarking that winter in Hong Kong is about the same as summer in England. Typhoons are a significant feature of the area's climate. The tropical storm season runs from late June through the first part of October. September is the most dangerous month for Hong Kong, in terms of the likelihood of a typhoon.