

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PHNOM PENH AREA, KAMPUCHEA

LOCATION: Phnom Penh is the capital and primate city of Cambodia (Kampuchea). The city is located on the Mekong River near its confluence with the Tonle Sap and Bassac rivers. All city elevations are close to sea level, and the surrounding countryside is largely flat and cut by canals and ditches.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:32	11:46	12:04	12:23	12:39	12:48	12:44	12:31	12:12	11:53	11:37	11:28
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:52	8:54	8:35	8:08	7:11	6:32	5:43	5:53	5:12	6:18	7:12	8:10
AREA OF BLUE SKY	69%	68%	64%	56%	45%	39%	31%	34%	29%	40%	50%	61%
LOW FOR MONTH	63°	65°	70°	70°	72°	73°	72°	72°	73°	69°	68°	65°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	71°	72°	74°	76°	76°	76°	76°	76°	76°	76°	74°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	88°	91°	93°	95°	93°	91°	90°	90°	88°	87°	86°	86°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	94°	98°	100°	97°	96°	94°	95°	92°	92°	90°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	37%	68%	85%	96%	85%	68%	58%	58%	37%	28%	19%	19%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	49%	50%	53%	58%	61%	63%	64%	69%	69%	65%	58%
DRY DAYS	97%	96%	90%	80%	55%	50%	48%	48%	37%	45%	70%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	98%	94%	86%	71%	68%	66%	67%	56%	59%	77%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.05	0.07	0.24	0.51	0.89	0.99	1.01	1.00	1.48	1.61	0.88	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	2%	2%	11%	4%	10%	16%	8%	15%	16%	7%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	3%	0%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 43% in rainy September, to a high of 77% in dry January. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 61° at some windless dry-season sunrise, and the high will be near 102° on some sunny hot-season afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to ten degrees warmer than actual ones. In common with much of southeast Asia, the area gets essentially three seasons: the dry season (December through early March), the hot season (mid-March through early May), and the wet season (late May through November). Most of the rains come as brief but intense showers, sometimes with thunder and sometimes not. In between the day's rainy spells, there will be substantial dry spells—often with sunshine.