

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO AGRA AND THE TAJ MAHAL, INDIA

LOCATION: Agra is located in the state of Uttar Pradesh in north-central India. The city is situated on the banks of the Yamana River, a tributary of the Ganges. Elevations are some 550 feet above sea level. Agra is the site of the famous Taj Mahal, a tomb built to honor Mumtaz Mahal, the beloved wife of the Emperor Jehan in 1631.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:39	11:14	12:00	12:48	13:29	13:50	13:41	13:07	12:21	11:33	10:51	10:28
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:10	9:16	9:06	9:47	9:16	7:15	5:24	5:16	7:21	9:17	9:20	8:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	72%	77%	79%	81%	84%	65%	34%	31%	59%	88%	90%	81%
LOW FOR MONTH	36°	39°	49°	60°	70°	75°	73°	74°	69°	56°	44°	38°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	45°	49°	59°	70°	79°	84°	80°	79°	76°	65°	53°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	78°	89°	101°	107°	105°	95°	91°	93°	92°	85°	76°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	88°	100°	108°	113°	112°	105°	99°	99°	99°	91°	82°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	33%	89%	97%	96%	72%	64%	79%	65%	7%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	43%	31%	22%	16%	19%	34%	65%	73%	61%	38%	32%	40%
DRY DAYS	94%	94%	93%	96%	95%	82%	46%	48%	73%	94%	98%	96%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	97%	97%	98%	98%	88%	60%	64%	81%	97%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.04	0.07	0.39	1.38	1.36	0.76	0.13	0.01	0.04
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	5%	5%	10%	12%	12%	8%	7%	2%	1%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	3%

COMMENTS: The area has a sub-tropical monsoon year with four seasons. The rainy monsoon season (hot and humid) runs from late June through the middle of September. The post-monsoon season (diminishing rains and temperatures) continues into early November. The cool and dry season goes from then into early March. This is followed by the hot season, which lasts until the rainy monsoon starts once again. Bright sunshine occurs on 67% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 39% in rainy July to a high of 86% in dry November. The low temperature for the year will be near 34° some windless January sunrise, while the high will be around 115° some sunny May afternoon. Precipitation is light, and is concentrated in the rainy monsoon period. As you can see from the table, even during the height of the monsoon, about half the days are rainless, while the rainy ones usually get a series of showers with dry (and often sunny) spells in between. From late June through early October, sensible temperatures are up to 10° higher than the ones you will see on the thermometers. For the rest of the year, they average some 4° lower. Humidities make all the difference.