

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BOMBAY (MUMBAI) AREA, INDIA

LOCATION: Bombay (now officially Mumbai) sits facing the Arabian Sea on the north-central portion of India's west coast. The city is situated on an island off the joint mouths of the Godavari and Bhima Rivers, and is connected to the mainland by many bridges. Elevations in the city are everywhere close to sea level, but the Western Ghats rise quickly behind the narrow coastal plain to more than 5,000 feet in elevation. Bombay is India's largest and most modern city. It is the center of the Indian cinema industry, the petrochemical industry, the textile industry, and just about every other industry in the country.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:08	11:31	12:02	12:34	13:01	13:15	13:09	12:47	12:16	11:44	11:16	11:02
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:06	9:33	9:11	9:10	9:26	5:22	2:15	2:39	5:04	8:02	8:59	9:07
AREA OF BLUE SKY	87%	89%	86%	79%	63%	31%	14%	17%	34%	63%	75%	83%
LOW FOR MONTH	61°	62°	67°	74°	78°	75°	75°	75°	74°	72°	68°	64°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	67°	67°	72°	77°	80°	79°	78°	77°	76°	76°	73°	69°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	84°	87°	90°	91°	89°	85°	85°	85°	89°	89°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	90°	94°	95°	94°	94°	89°	87°	89°	94°	93°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	21%	26%	41%	59%	86%	47%	2%	1%	8%	61%	67%	41%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	56%	60%	64%	66%	76%	82%	81%	77%	67%	59%	56%
NEARBY WATERS	76°	77°	79°	82°	84°	84°	82°	81°	82°	82°	81°	78°
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	97%	94%	33%	7%	12%	31%	85%	93%	99%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	52%	31%	37%	57%	91%	96%	99%
DRY HOURS	100%	100%	100%	100%	99%	76%	60%	63%	82%	96%	98%	100%
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	16%	5%	3%	12%	10%	3%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 17% in rainy July, to a high of 83% from December through February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 60°, and the highest should be near 97°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be from 2° (cooler months) to 10° (hotter months) warmer than the thermometers indicate. Bombay has four tropical seasons: The dry cool season (December through March), the pre-monsoon hot season (April through early June), the rainy monsoon season (June through September), and the post-monsoon hot season (October and November). Late November through early April gets the best weather. The "hill stations" in the Western Ghats are usually ten to fifteen degrees cooler than Bombay itself.