

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO COCHIN (KOCHI) AND CENTRAL KERALA, INDIA

LOCATION: Cochin (Kochi) is located on the Malabar Coast of the state of Kerala in southwestern India. The city is situated on a cluster of islands and peninsulas connected to the mainland (and its sister city of Ernakulam). Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:37	11:49	12:04	12:21	12:35	12:42	12:39	12:27	12:12	11:55	11:41	11:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:44	9:00	8:30	7:26	6:48	4:02	4:11	5:11	6:03	5:59	6:24	7:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	65%	66%	61%	44%	35%	22%	21%	28%	35%	32%	40%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	68°	71°	73°	74°	73°	72°	71°	72°	72°	72°	71°	69°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	75°	78°	79°	79°	75°	75°	75°	76°	76°	75°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	88°	89°	90°	91°	89°	85°	84°	84°	85°	86°	87°	88°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	93°	93°	93°	93°	90°	88°	88°	89°	89°	91°	92°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	27%	31%	63%	75%	60%	7%	2%	2%	3%	6%	17%	36%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	65%	69%	71%	75%	83%	84%	82%	80%	77%	73%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	82°	82°	84°	85°	85°	82°	80°	79°	80°	82°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	94%	92%	84%	74%	58%	18%	24%	33%	44%	50%	65%	90%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	96%	91%	80%	64%	20%	25%	41%	54%	57%	71%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.12	0.17	0.31	0.83	1.93	4.79	3.64	2.31	1.37	2.07	1.14	0.24
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	4%	14%	36%	41%	18%	8%	3%	10%	30%	26%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	9%	4%	2%	4%	3%	4%	4%	4%	10%	15%	9%

COMMENTS: For all intents and purposes, the region has the two-season year characteristic of the monsoon tropics. The rainy season, which mostly corresponds to the Southwest Monsoon, runs from late May in most years through early November. The dry season usually starts about that time and runs through to mid-May. During the latter part of the dry season, the first isolated thunderstorms will appear, presaging the monsoon to come. This time of year is also the hottest time of year, with the humidities making it feel at least ten degrees hotter yet. Strangely enough, the English influence is lasting enough that many people refer to this time of year as “winter”--despite its heat and humidity. Most of the area’s rain comes as a series of extremely heavy showers, often lasting for hours. In between these showers are brief rainless periods. Sometimes blue skies appear and the sun even manages to peep through for a while before the next shower starts.