

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DELHI AREA, INDIA

LOCATION: Delhi lies on the banks of the Ganges River in north-central India. The surrounding area is relatively flat, and is heavily farmed. Elevations average about 660 feet above sea level. The capital of the nation is in the newer part of town--known logically enough as New Delhi.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:33	11:10	11:59	12:51	13:34	13:56	13:47	13:10	12:22	11:31	10:46	10:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:21	8:32	7:58	9:09	8:48	6:51	5:53	6:09	7:29	9:02	9:07	7:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	68%	70%	70%	76%	80%	67%	37%	36%	63%	89%	89%	75%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	43°	51°	61°	70°	74°	75°	75°	71°	59°	48°	41°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	53°	60°	70°	80°	83°	81°	79°	77°	66°	55°	47°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70°	74°	85°	97°	104°	102°	95°	92°	93°	91°	83°	73°
HIGH FOR MONTH	77°	84°	95°	106°	109°	110°	103°	99°	98°	97°	89°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	24%	86%	96%	96%	76%	73%	80%	55%	3%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	41%	35%	28%	20%	23%	36%	60%	64%	51%	33%	31%	39%
DRY DAYS	91%	88%	88%	94%	89%	82%	54%	56%	78%	94%	98%	94%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	93%	96%	97%	94%	86%	73%	74%	86%	97%	99%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.15	0.14	0.09	0.06	0.08	0.47	1.19	1.12	0.82	0.10	0.02	0.06
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	7%	9%	9%	16%	17%	22%	22%	11%	3%	1%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	38%	12%	2%	0%	4%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	13%	34%

COMMENTS: Delhi has a four-season year peculiar to the monsoon tropics. The focus of the year is the rainy season of late June through early September. This is followed by the post-monsoon period of late September through October, when things are cooling down from the heat of summer. The cool and dry season of November through early March is the best time of year for a visit. This is followed by the hot and dry season of late March through the onset of the monsoon once again. This season is very hot and often humid. Avoid it if you can. There is no real winter season. The onset of the rainy monsoons varies from year to year. On the average, it starts in late June and extends into late September. During this season, there are many sunny, clear, and rainless days--it is not a period of continual rain. Thunderstorm are frequent companions to rains of all kinds here in India. During July and August, you can hear thunder (but not always get rain) about one day in four. Delhi also gets about a dozen dust storms in the average year, most of these coming just before the monsoon breaks.