

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GOA AREA, INDIA

LOCATION: The state of Goa is located in southwestern India. It is situated on the coast of the Arabian Sea, at the outlet of a number of rivers---particularly the Mandovi. Elevations range from sea level along the coast to some 3,363 feet above it along the crest of the Western Ghats which makes up the state's western border. The capital of the state is the city of Panaji.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:20	11:38	12:03	12:29	12:51	13:02	12:57	12:39	12:14	11:49	11:26	11:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	10:02	10:20	9:23	9:36	9:29	4:12	3:27	3:59	5:54	7:57	9:03	9:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	79%	78%	72%	59%	48%	25%	18%	26%	33%	44%	60%	72%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	66°	69°	73°	75°	73°	72°	72°	72°	71°	68°	66°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	71°	75°	79°	81°	77°	76°	75°	75°	75°	73°	70°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	86°	87°	89°	90°	86°	83°	83°	83°	86°	88°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	91°	92°	93°	94°	94°	92°	88°	86°	87°	91°	91°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	50%	33%	43%	83%	95%	20%	0%	0%	2%	44%	69%	66%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	66%	69%	69%	72%	83%	88%	86%	84%	78%	65%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	80°	81°	83°	84°	83°	82°	80°	80°	82°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	97%	87%	19%	7%	14%	41%	73%	90%	97%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	97%	91%	29%	20%	25%	53%	81%	94%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.44	5.10	5.28	2.81	1.52	0.72	0.24	0.03
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	8%	12%	13%	1%	2%	7%	23%	9%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	7%	6%	6%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	6%

COMMENTS: Goa has a textbook example of a tropical wet-and-dry monsoon climate. There is both a distinct very wet season, and a distinct very dry one. Local custom divides the year into four seasons, however. These are: 1) The hot pre-monsoon season (March through May). 2) The Southwest Monsoon (June through early September). 3) The post-monsoon hot season (late September through November). 4) The cool dry season (December through February). This last is often misleadingly called "winter", and is the most delightful season of the year. The rains of the monsoon season come in the form of intense downpours. Irregular at first, they soon settle down to persistent heavy rains. During the peak of the season, it is actually raining (and raining hard) about two-thirds of the time---day and night.