

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE KUCHING AREA (SARAWAK), MALAYSIA

LOCATION: Malaysia's province of Sarawak is located on the north coast of the large island of Borneo. Kuching, the capital of the province, is located near the provinces southwestern tip. The city is situated on the Kuching River, a few miles upstream from the river's outlet on the South China Sea. Although Kuching is a somewhat hilly town, elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:03	12:05	12:07	12:09	12:12	12:13	12:12	12:10	12:08	12:05	12:04	12:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:32	3:52	4:22	5:24	6:05	6:18	6:13	5:32	4:54	4:45	4:46	4:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	22%	25%	31%	35%	36%	35%	31%	27%	26%	26%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	70°	71°	71°	72°	72°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	72°	73°	73°	73°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	86°	88°	90°	91°	91°	90°	90°	89°	90°	89°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	90°	91°	93°	96°	95°	95°	94°	94°	93°	94°	92°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	7%	13%	30%	54%	64%	71%	60%	62%	52%	47%	31%	14%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	76%	74%	75%	73%	70%	69%	69%	73%	77%	80%	79%
NEARBY WATERS	81°	81°	82°	83°	85°	84°	84°	83°	83°	83°	83°	82°
DRY DAYS	20%	23%	34%	32%	34%	40%	41%	45%	33%	24%	15%	17%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	20%	23%	42%	52%	55%	59%	60%	61%	52%	45%	36%	26%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	3.71	3.28	2.15	1.73	1.55	1.35	1.21	1.37	1.65	2.03	2.29	2.87
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	23%	30%	36%	51%	52%	40%	37%	40%	50%	54%	45%	33%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	10%	19%	21%	12%	11%	10%	24%	21%	21%	23%	19%

COMMENTS: Kuching has a rainy tropical climate. It's location close to the Equator means that the length of the daylight period does not vary much from one season to another. Similarly, temperatures do not vary much from one month to the next. Finally, although rainfall does vary over the course of the year, it is abundant (and then some) in every month. Consequently, the weather on any given day could just as easily occur in any month of the year. You could reasonably, however, divide the year into a rainy season and a rainier season. To put things in perspective, however, you should note that January, the wettest month, will get no rain at all on one day in five, and the other four will only average six hours of rain out of twenty-four. That's fewer hours than you'll find in London or Seattle in that same month. Of course, when it does rain in Kuching, it tends to be rather emphatic about the matter.