

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MANDALAY AREA, MYANMAR (BURMA)

LOCATION: Mandalay is located in central Myanmar. The city is situated on the east bank of the Ayeyarwady (Irrawaddy) River. Elevations are within a few hundred feet of sea level everywhere in the city. Mandalay is Myanmar's second largest city (after Yangon), and a former capital.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:58	11:25	12:01	12:39	13:11	13:28	13:21	12:54	12:18	11:40	11:07	10:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:36	9:12	8:59	8:52	8:06	5:28	4:32	4:24	5:19	6:49	7:51	8:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	76%	77%	70%	60%	44%	26%	19%	18%	29%	49%	61%	71%
LOW FOR MONTH	50°	53°	60°	70°	73°	74°	74°	73°	73°	68°	60°	51°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	56°	60°	67°	77°	79°	79°	79°	78°	77°	74°	67°	58°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	88°	96°	100°	98°	93°	93°	92°	91°	89°	85°	81°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	94°	103°	107°	106°	100°	99°	97°	97°	96°	92°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	4%	52%	91%	97%	94%	88%	86%	82%	77%	69%	25%	3%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	47%	37%	29%	32%	48%	60%	59%	66%	67%	69%	64%	58%
DRY DAYS	98%	96%	96%	85%	73%	58%	57%	52%	57%	71%	87%	97%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	97%	91%	74%	77%	81%	74%	70%	77%	90%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.01	0.03	0.04	0.22	0.96	0.95	0.44	0.65	0.98	0.86	0.35	0.06
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	2%	3%	10%	21%	15%	10%	11%	32%	20%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	11%	5%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	7%	17%	20%

COMMENTS: Mandalay has a four-season tropical year that is chiefly defined by rainfall and the prevailing winds. The Northeast Monsoon season includes the months of December through February. It is sunny and dry, with warm to hot days and mild to cool nights. March and April make up the transitional Pre-Monsoon season. It's still mostly sunny, but cloudiness is increasing--along with the temperatures. This is usually the hottest time of year. The most important season in the Southwest Monsoon season, which runs from May through October. It is cloudy, rainy, hot, and humid. November makes up the second transitional season, that of the Post-Monsoon, as temperatures (especially nighttime temperatures) start to drop. The most pleasant season is that of the Northeast Monsoon. Exactly when the Southwest Monsoon arrives each year, and exactly how much rain it brings are matters of intense interest to almost everyone in the area. Naturally, both of these matters vary considerably from one year to another. Everything from catastrophic drought to catastrophic flood is possible, along with all the possibilities in between.