

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE POKHARA AREA, NEPAL

LOCATION: Pokhara, Nepal's second leading attraction after Kathmandu, is located in the central part of the country. The old city is situated along the west bank of the Gandak River. Most of the visitor facilities, however, are situated along the shores of Lake Phewa. This lake was formed by damming the Pardi, one of the many tributaries of the Gandak River. Elevations in Pokhara are in the neighborhood of 2,700 feet above sea level. The city is surrounded by spectacular mountains, the most visible of which is Machapuchare, which rises directly from the valley floor to an elevation of almost 23,000 feet.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:35	11:11	11:59	12:50	13:33	13:55	13:45	13:09	12:22	11:31	10:47	10:24
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:25	9:02	9:41	10:27	11:00	9:43	7:07	6:52	8:10	9:51	9:34	8:41
AREA OF BLUE SKY	74%	76%	76%	77%	77%	62%	40%	40%	58%	82%	86%	79%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	40°	47°	51°	55°	61°	63°	63°	64°	56°	45°	41°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44°	43°	54°	60°	64°	68°	70°	70°	68°	62°	51°	45°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	66°	70°	80°	86°	85°	85°	84°	84°	82°	78°	73°	67°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	76°	86°	92°	90°	89°	87°	87°	85°	82°	77°	71°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	9%	37%	34%	15%	4%	7%	3%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	43%	35%	30%	29%	38%	50%	59%	59%	59%	53%	47%	42%
DRY DAYS	92%	89%	87%	84%	71%	55%	35%	36%	58%	87%	98%	95%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	95%	92%	90%	82%	62%	38%	52%	69%	90%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.12	0.24	0.31	0.57	1.63	2.45	1.82	1.17	0.50	0.04	0.01
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	7%	10%	19%	33%	30%	19%	17%	24%	9%	1%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	39%	27%	10%	2%	3%	5%	13%	17%	11%	23%	30%	35%

COMMENTS: Pokhara has the same sub-tropical four-season year that is characteristic of much of northern India. These seasons are not at all the four seasons characteristic of the mid-latitudes. The most important season is that of the Southwest Monsoon. In Pokhara, it usually runs from late May through early October. It is fairly sunny, very rainy, hot and moderately humid. The post-monsoon season embraces mid-October through mid-December and gets drier as it progresses. It offers some of the nicest weather on earth. The cool dry season (not really winter, but often called that) extends from the middle of December through early March. It's quite a pleasant time of year. The pre-monsoon season runs from late March until the start of the southwest monsoon. Just before the monsoon breaks in earnest, you can get some of the hottest weather of the year, with temperatures in the high 90's. During the cooler months, cool air drains down the mountain slopes and pools in the valleys and other low places. It usually burns off by noon.