

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HANOI AREA, VIETNAM

LOCATION: Hanoi, the capital of Vietnam, is located at the head of the Hong (Red) River delta, in the northern part of the country. Situated in a rich agricultural plain, the city is everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:01	11:27	12:01	12:38	13:08	13:24	13:17	12:52	12:17	11:41	11:10	10:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:43	3:17	3:13	3:56	5:18	5:18	5:27	5:12	5:38	5:46	5:05	4:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	15%	13%	18%	27%	25%	28%	27%	35%	40%	36%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	49°	50°	54°	61°	68°	73°	75°	74°	72°	64°	56°	50°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	57°	58°	63°	69°	75°	78°	78°	78°	76°	71°	65°	59°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	68°	69°	74°	81°	89°	92°	91°	90°	88°	85°	78°	72°
HIGH FOR MONTH	81°	82°	87°	91°	98°	99°	98°	97°	95°	90°	86°	83°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	4%	36%	63%	63%	57%	39%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	72%	77%	76%	69%	70%	70%	73%	71%	68%	66%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	67°	64°	65°	73°	79°	84°	83°	86°	84°	80°	76°	72°
DRY DAYS	67%	49%	48%	50%	53%	50%	51%	50%	55%	67%	74%	79%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	85%	80%	73%	66%	60%	49%	53%	61%	79%	86%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.13	0.22	0.26	0.56	1.31	1.62	2.09	2.17	1.74	0.68	0.30	0.15
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	3%	7%	15%	31%	38%	38%	35%	24%	8%	2%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	20%	10%	9%	8%	2%	2%	2%	4%	9%	15%	22%	31%

COMMENTS: The area has a monsoon-tropical climate. There is a distinct wet season (April through October) that is the product of the Southwest Monsoon, and a distinct dry season (November through March) that is associated with the Northeast Monsoon. The rainy season rains often come as part of frontal disturbances, and are frequently accompanied by severe thunderstorms. Humidity is high, and the sensible temperature (the one you actually feel) is ten or more degrees higher than the already high actual temperature. Some amount of rain (even if only a trace) will fall on about two days out of five. During the January through April period, spells of weather known as "*crachin*" show up with some regularity. These last from 3 to 5 days, and are characterized by low, overcast skies or heavy fog. There will normally be a very light drizzle, but very little actual rain. There is little wind, and the air tends to stagnate. Sea temperatures apply to the coast near Hai Phong.