

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HO CHI MINH CITY (SAIGON) AREA, VIETNAM

LOCATION: Ho Chi Minh City (the former Saigon) is located in southeastern Vietnam. The city is situated on the northern edge of the delta of the Mekong River. The area around the city is criss-crossed by innumerable canals, and elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:35	11:47	12:04	12:22	12:37	12:45	12:42	12:29	12:12	11:54	11:39	11:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:43	7:50	7:32	6:35	4:33	3:39	3:07	3:36	3:09	4:03	4:52	5:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	54%	51%	42%	27%	20%	17%	20%	18%	25%	32%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	67°	70°	73°	74°	73°	73°	73°	72°	72°	68°	65°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	71°	72°	75°	78°	77°	76°	76°	76°	75°	75°	73°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	89°	91°	93°	94°	92°	89°	88°	89°	88°	88°	87°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	93°	95°	97°	98°	96°	94°	93°	92°	93°	92°	92°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	48%	71%	89%	92%	83%	60%	54%	46%	38%	26%	28%	26%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	56%	53%	55%	58%	68%	75%	75%	75%	76%	77%	70%	63%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	77°	80°	83°	85°	84°	82°	82°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	94%	96%	94%	83%	45%	27%	26%	32%	27%	35%	63%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	99%	98%	90%	62%	45%	44%	51%	43%	54%	76%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.10	0.03	0.07	0.32	1.39	2.10	1.93	1.72	2.18	1.67	0.76	0.34
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	17%	39%	38%	35%	27%	36%	30%	17%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	8%	9%	7%	4%	3%	5%	4%	5%	5%	7%	9%

COMMENTS: The area gets a tropical two-season year in which the monsoon winds play a dominant role. The southwest monsoon (May through October) brings cloudy skies and heavy rains. The northeast monsoon (November through April) brings drier air, sunnier skies, and much less rain. Days are humid and hot to very hot, and nights are warm and very humid throughout the year.

During September and October, the occasional typhoon can brush by the area, or even hit it directly--although this latter is much less common. These storms can bring tremendous quantities of rain in short periods of time. Although the high winds can cause some mild damage, it is the floods associated with the heavy rains that cause the most havoc in this low-lying terrain.