

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE RIO DE JANEIRO AREA, BRAZIL

LOCATION: Rio de Janeiro is located on Brazil's southeastern coast. The city is situated at the mouth of the river of the same name, near the channel that separates the natural harbor of Guanabara Bay from the South Atlantic. Elevations in most of the city are near sea level, but rise to 1,296 feet above sea level at the summit of Sugarloaf, and more than 2,300 at Corcovado.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:22	12:53	12:15	11:35	11:02	10:46	10:53	11:20	11:57	12:37	13:12	13:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:48	7:14	6:41	6:15	6:10	6:00	6:22	6:19	4:55	5:01	5:46	5:43
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	41%	39%	42%	45%	48%	50%	44%	28%	29%	31%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	68°	69°	68°	64°	60°	58°	58°	58°	60°	61°	63°	65°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	72°	70°	66°	64°	63°	64°	65°	67°	69°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	87°	85°	82°	79°	77°	77°	78°	77°	79°	81°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	97°	96°	95°	92°	89°	87°	88°	90°	93°	94°	95°	96°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	25%	34%	19%	10%	6%	4%	4%	6%	5%	6%	10%	14%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	63%	66%	66%	65%	63%	61%	60%	65%	65%	65%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	75°	77°	77°	75°	73°	72°	70°	69°	69°	70°	71°	75°
DRY DAYS	59%	60%	60%	66%	68%	76%	77%	77%	63%	59%	57%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	73%	72%	73%	78%	82%	86%	89%	88%	80%	77%	74%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.81	0.89	0.85	0.72	0.49	0.33	0.26	0.27	0.41	0.49	0.67	0.85
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	23%	18%	16%	7%	3%	0%	0%	3%	7%	10%	13%	16%
FOGGY DAYS	32%	39%	42%	52%	58%	63%	65%	63%	52%	40%	33%	24%

COMMENTS: Rio has a tropical two-season year. Because it is tropical, the length of the daylight period varies only slightly from one month to another; and the temperatures vary little as well. Frost is unknown, and plant growth continues throughout the year. The rainier of the two seasons runs from November through March in most years, and both its onset and its termination are gradual and almost imperceptible. It has somewhat longer days, somewhat higher temperatures, somewhat higher humidity, and somewhat more frequent and heavier rains. The less rainy season extends from April through October. It has somewhat shorter days, somewhat lower (but still quite warm) temperatures, somewhat lower humidity, and less frequent and less intense rains. It's hard to say when one season stops and the other begins, and it really doesn't make a lot of difference.