

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO IQUITOS AND AMAZONIA, PERU

LOCATION: Iquitos is located in the rain forest of the Amazonian lowlands of northeastern Peru. The town is situated on the main channel of the Amazon River, at an elevation of about 340 feet above sea level. Access is by air and by river only, as no roads connect it with the rest of the world.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:19	12:14	12:08	12:02	11:57	11:55	11:56	12:00	12:06	12:12	12:17	12:21
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:56	5:06	4:38	4:32	4:42	4:50	5:16	5:33	5:39	5:11	5:06	5:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	25%	27%	23%	22%	24%	26%	30%	33%	33%	28%	27%	26%
LOW FOR MONTH	69°	69°	70°	70°	69°	65°	63°	65°	66°	68°	68°	70°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	72°	72°	72°	72°	71°	70°	69°	70°	71°	71°	72°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	89°	88°	88°	88°	87°	87°	86°	89°	89°	89°	89°	89°
HIGH FOR MONTH	95°	95°	94°	93°	93°	92°	93°	94°	96°	95°	95°	94°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	48%	48%	46%	39%	35%	25%	30%	45%	56%	54%	51%	49%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	70%	70%	71%	70%	72%	70%	68%	67%	68%	69%	69%
DRY DAYS	64%	61%	65%	61%	65%	66%	74%	71%	72%	66%	63%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	67%	64%	68%	62%	68%	71%	76%	77%	76%	75%	68%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.68	1.78	1.98	2.02	1.73	1.36	1.05	1.08	1.27	1.50	1.65	1.65
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	13%	12%	11%	10%	16%	24%	23%	21%	19%	11%	12%	9%

COMMENTS: Iquitos has an equatorial two-season year. There is the hot, humid, rainier season (October through May); and the hot, humid, less rainy season (June through September). Monotony is the key to the climate in this part of the world. There is very little difference from one month to another in almost any climatic element. The length of the daylight period varies by only a few minutes from one month to another, the hours of sunshine by not much more, the temperature by only two or three degrees. The number of rainy days shows the most variation, but even that is slight. Climatologists have a saying that, "Night is the winter of the tropics." This does not mean that the nights are cold. They are not. They are usually warm to mild, and the worst they ever get is chilly and damp. What this saying means is that the temperature drop from day to night (16° to 20°) is greater than that from the warmest month to the coolest--about 3°. Night and early morning humidities are usually at saturation. Early morning mists are common when the air movement is light, and fogs are not unusual. When there is no breeze, heavy dews are the rule. Clothing and other items left out overnight to dry will still be wet in the morning.