

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CANCUN AREA, MEXICO

LOCATION: The resort community of Cancun is located on an island just off the northeast coast of the Yucatan Peninsula in the Mexican state of Quintana Roo. The island is connected to the mainland by a causeway. Most of the major resort facilities are situated on the island itself, while the modern city on the mainland hosts most of the worker that staff the resorts. Both the resort and the city date only to 1970, when the Mexican government built the resort area from a tiny fishing village of only a few souls. Elevations are 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	5:55	6:20	6:16	6:51	7:32	7:38	7:57	8:09	6:36	5:51	5:44	5:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	52%	54%	52%	47%	39%	44%	44%	40%	43%	47%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	53°	56°	58°	62°	69°	71°	71°	71°	70°	66°	62°	58°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	67°	68°	71°	73°	77°	78°	78°	78°	76°	74°	72°	69°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	81°	82°	84°	85°	88°	89°	90°	90°	89°	87°	84°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	87°	87°	89°	91°	91°	92°	95°	94°	93°	92°	89°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	5%	8%	31%	57%	76%	79%	58%	22%	3%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	68%	68%	66%	67%	70%	67%	67%	70%	71%	71%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	78°	78°	80°	81°	83°	84°	85°	84°	83°	81°	79°
DRY DAYS	82%	85%	89%	90%	82%	67%	66%	68%	57%	66%	76%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	90%	93%	94%	87%	74%	76%	78%	68%	74%	83%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.40	0.31	0.25	0.25	0.61	1.03	0.78	0.78	1.23	1.09	0.57	0.47
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%	2%	2%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 55% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 50% in October, to a high of 63% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 53°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 10° warmer than actual ones. Cancun has a tropical two-season year. The "high season" for the resort areas runs from November through April. It has the most pleasant temperatures, the highest percentage of sunshine, and the fewest rainy days. The low season runs from May through October. At this time of year, afternoons are very hot and humid, rainfall is heavier and more frequent, and the chances of a tropical storm are much more likely.