

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OAXACA AREA, OAXACA, MEXICO

LOCATION: Oaxaca, the capital and largest city of the state of Oaxaca, is located in southern Mexico. The city is situated in the valley of the Rio Atoyac, deep in the heart of the Sierra Madre del Sur. Elevations vary, but are roughly about a mile above sea level. The natural vegetation of the area is that of a sub-tropical forest, and most of the surrounding mountains are still heavily forested.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:14	11:35	12:02	12:31	12:56	13:08	13:03	12:43	12:15	11:46	11:21	11:08
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:21	8:50	8:41	7:42	6:51	5:16	5:39	5:24	4:48	6:26	7:49	8:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	72%	75%	69%	56%	42%	26%	30%	29%	25%	45%	63%	71%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	41°	44°	49°	53°	55°	54°	53°	53°	48°	41°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	47°	50°	54°	57°	59°	60°	59°	59°	58°	56°	51°	48°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	79°	83°	87°	89°	88°	83°	82°	82°	81°	80°	80°	79°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	92°	95°	96°	95°	92°	88°	88°	87°	88°	88°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	3%	12%	40%	54%	44%	8%	1%	1%	0%	1%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	34%	33%	32%	33%	38%	46%	46%	46%	51%	45%	39%	37%
DRY DAYS	96%	93%	91%	75%	59%	38%	42%	44%	36%	70%	90%	96%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	98%	96%	87%	78%	62%	70%	70%	63%	84%	96%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.23	0.51	1.02	0.60	0.65	0.84	0.31	0.06	0.03
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	3%	6%	16%	21%	20%	15%	15%	13%	7%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	34%	32%	27%	25%	29%	31%	30%	34%	36%	33%	35%	33%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in September, to a high of 76% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 36°, and the highest should be near 97°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The Oaxaca region enjoys a highland version of the standard tropical wet-and-dry climate. Its elevation makes afternoon temperatures five to ten degrees cooler and nighttime temperatures fifteen to twenty degrees cooler than down on the Pacific coast. In fact, although rare, freezing temperatures have occurred in every month from October through March. The rainy season is not all that rainy, and runs from late May through September. During this season, about two days in three will get showers. Persistent rains are rare. The dry season lasts the rest of the year, from October through April. It is the more pleasant of the two, with sunny, warm to hot, afternoons and starry nights that are cool to chilly. Afternoons get hotter toward the end of the dry season, especially just before the rains break. Morning valley fogs are common, but usually burn off by noon.