

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HUATULCO BAYS, OAXACA, MEXICO

LOCATION: The Huatulco Bays are a series of small bays along the Pacific Coast of Oaxaca in southern Mexico. They are being slowly developed by the Mexican Government as its next major tourist attraction. This development is much more environmentally-conscious than that at Cancun and Ixtapa, with stretches of undeveloped land being left between the various new resorts. Elevations along the coast are close to sea level, of course, but the jungle-covered mountains behind the coast rise to more than 12,000 feet.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:18	11:38	12:03	12:29	12:52	13:04	12:59	12:40	12:15	11:48	11:25	11:13
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:28	9:03	8:57	7:52	7:08	5:40	6:36	6:59	5:34	7:23	8:34	8:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	80%	80%	80%	71%	57%	31%	34%	38%	31%	50%	76%	78%
LOW FOR MONTH	64°	64°	67°	69°	72°	70°	68°	67°	70°	69°	67°	68°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	71°	71°	73°	75°	77°	76°	75°	75°	75°	74°	73°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	88°	89°	89°	90°	89°	89°	90°	89°	90°	90°	88°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	93°	94°	94°	94°	93°	93°	95°	93°	94°	94°	92°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	16%	23%	27%	33%	55%	36%	39%	52%	45%	52%	54%	27%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	55%	59%	58%	62%	66%	62%	62%	62%	58%	55%	54%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	81°	83°	85°	85°	85°	85°	85°	84°	81°	80°
DRY DAYS	98%	97%	98%	97%	88%	57%	67%	67%	63%	83%	96%	97%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	89%	66%	76%	73%	54%	86%	98%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.65	1.32	0.83	1.10	2.62	0.71	0.08	0.04
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	0%	2%	5%	13%	18%	14%	15%	10%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	4%	11%	22%	2%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 43% in June, to a high of 78% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 56°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 6° warmer than actual ones. The rainy season runs from the middle of May through the middle of October in most years. Dry days outnumber rainy ones two to one. The rain usually comes as a series of brief but intense showers, with long dry spells in between. The dry season extends from late October through early May, and is extremely dry. A dry day in either season is pretty much the same. The dry season, naturally, is the sunnier of the two, and slightly cooler. The area is too close to the Equator to have much of a problem with tropical storms.