

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE IXTAPA - ZIHUATANEJO AREA, MEXICO

LOCATION: The twin resort communities of Zihuatanejo and Ixtapa are located in southwestern Mexico, on the Pacific coast of the state of Guerrero. The are some 150 miles northward up the coast from Acapulco. Zihuatanejo was once a small fishing port, and was described by Zane Grey as “more like the South Seas than the South Seas themselves”. It is situated on a small bay of the same name, and lies some six miles from the new (1975) resort community of Ixtapa. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level in the developed areas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:12	11:34	12:02	12:32	12:57	13:10	13:05	12:44	12:15	11:46	11:20	11:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:55	8:34	8:23	7:29	7:13	6:51	6:53	7:03	6:00	7:15	8:16	7:53
AREA OF BLUE SKY	68%	74%	75%	65%	55%	35%	32%	32%	27%	45%	64%	63%
LOW FOR MONTH	66°	66°	65°	67°	69°	71°	72°	73°	73°	72°	70°	67°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	71°	70°	70°	71°	74°	77°	76°	77°	76°	76°	74°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	86°	86°	86°	88°	89°	90°	91°	89°	89°	89°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	90°	90°	90°	91°	93°	94°	94°	94°	93°	93°	92°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	10%	9%	11%	18%	36%	55%	65%	69%	51%	64%	43%	21%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	64%	64%	67%	67%	67%	67%	67%	70%	67%	66%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	82°	81°	80°	81°	83°	84°	85°	86°	85°	85°	84°	82°
DRY DAYS	97%	99%	99%	99%	94%	66%	62%	62%	53%	77%	95%	97%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	98%	99%	99%	99%	97%	66%	67%	66%	52%	80%	95%	98%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.02	0.14	1.68	1.24	1.46	2.39	0.98	0.23	0.11
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	9%	10%	8%	4%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 49% in September, to a high of 74% in February. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to 63°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 11° warmer than actual ones. The rainy season runs from June through early October. The rest of the year is dry. Late December through March constitutes the “high” season for the resort community.