

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BISBEE AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Bisbee is located a few miles north of the Mexican Border in the southeastern corner of Arizona. The town is situated on the southern slopes of the Mule Mountains, at an elevation of some 5,350 feet above sea level. Once known as the "Queen of the Copper Camps", and the largest town between St. Louis and San Francisco, Bisbee is now home to artists and artisans, drawn by the pleasant climate and the proximity to Mexico.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:21	11:03	11:58	12:56	13:45	14:10	13:59	13:18	12:24	11:26	10:36	10:09
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:10	9:00	10:14	11:37	12:35	13:01	10:57	10:42	10:34	9:54	8:53	7:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	57%	58%	67%	72%	76%	51%	56%	69%	71%	67%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	20°	23°	30°	37°	42°	50°	58°	54°	50°	39°	28°	24°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	36°	40°	46°	53°	62°	64°	62°	59°	50°	41°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57°	61°	66°	74°	81°	90°	89°	87°	85°	76°	66°	59°
HIGH FOR MONTH	71°	73°	77°	85°	91°	98°	97°	94°	93°	87°	78°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	37%	27%	13%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	30%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	54%	48%	31%	22%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	32%	32%	26%	22%	21%	25%	42%	46%	42%	39%	30%	34%
DRY DAYS	87%	85%	87%	93%	96%	90%	54%	60%	80%	90%	90%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	90%	93%	96%	97%	93%	69%	71%	87%	93%	93%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.19	0.20	0.16	0.08	0.03	0.12	0.65	0.71	0.31	0.16	0.12	0.20
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.1"	2.1"	1.4"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.6"	2.0"
SNOWY DAYS	4%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%	11%	50%	48%	21%	6%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 84% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 78% in both July and December, to a high of 92% in May and June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 15°, and the highest should be near 101°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones. If you take the mining-car tour of the Queen Mine, take along a warm sweater or jacket--even in midsummer. Temperatures in the tunnels never get higher than the high 40's. Bisbee avoids many of the winter frosts of the lower elevations, since the cold air tends to drain down the slopes and pool in the valley below the town. Even when it does frost at night, the afternoons are almost always well above freezing.