

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MONUMENT VALLEY, ARIZONA & UTAH

LOCATION: Monument Valley is located entirely within the enormous Navajo Indian Reservation on the eastern Arizona/Utah border. The valley is situated in the high desert of the Colorado Plateau. A small portion of the valley has been set aside as the Monument Valley Navajo Tribal Park. Road elevations range from about 4,000 feet above sea level near Mexican Hat to 5,209 above it at the summit of Monument Pass. The various buttes, mesas, and rock pinnacles rise more than 1,000 feet higher than the pass.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:57	10:49	11:57	13:08	14:08	14:40	14:27	13:35	12:28	11:17	10:15	9:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:43	7:38	8:33	9:59	11:28	12:15	10:37	9:47	9:47	8:42	7:26	6:33
AREA OF BLUE SKY	46%	46%	46%	49%	55%	67%	52%	54%	64%	63%	56%	50%
LOW FOR MONTH	0°	5°	16°	23°	34°	42°	48°	50°	41°	28°	6°	2°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	18°	24°	30°	37°	46°	55°	62°	60°	52°	40°	27°	20°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	50°	59°	69°	79°	90°	94°	91°	85°	71°	55°	45°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	64°	71°	81°	92°	100°	101°	98°	94°	83°	69°	57°
FROSTY MORNINGS	96%	88%	67%	28%	3%	1%	0%	0%	1%	17%	79%	94%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	57%	79%	66%	29%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	54%	40%	31%	24%	23%	37%	42%	38%	43%	52%	63%
DRY DAYS	85%	86%	83%	85%	90%	93%	78%	77%	85%	87%	88%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	93%	94%	94%	97%	97%	89%	88%	94%	93%	94%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.09	0.09	0.08	0.06	0.06	0.05	0.16	0.19	0.11	0.14	0.09	0.09
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0"	2.6"	1.9"	0.6"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.6"	2.1"
SNOWY DAYS	13%	10%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	11%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	5%	10%	13%	34%	33%	17%	5%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 75% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 68% in December and January, to a high of 84% in June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around -2° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 103° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 6° cooler than actual ones. The Valley, with its buttes and mesas, is familiar to anyone who has seen more than one or two westerns, or--for that matter--one or two calendars or one or two TV auto commercials. Whether you start from Kayenta or from Mexican Hat, there is an immediate thrill of recognition in approaching the Valley. The Valley photographs best in the winter and early spring, when the air is clearest and the colors most vivid.