

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MONTEREY PENINSULA RESORT AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The Monterey Peninsula is located on the Pacific coast of central California, about 80 miles south of San Francisco. The peninsula juts out between Monterey Bay on the north and Carmel Bay and the Big Sur Coast to the south. It is divided up between the four communities (going counter-clockwise) of Monterey, Pacific Grove, Pebble Beach, and Carmel (more properly, Carmel-by-the-Sea). The peninsula is fairly hilly, but elevations are all within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:58	10:50	11:57	13:07	14:06	14:38	14:24	13:34	12:28	11:18	10:16	9:43
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:49	6:15	6:37	8:13	8:12	7:55	6:38	6:10	6:47	6:38	6:25	6:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	45%	43%	48%	47%	46%	42%	41%	49%	51%	53%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	34°	36°	39°	40°	43°	46°	48°	50°	48°	45°	39°	34°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43°	44°	44°	45°	48°	50°	51°	52°	53°	51°	47°	43°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	62°	62°	63°	64°	67°	68°	69°	72°	70°	66°	61°
HIGH FOR MONTH	71°	73°	73°	78°	79°	82°	81°	81°	88°	87°	78°	72°
FROSTY MORNINGS	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	4%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	66%	65%	62%	64%	65%	68%	68%	67%	66%	63%	62%
NEARBY WATERS	53°	54°	54°	55°	56°	57°	57°	57°	58°	57°	56°	55°
DRY DAYS	69%	69%	68%	79%	89%	93%	95%	94%	92%	87%	74%	72%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	80%	88%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	96%	86%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.63	0.49	0.47	0.27	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.05	0.12	0.39	0.49
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	2%	2%	1%	0%	2%	1%	2%	3%	2%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	14%	14%	23%	30%	47%	56%	52%	50%	39%	17%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 45% in August, to a high of 63% in December. The year's lowest temperature should be close to freezing, and the highest might well be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be close to actual ones. Heavy fog frequently hovers just offshore, rolling in during the late afternoon, spending the night onshore, and not burning off until late morning. This makes the late morning through early afternoon period the clearest and sunniest times of day. It also makes the amount of sunshine received somewhat misleading. While the fog covers the lower elevations, the sun can be seen shining through the mist in a somewhat hazy fashion. This is bright enough to cast faint shadows, but not strong enough to activate the sunshine recorder.