

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MEMPHIS RESORT AREA, TENNESSEE

LOCATION: Memphis is located in extreme southwestern Tennessee, adjacent to both the Arkansas and Mississippi borders. The city is situated on the east bank of the Mississippi River, near the mouth of the Wolf River. Elevations are less than 300 feet above sea level. Memphis has long been associated with American music. It was in the historic Beale Street entertainment quarter that W. C. Handy gave birth to the blues and much of mainstream jazz. And it was at nearby Graceland that Elvis Presley, the “King of Rock and Roll” made his home and headquarters.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:05	10:54	11:57	13:04	14:00	14:29	14:17	13:29	12:26	11:20	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:41	5:41	6:46	8:21	9:35	10:43	10:29	10:02	8:40	7:52	6:01	4:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	39%	40%	44%	46%	50%	51%	54%	55%	60%	48%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	14°	19°	27°	35°	46°	56°	63°	61°	49°	35°	25°	17°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	32°	35°	43°	53°	61°	69°	73°	71°	64°	53°	42°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	48°	52°	61°	72°	80°	88°	90°	89°	86°	74°	61°	51°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	75°	81°	87°	92°	97°	99°	97°	94°	88°	80°	73°
FROSTY MORNINGS	50%	39%	14%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	18%	42%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	43%	60%	53%	25%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	54%	50%	48%	51%	51%	55%	53%	53%	48%	51%	57%
DRY DAYS	66%	65%	65%	67%	68%	71%	71%	75%	76%	78%	70%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	77%	76%	77%	79%	81%	79%	85%	84%	87%	80%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.75	0.78	0.84	0.87	0.73	0.62	0.56	0.50	0.52	0.46	0.75	0.80
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.1"	1.4"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.1"	1.0"
SNOWY DAYS	6%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	8%	13%	18%	20%	26%	26%	22%	10%	7%	7%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	4%	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	4%

COMMENTS: Memphis has a standard mid-latitude four-season year, based on the solar cycle and temperatures. Spring runs from March through May, summer from June through September, autumn takes in October and November, while winter holds sway over the three months from December through February. Look for bright sunshine on 64% of the year’s daylight hours, ranging from a low of 46% in January to a high of 74% in June. The lowest temperature of the year will probably be close to 10°, while the highest will be close to 100°. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are essentially the same as actual ones. Precipitation is abundant, and reaches a peak in April and a minimum in October. Memphis is fortunate in being too far east to get much in the way of tornadoes, too far inland for hurricanes, and too far south for blizzards. They do get their share of violent thunderstorms, however, especially in the spring. Heavy spring thunderstorms can occasionally cause local flash-flooding. Early warning systems are excellent.