

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KYOTO AND THE KANSAI REGION (HONSHU), JAPAN

LOCATION: Kyoto, Japan's cultural capital, is located in the Kansai Region of south-central Honshu. The city is situated in a mountain basin only a few hundred feet above sea level. Lake Biwa-ko is only a few miles to the east, with the busy port of Osaka some 25 miles to the southwest.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:06	10:54	11:57	13:03	13:59	14:29	14:16	13:29	12:26	11:21	10:23	9:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:09	4:19	5:05	5:51	6:17	4:56	5:21	6:22	4:49	5:00	4:43	4:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	35%	36%	36%	33%	22%	27%	38%	30%	40%	45%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	24°	24°	28°	36°	44°	53°	62°	64°	57°	44°	35°	25°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31°	31°	36°	45°	54°	63°	72°	73°	66°	53°	43°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47°	48°	55°	66°	75°	81°	88°	90°	83°	72°	62°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	57°	59°	67°	76°	83°	88°	94°	96°	90°	80°	71°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	46%	43%	16%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	17%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	39%	62%	13%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	51%	47%	47%	47%	54%	57%	54%	56%	53%	52%	53%
DRY DAYS	75%	70%	63%	64%	63%	56%	59%	70%	57%	72%	75%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	83%	76%	74%	75%	63%	66%	77%	67%	79%	83%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.47	0.68	0.95	0.92	1.57	1.32	0.95	1.31	0.77	0.51	0.31
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.1"	2.4"	1.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	25%	30%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	5%	14%	15%	9%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	23%	18%	11%	4%	5%	3%	3%	1%	5%	12%	26%	35%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 42% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 34% in rainy June, to a high of 45% in April and May—and then again in October and November. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 19° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 98° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 3° warmer than actual ones during warm and humid days, and up to 3° cooler than actual ones during cool and dry ones. Residents recognize six separate seasons, giving rainfall patterns priority over temperature and the solar cycle. The primary rainfall peak in June and most of July is the season of *Bai-U*, the “plum rains”. The secondary peak in September is the *shurin*, and corresponds to the tropical storm season. August is the hottest month, and the typical August afternoons is moderately sunny, moderately humid, and very hot. August nights are quite humid, and warm more often than mild. Much of the August rainfall comes as thundershowers. Most of the winter precipitation comes as rain, but snow flurries and snowfalls are common. Snow rarely stays on the ground for long, because of those rains and the frequent thaws. Spring and autumn are considered the most pleasant seasons, and draw millions of visitors to the area.