

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE OSAKA AREA (HONSHU), JAPAN

LOCATION: Osaka, Japan's third largest city, is located on the south coast of the large island of Honshu. The city is situated at the mouth of the Yodo River, where it empties into Osaka Bay. This large bay, in turn, is an inlet of Japan's beautiful Inland Sea. Elevations within the metropolitan area are generally close to sea level, although the city has some large hills/low mountains (up to 3,058' on Mt. Rokko) around its perimeter.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:08	10:55	11:57	13:03	13:58	14:27	14:15	13:28	12:26	11:21	10:24	9:54
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:41	4:51	5:25	6:11	6:35	5:33	6:24	7:15	5:27	5:15	4:58	4:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	45%	39%	38%	38%	34%	23%	30%	39%	32%	40%	46%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	25°	28°	35°	44°	54°	65°	68°	57°	44°	35°	29°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33°	34°	38°	48°	56°	65°	74°	75°	68°	56°	45°	38°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47°	48°	54°	66°	74°	80°	87°	90°	83°	72°	62°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	57°	59°	67°	76°	82°	88°	94°	95°	92°	81°	73°	63°
FROSTY MORNINGS	30%	30%	12%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	36%	72%	15%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	54%	53%	54%	55%	61%	62%	58%	60%	56%	55%	55%
NEARBY WATERS	50°	48°	50°	54°	61°	67°	75°	79°	77°	70°	64°	57°
DRY DAYS	80%	77%	69%	65%	67%	61%	68%	76%	62%	71%	76%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	86%	80%	76%	78%	69%	74%	82%	71%	79%	85%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.28	0.42	0.62	0.87	0.82	1.27	0.97	0.67	1.15	0.78	0.48	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	20%	23%	11%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	4%	11%	11%	8%	2%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%

COMMENTS: The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year based on the solar cycle and the temperature cycle. On this, residents have imposed two additional seasons based on precipitation. These are the *Bai-U*, or “plum rains” in June and early July, and the *shurin*, or tropical storm season, in September. August is the warmest month, and typical August afternoons are moderately sunny, moderately humid, and hot to very hot. August nights are quite warm and very humid. January is the coldest month, and January afternoons are somewhat cloudy, moderately humid, and cool to chilly. January nights are often cold, but only one in three drops below freezing. Snow flurries are common, but most January precipitation comes as rain. September is the peak of the tropical storm season. As always, more damage is done by coastal wave action and river flooding than by the winds. Osaka is somewhat sheltered by its location.