

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BANGKOK AREA, THAILAND

LOCATION: Bangkok, Thailand's capital and largest city, is located on the Chao Phraya close to where it empties into the Gulf of Thailand. The land is flat and marshy, and the city is criss-crossed by numerous canals. Elevations are everywhere very close to sea level, and parts of the city frequently flood during the rainy seasons. The Don Muang International Airport is situated north of the city.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 11:25 | 11:42 | 12:03 | 12:26 | 12:46 | 12:56 | 12:52 | 12:35 | 12:14 | 11:51 | 11:31 | 11:20 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 8:43 | 8:50 | 8:36 | 8:28 | 6:55 | 5:53 | 5:30 | 5:08 | 5:08 | 6:20 | 7:45 | 8:24 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 48% | 42% | 40% | 34% | 24% | 17% | 17% | 15% | 16% | 25% | 39% | 49% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 61° | 66° | 69° | 68° | 74° | 74° | 73° | 74° | 73° | 72° | 66° | 61° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 69° | 73° | 76° | 78° | 78° | 77° | 76° | 76° | 76° | 75° | 73° | 69° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 89° | 91° | 93° | 95° | 93° | 91° | 90° | 90° | 89° | 88° | 87° | 87° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 95° | 96° | 98° | 100° | 99° | 96° | 95° | 95° | 94° | 94° | 93° | 93° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 59% | 80% | 95% | 96% | 89% | 81% | 73% | 67% | 57% | 45% | 43% | 42% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 49% | 54% | 55% | 57% | 62% | 66% | 66% | 66% | 70% | 69% | 62% | 53% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 80° | 81° | 84° | 84° | 86° | 83° | 83° | 83° | 82° | 83° | 82° | 79° |
| DRY DAYS | 95% | 89% | 89% | 77% | 52% | 49% | 41% | 36% | 29% | 47% | 80% | 95% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 98% | 95% | 94% | 88% | 68% | 68% | 64% | 62% | 48% | 62% | 88% | 99% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.05 | 0.17 | 0.22 | 0.46 | 1.18 | 1.08 | 1.06 | 1.15 | 2.00 | 1.43 | 0.41 | 0.04 |
| SNOWY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 1% | 5% | 11% | 27% | 45% | 30% | 31% | 32% | 43% | 34% | 11% | 0% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 8% | 7% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% |

COMMENTS: Bangkok has a tropical four-season year, based on the two opposing monsoons and the two transition seasons between them. The northeast monsoon runs from December through February, and is sunniest, driest, and coolest season of the year. March and April make up the pre-monsoon season. Rainfall (the "mango rains") begins to increase, and temperatures normally reach their highest levels. The southwest monsoon runs from May through the middle of October, and brings most of Bangkok's rain. At the same time, the cloudy skies will gradually reduce the afternoon temperatures. The post-monsoon season runs from late October through November, as the rains gradually diminish and the temperatures begin to cool. The onset and duration of these seasons varies considerably from year to year.