

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MANAGUA AREA, NICARAGUA

LOCATION: Managua, the capital and primate city of Nicaragua, is located on the south shore of Lake Managua in the west-central portion of the country. Managua lacks the elevation of most other Latin American capitals, and is only a couple of hundred feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:30	11:45	12:04	12:24	12:41	12:50	12:46	12:32	12:13	11:53	11:35	11:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:39	8:26	8:37	7:55	6:39	5:05	5:22	6:09	5:56	6:10	7:06	7:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	60%	58%	49%	36%	18%	22%	22%	19%	22%	39%	51%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	64°	64°	65°	70°	70°	66°	68°	69°	69°	65°	64°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	69°	69°	71°	73°	75°	74°	73°	73°	73°	72°	70°	69°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	89°	90°	92°	94°	93°	89°	88°	89°	88°	88°	88°	88°
HIGH FOR MONTH	94°	93°	96°	102°	96°	95°	94°	94°	95°	91°	93°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	40%	68%	89%	92%	82%	45%	41%	51%	45%	33%	32%	30%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	49%	45%	42%	43%	51%	64%	62%	64%	64%	62%	58%	53%
DRY DAYS	90%	94%	95%	94%	71%	47%	52%	50%	43%	53%	73%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	98%	80%	62%	70%	69%	61%	65%	86%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.05	0.77	1.42	0.85	0.87	1.34	1.46	0.33	0.06
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	2%	5%	24%	39%	30%	33%	52%	40%	12%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	6%	8%	11%	9%	10%	13%	9%	8%	7%	4%	2%

COMMENTS: Managua has a standard two-season tropical wet-and-dry climate. There is little change in the length of the daylight period from one month to another, nor much change in temperatures. In most years, the rainy season runs from the middle of May through the first week in November. At this time of year, skies are more cloudy than blue, afternoon humidities are high, and about half the days get some amount of rain--usually in the form of brief showers. The combination of temperatures and humidity make the sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) from two to four degrees hotter than the actual ones. The dry season extends from the middle of November through early May. During this season, skies are more sunny than cloudy, afternoon humidities are moderate to low, and it only rains about one day in ten. The highest temperatures of the year come at the end of the dry season and beginning of the wet one--in April and May. Smog is a problem all over Latin America, since many homes use wood-burning cooking and heating fires, agricultural burning is rife, and automotive exhausts concentrated in urban areas. Managua has the same problems.