

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LORETO AND BAHIA LORETO NATIONAL PARK, MEXICO

LOCATION: Loreto is located in the state of Baja California Sur in Mexico's Baja Peninsula. The town is situated on the shores of Loreto Bay, facing the Sea of Cortez. Bahia Loreto National Park lies offshore, and includes many of the nearby offshore islands. Elevations in town are close to sea level. Loreto was the site of the first of the Spanish missions in the Californias, and it was from here that Father Junipero Serra set off to establish the famous chain of missions in what is now the state of California. The mission church here in Loreto is in excellent shape, thanks to some inspired restoration. The area offshore has some excellent fishing, although it is less good than in the past due to drag-netting for shrimp.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:43	11:16	12:00	12:46	13:25	13:45	13:36	13:04	12:20	11:34	10:54	10:33
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:07	8:16	8:45	9:44	10:33	10:57	9:02	9:00	8:28	8:44	8:06	6:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	66%	70%	70%	76%	80%	81%	57%	58%	66%	76%	72%	66%
LOW FOR MONTH	46°	46°	49°	53°	57°	60°	69°	71°	68°	59°	53°	49°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	53°	55°	57°	60°	65°	71°	77°	78°	77°	70°	62°	56°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	69°	72°	77°	82°	87°	92°	95°	94°	92°	87°	79°	72°
HIGH FOR MONTH	79°	84°	86°	92°	97°	99°	101°	103°	98°	96°	88°	83°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	2%	8%	29%	56%	90%	96%	95%	91%	63%	10%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	49%	45%	41%	39%	38%	43%	48%	49%	49%	51%	55%
NEARBY WATERS	68°	66°	67°	68°	70°	71°	74°	78°	77°	76°	72°	70°
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	96%	90%	86%	97%	97%	94%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	94%	91%	99%	98%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.06	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.06	0.20	0.36	0.06	0.05	0.12
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	1%	2%	2%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	10%	10%	10%	10%	11%	7%	8%	6%	7%	6%	8%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 70% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 66% in December and January (and again during the July rainy period), to a high of 80% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 44°, and the highest should be near 104°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones—except during August and September, when they will be a few degrees hotter. Those two months make up as much a rainy season as the area gets. The Loreto area usually escapes the violent *chubascos* that are common at that season farther south. In any case, the offshore islands provide a measure of shelter.