

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MANILA AREA (LUZON), PHILIPPINES

LOCATION: Manila, the capital of the Philippines, is located on the island of Luzon, in the northern Philippine islands. The city is situated on the eastern shores of Manila Bay, an inlet of the South China Sea. Most of the city is close to sea level, with the land rising some miles out of the city to the summit of Mount Irid at 4,820 feet high.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:22	11:40	12:03	12:28	12:48	12:59	12:54	12:37	12:14	11:50	11:28	11:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:35	7:19	7:14	8:34	6:56	5:24	4:15	4:12	4:28	5:04	5:12	4:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	49%	56%	59%	43%	28%	23%	20%	24%	29%	34%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	65°	66°	70°	72°	72°	72°	72°	72°	71°	69°	66°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	69°	69°	71°	74°	76°	75°	75°	75°	75°	74°	72°	70°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	86°	88°	91°	93°	93°	91°	88°	87°	88°	88°	87°	86°
HIGH FOR MONTH	91°	92°	95°	97°	97°	96°	93°	92°	92°	93°	92°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	13%	40%	80%	95%	92%	65%	49%	31%	36%	38%	28%	12%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	62%	58%	58%	63%	71%	75%	77%	76%	74%	72%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	80°	82°	83°	85°	85°	84°	83°	83°	84°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	81%	89%	87%	87%	63%	44%	24%	26%	27%	39%	54%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	96%	95%	93%	76%	57%	32%	36%	41%	60%	70%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.08	0.10	0.20	0.79	1.67	2.59	2.69	2.30	1.22	0.92	0.41
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	1%	6%	23%	31%	32%	28%	32%	21%	6%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	2%

COMMENTS: Manila lies in the monsoon tropics, and has the two-season year characteristic of that climate. The Northeast Monsoon dominates the weather from November through May in most years. The season starts out moderately wet, gets quite dry, then starts to get wet again. This season has the shortest days but the most sunshine. It is also has both the coolest and the warmest weather of the year. The Southwest Monsoon runs from June through October, and brings most of the year's rain. Days are longer, but cloudier; and humidities are high. The cloud and rain keeps the temperatures from getting either very warm or very cool. The Philippines lie directly in the path of many of the typhoons of the North Pacific, and often experience these storms at their fiercest. The season runs from April through December, with June and July being the peak months for the Manila area. The frequency is about one year in ten. Luckily, Manila's geographic position in Manila Harbor gives it a great deal of protection against the direct effect of most (but not all) of these storms.