

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TOMBSTONE HISTORIC AREA, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Tombstone is located in Cochise County in the southeastern corner of Arizona. The town is situated in the hilly uplands of the San Pedro Valley. The landscape is typical of the desert and semi-desert--cacti and various drought-resistant shrubs and bushes. Elevations are around 4,500 feet above sea level. The Santa Cruz de Terrenate Presidio National Historic Site is about ten miles west, down in the valley of the San Pedro River. The river is also the centerpiece for the San Pedro Riparian National Conservation Area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:20	11:03	11:58	12:56	13:46	14:11	14:01	13:19	12:24	11:26	10:35	10:08
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:16	9:04	10:18	11:46	12:47	13:12	11:02	10:51	10:47	10:04	8:59	8:00
AREA OF BLUE SKY	55%	56%	56%	67%	73%	78%	50%	56%	71%	72%	67%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	20°	23°	26°	34°	42°	51°	57°	58°	51°	39°	29°	19°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	36°	40°	46°	53°	62°	65°	64°	60°	51°	41°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	63°	68°	77°	85°	94°	93°	90°	88°	80°	69°	60°
HIGH FOR MONTH	74°	76°	80°	88°	95°	102°	105°	98°	96°	90°	80°	72°
FROSTY MORNINGS	40%	29%	17%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	13%	35%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	29%	80%	73%	57%	45%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	33%	30%	26%	21%	19%	19%	36%	41%	35%	33%	35%	40%
DRY DAYS	90%	86%	89%	93%	97%	89%	61%	62%	80%	92%	90%	87%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	93%	94%	97%	99%	94%	76%	79%	90%	94%	94%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.13	0.13	0.11	0.05	0.03	0.08	0.59	0.55	0.23	0.12	0.09	0.13
SNOWY DAYS	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%	12%	53%	49%	22%	6%	2%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely to occur on 85% of the year's daylight hours. This will probably range from a low of 79% in December, to a high of 93% in May and June. The expected lowest temperature for the year will be around 14° on some windless winter sunrise, and the most probable highest will be near 108° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will generally be up to 4° cooler than actual ones. Thundershowers can be expected from July through early September. Not all of the thunderstorms bring rain to the ground, however. Half of these thundery days will see showers that reach the ground. The other half have only "dry lightning" storms. Sometimes you can see sheets of rain evaporating as they fall. Such phenomena are called "virga". Almost all of Tombstone's attractions have to do with its lurid past. Chief of these are re-enactments of the famous "shoot-out at the OK Corral", the original Boothill Cemetery, the Bird Cage Saloon, the Crystal Palace Saloon, the "Epitaph" newspaper, and various other historic buildings.