

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Palm Springs, California's most famous desert resort, is located in southern California. The city is situated on the edge of the Mojave Desert, snug up against the flanks of the San Jacinto Mountains. These mountains rise to 10,804' just behind the city, but the elevations in downtown Palm Springs are closer to 400 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:11	10:57	11:58	13:01	13:54	14:22	14:11	13:25	12:25	11:23	10:27	9:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:34	7:56	9:05	10:23	12:22	12:54	12:53	12:10	10:47	9:44	8:41	7:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	59%	56%	59%	65%	75%	82%	78%	79%	79%	76%	71%	64%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	33°	38°	43°	48°	55°	64°	62°	56°	44°	35°	32°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40°	44°	47°	52°	58°	65°	74°	72°	66°	57°	47°	41°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	69°	74°	79°	86°	94°	103°	108°	106°	102°	91°	79°	70°
HIGH FOR MONTH	83°	89°	92°	98°	106°	112°	116°	114°	112°	104°	90°	82°
FROSTY MORNINGS	14%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	4%	11%	42%	71%	93%	100%	100%	95%	66%	8%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	22%	20%	19%	15%	14%	12%	13%	15%	14%	14%	16%	19%
DRY DAYS	94%	93%	94%	97%	99%	99%	99%	97%	97%	97%	97%	94%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	96%	97%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	99%	97%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.18	0.19	0.09	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.04	0.07	0.17
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	4%	13%	14%	7%	2%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on 83% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 72% in February, to a high of 91% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 24°, and the highest might well be near 119°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from five to ten degrees cooler than actual ones. Mountains tend to generate their own cloud cap on sunny days, and the San Jacintos are no exception. This cloud cap normally starts to form in late morning, and increases as the temperatures rise. It starts to diminish toward sunset, and is usually gone by midnight. The thunder days in the table involve thunderstorms in the mountains behind the city, more often than storms in the lowlands. Smog from the Los Angeles Basin has begun to seep through the mountain passes and find its way into the desert. While not yet any sort of health problem in the area, it detracts from the beauty of the local scene on those days when it does occur.