SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CUERNAVACA AREA, MEXICO

LOCATION: Cuernavaca, the capital of the state of Morelos, is located in the central highlands of Mexico, less than fifty miles south of Mexico City. It has long been a weekend and holiday retreat for the wealthy of that capital city, and has also been enormously popular with foreign visitors of an artistic bent. Unfortunately, this popularity has led to increased growth that threatens the ambience that attracted people in the first place. Elevations are close to 5,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:08	11:31	12:02	12:34	13:01	13:15	13:10	12:47	12:16	11:44	11:16	11:01
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:19	8:10	8:00	7:23	7:18	6:26	6:23	6:40	5:37	6:25	7:10	7:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	68%	72%	70%	60%	50%	33%	29%	30%	27%	44%	59%	63%
LOW FOR MONTH	45°	46°	49°	56°	58°	56°	55°	53°	53°	52°	48°	44°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	53°	54°	56°	60°	63°	61°	59°	59°	59°	57°	55°	54°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	78°	81°	85°	87°	86°	80°	78°	79°	77°	79°	79°	77°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	87°	93°	94°	93°	90°	83°	85°	85°	85°	84°	82°
FROSTY MORNINGS	08	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	08	2%	26%	44%	43%	17%	2%	3%	4%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	408	38%	35%	37%	39%	48%	52%	52%	55%	49%	44%	42%
DRY DAYS	95%	94%	93%	86%	74%	47%	40%	45%	42%	71%	90%	95%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	98%	98%	96%	87%	62%	57%	64%	59%	83%	96%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.02	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.30	1.30	1.39	1.17	1.42	0.47	0.07	0.01
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	2%	1%	5%	11%	23%	18%	16%	20%	9%	3%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	56%	56%	52%	63%	72%	51%	45%	45%	50%	50%	57%	58%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 57% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 48% in rainy June and July, to a high of 71% in sunny February. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 40 on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 96 on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be a touch cooler than actual ones when the humidity is low, and pretty close to actual ones when it is moderate. The city is well-known for its pleasant climate, and being a few thousand feet lower in elevation than Mexico City, it is proportionately warmer—about 8° day and night. Many people find this a pleasant change.

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