

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MORELIA AREA, MICHOACAN, MEXICO

LOCATION: Morelia, the capital of the state of Michoacan, is located on the right bank of the Rio Grande de Morelia in the northeast part of that state. It lies about half way between Mexico City and Guadalajara. The city sits more than a mile above sea level (some 5,861 feet in elevation at the city center). Nearby hills rise several hundred feet higher. An attractive city and a University town, Morelia has attracted its share of resident Americans and Canadians.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:06	11:30	12:02	12:35	13:04	13:18	13:12	12:49	12:17	11:43	11:14	10:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:20	7:26	7:20	7:06	6:21	5:33	5:05	5:41	5:18	6:23	6:44	6:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	65%	71%	72%	66%	59%	32%	22%	29%	29%	51%	66%	61%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	41°	43°	48°	52°	55°	54°	54°	52°	48°	41°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44°	46°	50°	53°	57°	58°	57°	57°	56°	52°	48°	45°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	71°	74°	79°	82°	83°	79°	75°	75°	75°	75°	74°	71°
HIGH FOR MONTH	75°	78°	82°	85°	86°	85°	79°	78°	77°	77°	77°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	36%	32%	29%	27%	32%	45%	51%	51%	51%	45%	42%	39%
DRY DAYS	94%	93%	94%	90%	77%	45%	31%	35%	45%	73%	92%	94%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	97%	98%	95%	88%	67%	58%	62%	67%	85%	96%	98%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.08	0.28	0.88	1.08	0.96	0.85	0.34	0.11	0.07
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	3%	9%	12%	18%	17%	12%	6%	3%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	6%	3%	4%	2%	1%	3%	4%	9%	12%	15%	15%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 52% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 39% in July (the rainy season), to a high of 65% in delightful February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 36°, and the highest should be near 87°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be one or two degrees cooler than actual ones—due to the relatively low humidities and the clear mountain air. Morelia has a tropical upland climate, with two seasons. The rainy season (not all that rainy) runs from late May through the middle of October. Mornings tend to be clear at this time of year, with clouds building up as the day warms. Afternoon and evening rains are the rule. The dry seasons runs from late October through the middle of May, with the warmest temperatures (not all that hot) coming toward the end of that season. Frosty mornings are not unknown—especially in the mountains around town—but occurs perhaps once a decade in the city.