

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MACAU (MACAO) AND THE PEARL RIVER DELTA, CHINA

LOCATION: The former Portuguese territory of Macau is located in southern China. The city is situated on a peninsula in the delta of the Zhu (Pearl) River, with the former territory including much of the peninsula and two offshore islands. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:57	11:25	12:01	12:39	13:12	13:28	13:22	12:54	12:18	11:40	11:06	10:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:32	3:13	2:42	3:16	4:54	5:17	7:22	6:44	6:23	6:44	6:17	5:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	25%	19%	19%	19%	19%	30%	29%	37%	47%	48%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	44 °	45 °	50 °	58 °	67 °	72 °	75 °	75 °	72 °	63 °	53 °	46 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	55 °	56 °	61 °	68 °	75 °	78 °	79 °	79 °	77 °	72 °	65 °	57 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	64 °	63 °	67 °	75 °	82 °	86 °	88 °	88 °	86 °	81 °	74 °	67 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	75 °	76 °	81 °	86 °	90 °	92 °	94 °	93 °	93 °	89 °	83 °	78 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	30%	55%	50%	31%	4%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	75%	76%	77%	77%	77%	75%	72%	71%	65%	60%	63%
NEARBY WATERS	64 °	64 °	66 °	71 °	78 °	82 °	82 °	82 °	82 °	78 °	73 °	71 °
DRY DAYS	79%	60%	52%	52%	44%	49%	55%	50%	64%	81%	85%	89%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	79%	76%	71%	61%	65%	68%	65%	74%	88%	92%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.16	0.40	0.53	1.01	1.77	2.12	1.67	1.79	1.22	0.51	0.31	0.16
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	6%	13%	17%	21%	21%	24%	15%	4%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	9%	13%	8%	4%	2%	1%	2%	2%	4%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 43% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 22% in March, to a high of 58% in October. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 41° at some windless January sunrise, and the high will be near 95° on some sunny July afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones during the summer months, and somewhat cooler than actual ones during the winter months. This part of the coast is subject to frequent tropical storms. Indeed, the word "typhoon" derives from the Chinese term for "big wind". June through October is the most likely season, with September leading the pack. Most of the damage comes from wave action and river flooding, rather than from the wind itself. Hence, a move to higher ground when one of these storms approaches greatly reduces the likelihood of any unpleasant experience.