

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SHANGHAI AREA, CHINA

LOCATION: Shanghai, China's largest city and its major port, is located in the province of the same name (Shanghai-shi) in east-central China. The city is situated on the Huangpu River, a tributary of the Yangtze River's estuary. This location give the port a protected anchorage. Elevations are everywhere very close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:23	11:04	11:58	12:55	13:44	14:09	13:58	13:18	12:24	11:27	10:37	10:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:18	4:04	4:28	4:59	5:26	5:13	7:21	7:49	5:28	5:29	4:52	4:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	34%	29%	29%	25%	22%	31%	41%	38%	42%	45%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	24 °	29 °	38 °	48 °	59 °	68 °	68 °	57 °	43 °	31 °	23 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	34 °	40 °	50 °	59 °	68 °	75 °	75 °	67 °	57 °	46 °	36 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46 °	47 °	55 °	66 °	76 °	82 °	90 °	90 °	82 °	73 °	63 °	52 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	61 °	63 °	74 °	83 °	89 °	94 °	98 °	97 °	92 °	84 °	75 °	66 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	51%	38%	12%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	39%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	53%	40%	5%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	63%	63%	64%	63%	71%	71%	70%	69%	62%	61%	61%
NEARBY WATERS	45 °	43 °	47 °	54 °	64 °	71 °	78 °	80 °	76 °	69 °	61 °	53 °
DRY DAYS	70%	64%	59%	57%	57%	55%	64%	66%	61%	72%	71%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	82%	78%	75%	75%	68%	73%	76%	74%	84%	84%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.31	0.43	0.52	0.64	0.64	1.13	0.92	0.86	0.87	0.42	0.34	0.24
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.1 "	6.6 "	2.2 "	0.2 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	1.0 "
SNOWY DAYS	8%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	6%	6%	11%	20%	16%	7%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	10%	11%	10%	11%	9%	4%	4%	9%	12%	14%	12%

COMMENTS: Shanghai has a standard mid-latitude four-season year. Summers are long, hot, rainy, and humid. Winters are short, cold, relatively dry and relatively sunny. Spring and autumn are seasons of transitions, with spells of summer-like weather alternating with periods of winter-like weather at intervals of from three to five days. Precipitation is abundant in all seasons, with a summer maximum and a winter minimum. Shanghai is fortunate that it rarely gets the winter and spring dust storms that are so much a feature of the climate of the rest of northern China. Autumn (late September through late November) has the best weather of the year.