

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TAIPEI AND THE NORTHERN COAST, TAIWAN

LOCATION: Taipei is located on the northern coast of the island state of Taiwan. The city is situated on the estuary of the Tanshui Ho, which empties northwestward into the Taiwan Strait. Taipei is the capital of Taiwan, and has no elevations that much exceed sea level. The land slopes upward to the east, however, reaching elevations of over 3,000 feet near the east coast, some twenty miles back.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:47	11:18	12:00	12:44	13:21	13:40	13:32	13:01	12:20	11:36	10:58	10:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:14	3:07	3:19	4:08	4:47	5:47	7:20	7:06	6:28	4:57	3:56	3:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	26%	24%	28%	30%	33%	45%	45%	43%	40%	33%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	44 °	45 °	48 °	53 °	62 °	67 °	72 °	71 °	67 °	60 °	51 °	46 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	54 °	54 °	58 °	64 °	70 °	74 °	77 °	76 °	74 °	68 °	63 °	57 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	66 °	66 °	70 °	77 °	83 °	88 °	92 °	91 °	88 °	81 °	75 °	69 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	79 °	80 °	85 °	90 °	92 °	95 °	96 °	96 °	94 °	91 °	86 °	81 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%	47%	82%	72%	38%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	77%	77%	76%	76%	75%	69%	70%	73%	73%	74%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	62 °	60 °	60 °	65 °	72 °	77 °	81 °	82 °	80 °	75 °	70 °	64 °
DRY DAYS	54%	45%	46%	51%	51%	55%	65%	60%	57%	61%	55%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	68%	66%	68%	69%	72%	79%	75%	75%	82%	77%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.55	1.02	1.06	1.18	1.35	1.80	1.39	1.51	1.37	0.71	0.53	0.46
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	3%	7%	10%	11%	23%	25%	21%	14%	3%	0%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	8%	10%	7%	4%	6%	3%	2%	3%	4%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Taipei has what is essentially a two-season year, although arguments could be made for four seasons. Precipitation is abundant in every month, with a distinct summer maximum. Below-freezing temperatures have been recorded, but are extremely rare at this elevation. The result is a climate very similar to that of Miami, with a hot rainy season and a mild less rainy season. Summer and early autumn are also the seasons for typhoons, and these tropical storms traditionally do considerable damage--chiefly through flooding. Since most approach from the south and east, Taipei's location on the northwest coast serves to protect it from the worst of these storms' effects.