

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE VICTORIA AREA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA

LOCATION: Victoria, the capital of British Columbia, is located on the southeastern tip of Vancouver Island, off the southwestern corner of the mainland part of the province. The metropolitan area is bordered by the Strait of Georgia to the north and east, and by the Strait of Juan de Fuca on the south and west. Elevations are close to sea level. Victoria is connected by ferry service to the Vancouver area, and to Port Townsend and Port Angeles on Washington's Olympic Peninsula.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:49	10:10	11:52	13:39	15:12	16:03	15:41	14:21	12:39	10:53	9:18	8:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:09	3:21	4:48	6:35	8:19	8:50	10:32	9:22	6:53	4:22	2:31	1:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	28%	33%	35%	40%	43%	53%	54%	50%	36%	26%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	24 °	27 °	31 °	33 °	40 °	45 °	48 °	47 °	43 °	38 °	32 °	27 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	36 °	38 °	41 °	46 °	50 °	52 °	52 °	49 °	45 °	40 °	37 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	46 °	50 °	56 °	61 °	65 °	69 °	69 °	65 °	57 °	49 °	45 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	53 °	59 °	67 °	74 °	79 °	83 °	82 °	78 °	68 °	57 °	53 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	40%	31%	21%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	24%	39%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	76%	71%	65%	63%	64%	62%	66%	69%	77%	85%	85%
NEARBY WATERS	46 °	45 °	46 °	48 °	52 °	56 °	57 °	59 °	55 °	51 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	39%	46%	52%	63%	71%	75%	86%	84%	71%	55%	38%	37%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	72%	77%	82%	86%	88%	94%	92%	86%	76%	65%	66%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.76	0.59	0.39	0.22	0.17	0.16	0.08	0.12	0.24	0.46	0.75	0.82
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SNOWY DAYS	5%	5%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	8%	5%	2%	5%	6%	13%	18%	20%	18%	11%	11%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 47% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 23% in December, to a high of 67% in July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 20°, and the highest should be near 87°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The bulk of the mountainous interior of Vancouver Island produces a "rain shadow" over Victoria, reducing the precipitation significantly from what it is on the windward side of the island. Summers enjoy long, fairly sunny, mild to warm afternoons. Winter afternoons are short, very cloudy, chilly, and usually wet. Snowfalls occur only three or four times a winter, but flurries are much more common.