

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE QUITO AREA, ECUADOR

LOCATION: Quito, the capital and primate city of Ecuador, is located in the north-central part of that country. The city is situated in the Andes Mountains in the high and narrow valley of the Guallabamba River. Quito is more than 9,000 feet above sea level. The valley runs north-south and is surrounded by snow-capped mountains, some reaching to almost 20,000 in elevation. Even in the city, altitude sickness is a real possibility in susceptible individuals. All visitors should take time to acclimate to the elevations before engaging in strenuous activities or alcoholic beverages.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:08	12:08	12:07	12:07	12:07	12:07	12:07	12:07	12:07	12:07	12:08	12:08
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:21	4:57	4:26	4:40	5:23	6:16	7:05	7:09	8:27	5:25	5:41	5:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	23%	23%	23%	27%	40%	44%	44%	39%	28%	29%	32%
LOW FOR MONTH	42 °	43 °	44 °	44 °	44 °	41 °	40 °	41 °	42 °	43 °	41 °	42 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	47 °	48 °	48 °	48 °	48 °	46 °	45 °	45 °	46 °	47 °	46 °	47 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	67 °	67 °	67 °	68 °	68 °	68 °	70 °	71 °	71 °	70 °	70 °	69 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	75 °	74 °	76 °	74 °	74 °	75 °	75 °	75 °	77 °	75 °	75 °	75 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	60%	61%	64%	62%	53%	47%	45%	51%	59%	59%	59%
DRY DAYS	54%	47%	40%	28%	38%	63%	77%	72%	59%	43%	53%	53%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	68%	64%	57%	65%	81%	91%	88%	79%	66%	72%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.77	0.92	0.95	1.13	0.84	0.31	0.12	0.15	0.32	0.82	0.68	0.65
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	11%	14%	20%	28%	20%	11%	5%	7%	20%	26%	17%	11%
FOGGY DAYS	18%	17%	17%	16%	15%	13%	10%	12%	16%	21%	20%	21%

COMMENTS: Quito has a tropical highland climate. Since the city is only a few miles from the Equator, there is little variation in the length of the day or in temperatures from one month to the next. The two seasons are defined by the rainfall, which can vary considerably from one year to the next. Generally, the rainy season runs from October through May, while the shorter dry season lasts from June through September. Quito's rain falls mostly as localized showers---one part of the city will get drenched while another will get nary a drop. Heavy rains tend to be most common in the afternoon and evening hours. Even so, rain only falls on 9% of the year's daylight hours. Quito residents will humorously deny this statistic, as well as the existence of a dry season. They claim that Quito gets thirteen months of rain per year!