

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NOGALES BORDER COUNTRY, SONORA

LOCATION: Nogales is located in the north-central part of the state of Sonora, up against the international border with Arizona. Across the border, is the smaller town of Nogales, Arizona. Situated in the Sonoran Desert, Nogales is the northern terminus of Mexico's magnificent Pacific Coast Highway. Elevations in the area are just under 4,000 feet above sea level. The name "nogales" refers to the walnut trees that once flourished in the area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:00	11:26	12:01	12:38	13:09	13:25	13:18	12:52	12:18	11:41	11:09	10:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:47	9:24	10:21	11:30	12:13	12:29	10:35	10:32	10:42	10:16	9:28	8:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	57%	58%	68%	74%	78%	52%	57%	71%	72%	68%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	17°	19°	23°	29°	34°	45°	54°	52°	43°	31°	22°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	30°	34°	39°	44°	55°	64°	62°	55°	44°	34°	28°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	64°	67°	70°	78°	85°	95°	93°	91°	89°	82°	72°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	78°	80°	89°	96°	103°	101°	100°	97°	91°	83°	74°
FROSTY MORNINGS	79%	73%	56%	22%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	57%	77%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	29%	77%	73%	57%	50%	13%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	33%	33%	28%	25%	24%	25%	43%	49%	43%	40%	42%	44%
DRY DAYS	87%	88%	89%	93%	97%	90%	51%	58%	80%	92%	93%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	91%	92%	97%	98%	97%	66%	73%	88%	94%	95%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.05	0.02	0.08	0.66	0.59	0.27	0.15	0.12	0.18
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%	8%	39%	39%	16%	6%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 85% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 79% in July and December, to a high of 93% in May and June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 9°, and the highest should be near 105°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones most of the year, but a touch warmer than actual ones in the July and August thunderstorm season. American car insurance is not valid in Mexico. If you drive your own car, you must get Mexican insurance. This is readily available from a number of sources, both in Nogales and elsewhere in the Southwest. Remember that Mexico, like most European countries, has a legal system that is based on the Napoleonic Code. In case any legal infraction leads to your arrest, you are presumed guilty until you prove your innocence (from your jail cell, in some circumstances). Having American citizenship make no difference whatsoever.