

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE RIO VERDE AREA, MEXICO

DESCRIPTION: The town of Rio Verde is located in the southeastern portion of the state of San Luis Potosi. The town is situated on the Rio Verde (Green River), along highway 70, about a third of the way from San Luis Potosi to Tampico. This is within the Sierra Madre Oriental, and the river drains into the Gulf of Mexico at Tampico. Elevations in Rio Verde are around 3,300 feet above sea level, putting it still within the *Tierra Caliente*.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:58	11:25	12:01	12:39	13:11	13:27	13:21	12:54	12:18	11:40	11:07	10:50
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:35	5:41	5:58	6:00	6:37	6:58	6:19	6:31	4:56	5:35	4:58	5:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	46%	42%	40%	45%	42%	42%	44%	33%	44%	41%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	35°	38°	40°	48°	55°	59°	59°	60°	56°	48°	41°	37°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	49°	51°	54°	60°	64°	66°	65°	65°	64°	59°	54°	51°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	73°	78°	85°	89°	91°	90°	86°	88°	84°	81°	77°	73°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	93°	99°	102°	102°	100°	95°	94°	93°	91°	89°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	2%	9%	37%	46%	57%	55%	27%	36%	19%	7%	5%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	46%	41%	36%	36%	41%	45%	51%	47%	54%	52%	48%	47%
DRY DAYS	91%	92%	94%	88%	83%	74%	66%	73%	64%	80%	88%	89%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	97%	98%	94%	90%	83%	80%	84%	77%	89%	95%	96%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.10	0.32	0.60	0.51	0.38	0.73	0.25	0.11	0.07
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	5%	7%	6%	8%	6%	2%	2%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	30%	28%	27%	31%	31%	26%	24%	24%	27%	28%	30%	29%

CLIMATE: Bright sunshine is likely on 48% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 40% in stormy September, to a high of 52% in June. The relatively low percentages of sunshine are due both the location of the city in a deep valley, and to the persistent fog and low cloud that characterize the area throughout the year. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 31° at some clear and calm January sunrise, and the highest should be near 104° on some equally clear and windless early summer afternoon. Clear skies and calm airs tend to make the high temperatures higher and the low ones lower. The year's highest temperatures tend to come in early summer, before the summer rains cool things off a bit. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The area has a two-season year. The rainy season starts in May, peaks once in June, then has a second peak during the tropical storms of September. It tapers off quickly, and the dry season starts in late October and runs through April. Although one or two below-freezing nights will occur, vegetative growth continues throughout the year.