

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE QUERETARO AREA, MEXICO

LOCATION: Queretaro, the capital of the Mexican state of the same name, is located in central Mexico some one-hundred miles northwest of Mexico City. The city is the center of an agricultural and ranching area, and is situated on Mexico's great Central Plateau at an elevation of over 6,000 feet above sea level. The town is noted for its fine colonial architecture and its role in Mexican history.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 11:02 | 11:28 | 12:01 | 12:37 | 13:07 | 13:22 | 13:16 | 12:51 | 12:17 | 11:42 | 11:11 | 10:55 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 9:09 | 9:24 | 9:49 | 9:21 | 8:53 | 8:45 | 7:49 | 8:53 | 8:13 | 8:02 | 8:22 | 7:49 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 72% | 74% | 72% | 67% | 60% | 48% | 45% | 47% | 46% | 58% | 64% | 63% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 37° | 38° | 43° | 50° | 55° | 56° | 56° | 55° | 53° | 48° | 43° | 39° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 45° | 46° | 50° | 55° | 58° | 59° | 58° | 57° | 57° | 53° | 49° | 46° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 70° | 73° | 79° | 82° | 83° | 80° | 77° | 78° | 77° | 76° | 74° | 70° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 75° | 78° | 84° | 90° | 91° | 90° | 81° | 81° | 81° | 81° | 77° | 75° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 2% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 2% | 7% | 22% | 12% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 33% | 30% | 29% | 28% | 33% | 42% | 47% | 47% | 47% | 40% | 38% | 39% |
| DRY DAYS | 93% | 93% | 93% | 86% | 79% | 65% | 62% | 64% | 68% | 81% | 88% | 90% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 97% | 97% | 97% | 93% | 89% | 78% | 75% | 78% | 80% | 90% | 95% | 97% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.06 | 0.04 | 0.05 | 0.09 | 0.24 | 0.65 | 0.72 | 0.59 | 0.62 | 0.23 | 0.08 | 0.07 |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 1% | 1% | 4% | 8% | 9% | 14% | 16% | 13% | 10% | 4% | 2% | 1% |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG | 23% | 16% | 14% | 18% | 19% | 21% | 22% | 25% | 24% | 26% | 24% | 25% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 72% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 59% during the rains of July, to a high of 83% during the clear skies of January. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 36° on some calm and clear January sunrise, and the highest should be near 92° on some sunny and windless afternoon in May or June, before the summer rains. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be from one to four degrees cooler than actual temperatures, due to the relatively low afternoon humidity. The area has a mountain variation of the three-season tropical year. The cool dry season runs from October through the middle of April, and brings the area its best weather. The hot and humid season runs from late April through early July, and brings the area its most oppressive weather—somewhat modified by the elevation. The warm rainy season runs from the middle of July through September. The cloud cover and the rain keeps most days from getting too hot. The hottest days will be the clear sunny ones. During the cool season, below-freezing temperatures and snow flurries are not unknown, but are quite rare.