SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ENSENADA RESORT AREA, MEXICO

LOCATION: Ensenada, one of Mexico's major ports, is located on the Pacific coast of Baja California in northwestern Mexico. The city is situated on the shores of the Bahia de Todos Santos, some seventy miles south of the U. S. border. It is a frequent stop for U. S. cruise ships; and attracts both retirees and youthful party-seekers from southern California. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:20	11:02	11:58	12:57	13:46	14:12	14:01	13:20	12:24	11:26	10:34	10:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:12	7:42	8:16	8:41	8:14	8:22	9:31	9:21	8:40	7:54	7:59	7:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	50%	51%	51%	48%	52%	60%	63%	64%	61%	63%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	37°	37°	42°	44°	48°	52°	57°	56°	51°	44°	40°	38°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	45°	46°	48°	53°	55°	57°	61°	62°	60°	55°	49°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	64°	65°	66°	67°	69°	71°	74°	75°	75°	72°	71°	67°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	73°	79°	76°	79°	84°	80°	80°	88 *	86°	85°	77°
FROSTY MORNINGS	28	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	1%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0 %	0 %	1%	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	2%	2%	2%	0 %
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	56%	57%	63%	61%	62%	65%	67%	65%	62%	51%	53%
NEARBY WATERS	58°	59°	59°	60°	62°	65°	67°	69°	68°	66°	63°	61°
DRY DAYS	78%	80%	78%	86%	94%	97%	99%	99%	96%	93%	85%	82%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	87%	89%	93%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	93%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.40	0.27	0.16	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.09	0.14	0.32
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0 %	0%	0 %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0 %	0%	0 %
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	18	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	1%	0 %	0 %	0 %
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	68	7%	5%	5%	1%	4 %	2%	1%	9%	11%	8 %	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 58% in June, to a high of 76% in sunny November. The year's lowest temperature should be close to freezing, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones. The area has a two-season mid-latitude coastal desert climate. Summers are generally rainless, with mild to warm afternoons and cool to mild nights. The cool Pacific waters offshore and the prevailing winds from the west off the ocean combine to keep temperatures from getting very high during the summer months. Winters are generally sunny, with cool to mild afternoons and chilly to cool nights. Rainfall is light, and is more likely to be showery than persistent. There is considerable variation in rainfall from one year to another. The waters of the Pacific Ocean are about ten degrees cooler than the Atlantic waters at similar latitudes. This is due to the clockwise rotation of ocean currents in each of the ocean basins, bringing warmer waters from the south on east coasts, and cooler waters from the north on west coasts.