

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PUERTO VALLARTA AREA, MEXICO

LOCATION: The resort community of Puerto Vallarta is located on the Pacific coast of Mexico, in the state of Jalisco. The city is situated at the mouth of the Rio Cuale, as it empties into the Bahia de Banderas (Bay of Flags). Elevations in the city are close to sea level, but the jungle-covered mountains rise up just inland. Newer developments have extended the resort area both northward and southward along the shores of the bay.

	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	7:05	7:49	8:14	8:15	8:33	7:55	6:59	7:08	6:31	7:47	7:50	6:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	62%	69%	68%	66%	66%	48%	34%	34%	37%	58%	67%	63%
LOW FOR MONTH	56°	55°	57°	58°	62°	70°	72°	72°	72°	69°	62°	58°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	62°	62°	63°	65°	70°	76°	76°	76°	76°	74°	69°	65°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	80°	80°	81°	83°	85°	88°	89°	90°	90°	89°	86°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	86°	85°	87°	87°	89°	91°	92°	94°	93°	91°	89°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	1%	5%	45%	66%	77%	72%	58%	6%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	63%	63%	65%	66%	67%	67%	68%	69%	67%	66%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	77°	75°	74°	76°	79°	82°	84°	85°	85°	84°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	93%	96%	99%	99%	96%	68%	51%	50%	54%	85%	95%	94%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	96%	99%	99%	99%	72%	56%	59%	57%	86%	97%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.07	0.18	0.01	0.00	0.03	1.21	1.68	1.69	1.98	0.71	0.11	0.13
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	44%	48%	41%	13%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	5%	2%	6%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	2%	2%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 53% in September, to a high of 70% in November. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 53°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible summer afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 10° warmer than actual ones. The two seasons are based primarily on rainfall. The rainy season runs from early June through early October. The higher afternoon humidity of this time of year combine with high temperatures to raise the sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) many degrees above those seen in the table above or on the thermometers. Most of the rain will come as a series of heavy but brief showers, with dry spells in between. The bulk of these showers occur during the night and early morning hours. The dry season extends from the middle of October through the end of May. The "high" season for the resorts of the area, is usually from Christmas through Easter.