

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MOUNT ISA MINING DISTRICT (QUEENSLAND), AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Mount Isa is located in northeastern Australia, in the state of Queensland. The town is situated some 1,130 feet above sea level at the foot of the Selwyn Range, in the Cloncurry Plateau district of the western part of Queensland. A tributary (usually dry) of the Leichardt River flows through the community, and Mount Isa itself rises some 440 feet (whoopee!) higher behind the town. The area's prosperity depends on the mining of rich deposits of copper, silver, lead, and zinc.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:14	12:48	12:14	11:39	11:09	10:55	11:01	11:25	11:58	12:34	13:05	13:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:00	9:00	8:48	9:30	9:24	9:24	9:42	10:18	10:12	10:00	9:54	9:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	50%	57%	66%	69%	77%	81%	84%	80%	71%	64%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	70°	71°	65°	59°	51°	42°	39°	43°	50°	56°	66°	68°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76°	75°	72°	66°	59°	51°	49°	52°	59°	66°	72°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	97°	95°	93°	88°	81°	75°	75°	80°	86°	93°	97°	98°
HIGH FOR MONTH	103°	104°	99°	93°	87°	82°	82°	87°	94°	100°	103°	104°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	81%	77%	76%	41%	4%	0%	0%	5%	29%	72%	82%	89%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	31%	33%	31%	27%	30%	28%	26%	20%	18%	19%	20%	25%
DRY DAYS	71%	72%	80%	93%	93%	97%	97%	97%	93%	90%	83%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	80%	88%	97%	97%	99%	99%	99%	98%	95%	92%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.64	0.65	0.39	0.11	0.11	0.02	0.05	0.03	0.06	0.12	0.16	0.41
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	13%	13%	6%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	5%	10%	17%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 79% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a "low" of 68% in January, to a high of 90% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 107° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones, due to the low humidity. Below-freezing temperatures are not unknown, but do not occur in most years. When they do, it is usually about sunrise following a clear and still night. Mount Isa enjoys a two-season year, one that is characteristic of the borderlands of tropical deserts. The (relatively) rainy season runs from November through March. It is also the high-sun period; and, consequently, the hotter of the two seasons. The cooler and dryer and sunnier season (best for a visit) runs from April through October.