

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NOGALES BORDER COUNTRY, ARIZONA

LOCATION: Nogales, the county seat of Santa Cruz County, is located right on the Mexican border in south-central Arizona. The city is situated in the northern foothills of the great Sierra Madre mountain system. The elevation is about 3,800 feet above sea level. Coronado National Forest covers the mountains on either side of Nogales, and that city is an excellent base of operations and supply for trips into the Forest. Tumacacori National Historic Park is some twenty miles north on I-19, and the Buenos Aires National Wildlife Refuge is some 45 miles west.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:22	11:04	11:58	12:56	13:44	14:10	13:59	13:18	12:24	11:27	10:36	10:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:17	9:05	10:19	11:46	12:46	13:10	11:07	10:53	10:47	10:04	9:00	8:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	57%	58%	68%	74%	78%	52%	57%	71%	72%	68%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	17°	19°	23°	29°	34°	45°	54°	52°	43°	31°	22°	12°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	30°	34°	39°	44°	55°	64°	62°	55°	44°	34°	28°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	64°	67°	70°	78°	85°	95°	93°	91°	89°	82°	72°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	78°	80°	89°	96°	103°	101°	100°	97°	91°	83°	74°
FROSTY MORNINGS	79%	73%	56%	22%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	57%	77%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	29%	77%	73%	57%	50%	13%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	33%	33%	28%	25%	24%	25%	43%	49%	43%	40%	42%	44%
DRY DAYS	87%	88%	89%	93%	97%	90%	51%	58%	80%	92%	93%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	91%	92%	97%	98%	97%	66%	73%	88%	94%	95%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.17	0.13	0.13	0.05	0.02	0.08	0.66	0.59	0.27	0.15	0.12	0.18
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	2%	5%	8%	39%	39%	16%	6%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 85% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 79% in July and December, to a high of 93% in May and June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 9°, and the highest should be near 105°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° cooler than actual ones most of the year, but a touch warmer than actual ones in the July and August thunderstorm season. American car insurance is not valid in Mexico. If you drive your own car, you must get Mexican insurance. This is readily available from a number of sources, both in Nogales and elsewhere in the Southwest. Remember that Mexico, like most European countries, has a legal system that is based on the Napoleonic Code. In case any legal infraction leads to your arrest, you are presumed guilty until you prove your innocence (from your jail cell, in some circumstances). Having American citizenship make no difference whatsoever.