



## CLIMATE IN INDIA

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Indian climate in general knows three seasons: the hot, the wet and the cool.

In the north, the **hot** season starts in February. In May and June in the northern Ganges plains, temperatures easily reach 40 °C. You would most certainly feel more comfortable in the Himalayan region. In Rajasthan you could escape to higher grounds by going to Mount Abu; in the south the British 'Hillstations' named Kodaikanal and Ooty are very suitable.

The best time to visit India in general is from October till March. In the south, December till September is very agreeable. From March till August the north-east of India is welcoming. But then again, the country is so vast, that there is always a comfortable spot somewhere!

The **wet** season starts at the end of May. The summer-monsoon enters India from the South-West (Kerala, Maharashtra). As a rule it rains every day, but not all day. Most of the rain falls in July and August. The showers can be pretty intense, due to which 'doing Mumbai' is not advisable in this time period. But don't let it deter you from coming to India! Especially Rajasthan's desert is at its best during the rainy season, with – at last – bearable temperatures. From October 15 till Christmas, the south-Indian coastal region is blessed with a lot of rain due to the winter-monsoon. The summer monsoon normally starts at Trivandrum (Kerala) at June 1, at Mumbai (Maharashtra) at June 5, at Hyderabad (Andhra Pradesh) at June 10, at Kolkata (Calcutta/West Bengal) at June 15, at Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh) at June 20, at Agra (Uttar Pradesh) at June 25 and at Delhi (Uttar Pradesh) at June 30.

From November onwards starts the **cool** season. Nature is at its greenest and the (heavy) rains are over and done, except in the south, where at New Year's Day it could still be drizzling. In the 'Hillstations' (and in Delhi!) temperatures can drop to near freezing point at night in December. Take a sweater if you're heading there. In the coastal regions the sea-wind moderates the weather extremes and it is comfortable in winter-time.

## Delhi

	JAN	FEB	MRT	APR	MEI	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DEC
maximum temp	21	24	30	36	41	40	35	33	34	33	29	23
minimum temp	8	10	16	21	27	29	28	27	25	19	12	9
Sun hours per day	7	9	8	9	8	6	6	6	7	9	10	9
Rain (mm)	20	20	20	10	10	60	200	180	140	20	0	10
% Humidity (morning)	72	67	49	35	35	53	75	80	72	56	51	69
% Humidity (afternoon)	41	35	23	19	20	36	59	64	51	32	31	42

## Calcutta

	JAN	FEB	MRT	APR	MEI	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DEC
maximum temp	27	29	34	36	35	34	32	32	33	32	29	26
minimum temp	13	16	21	24	26	27	27	26	26	24	19	13
Sun hours per day	8	9	9	9	8	5	4	4	5	7	8	8
Rain (mm)	0	20	40	40	120	280	320	320	240	120	20	0
% Humidity (morning)	85	82	79	76	77	82	86	88	86	85	79	80
% Humidity (afternoon)	52	45	46	56	62	75	80	82	81	72	63	55

## Chennai (Madras)

	JAN	FEB	MRT	APR	MEI	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DEC
maximum temp	29	31	33	35	38	37	36	35	34	32	30	29
minimum temp	20	20	23	26	28	27	26	25	25	24	22	20
Sun hours per day	9	10	10	10	9	7	5	6	7	7	7	7
Rain (mm)	40	5	5	20	40	60	100	120	120	200	360	160
% Humidity (morning)	67	66	67	72	67	61	62	66	70	75	75	72

## Mumbai (Bombay)

	JAN	FEB	MRT	APR	MEI	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DEC
maximum temp	29	29	30	32	33	32	30	30	30	32	32	31
minimum temp	23	20	23	25	28	27	26	25	25	25	23	20
Sun hours per day	9	10	9	10	10	5	2	3	5	8	9	9
Rain (mm)	0	0	0	0	10	500	640	380	280	80	10	0
% Humidity (morning)	70	71	73	75	74	79	83	83	85	81	73	70
% Humidity (afternoon)	61	62	65	67	68	77	83	81	78	71	64	62

## Darjeeling

	JAN	FEB	MRT	APR	MEI	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OKT	NOV	DEC
maximum temp	8	9	14	16	17	18	19	18	17	15	12	10
minimum temp	2	3	6	10	11	13	16	15	13	10	6	2
Rain (mm)	5	20	40	110	200	600	800	640	440	120	20	5