

## Sedona Weather Patterns

Spring and fall continue to be the most popular tourism months in Sedona with daily highs in the mid to high 70's Fahrenheit and night time temperatures dropping about 30 degrees sometime during the night. This makes for perfect hiking weather or to enjoy any of the other outdoor activities in the area. Average rainfall ranges from a half inch to less than 2 inches during any given month, so the chances of needing your umbrella are extremely unlikely.

While Sedona experiences a "monsoon" season during the summer months of July and August, these are not the endless torrential monsoons one often associates with Southeast Asia and other parts of the world. In Sedona, monsoons are generally short periods of heavy, yet welcome, rain storms which may occur in the late afternoon or early evening. Locals and returning tourists actually look forward to these refreshing showers which begin just as the heat of the day seems to peak. The chances of your trip being ruined by continual rain is extremely unlikely because even in the longest monsoon seasons, total rainfall in July and August averages just over 4 inches combined. The days will usually start out sunny and as temperatures rise, clouds will begin to gather, dropping sporadic yet heavy rain throughout the Sedona and Verde Valley area. With the rain comes cooler temperatures, with the sky generally clearing by early evening making way for Sedona's famous cool, star watching craze.

Month	High*	Low*	Rainfall	Sunshine	Sunrise	Sunset
January	55	30	1.7"	77%	7:35	5:39
February	59	32	1.5"	73%	7:13	6:10
March	63	35	1.7"	76%	6:37	6:36
April	72	42	1.2"	83%	5:55	7:00
May	81	49	0.6"	89%	5:23	7:24
June	91	57	0.5"	85%	5:13	7:43
July	95	65	1.9"	77%	5:25	7:41
August	92	64	2.4"	78%	5:48	7:15
September	88	58	1.5"	81%	6:10	6:33
October	78	48	1.1"	79%	6:33	5:52
November	65	37	1.3"	76%	7:02	5:22
December	56	31	1.7"	74%	7:27	5:18

\*Average high and low temperatures listed in degrees Fahrenheit.

While daytime temperatures in the summer can become very hot, Sedona's 4,500 foot altitude results in much cooler temperatures than the scorchers of [Phoenix](#), just 100 miles to the south. In July, the warmest month in Sedona, the average high is only 95 and in August it falls to an average of 92. Night time lows in the summer average in the cool mid 60's. Surprisingly, tourism in Sedona does slow dramatically during July and August even though temperatures are 10 to 15 degrees cooler than Phoenix during the day, and maybe as much as 30 degrees cooler at night. This can make for quite a bargain for the savvy tourist who is looking for discounted room rates in July and August. Temperatures of over 100 degrees in Sedona are fairly rare, with the highest temperature in July 2006 maxing at 103, but with humidity sometimes falling into the single digits. (Locals in Sedona would take this any day of the week over other parts of the country where temperatures and humidity often share the same sweltering numbers.)

Winter months are more like the cool fall of the Midwest, averaging daytime highs in the mid-to-high 50's. It may freeze at night in Sedona in the winter, but NEVER during the day. Snow is rare, but breathtaking when it happens. And pictures must be taken quickly because the bright [Arizona](#) sun usually melts it away by day's end. Almost no resident of Sedona owns a snow shovel.

Because Sedona does experience seasonal changes, it is well known for its spectacular foliage during October and November, especially in the [Oak Creek Canyon](#) area. Foliage changes in Oak Creek Canyon have been known to rival those of the beautiful forests of the Northeast and are the subject of many photographic journals in the well known "Arizona Highways".

For more specific weather information, the following websites can provide you with a good feel of what to expect at different times of the year.

- [The Weather Channel](#) - Find out Sedona's monthly or daily average temperatures, as well as record highs and lows and average precipitation.
- [SilverBear's Weather Report](#) - Daily weather, forecast, statistics, weather conversion calculator
- [Wunderground](#) - 5-day forecast, weather advisories, history & almanac, seasonal weather averages, etc.