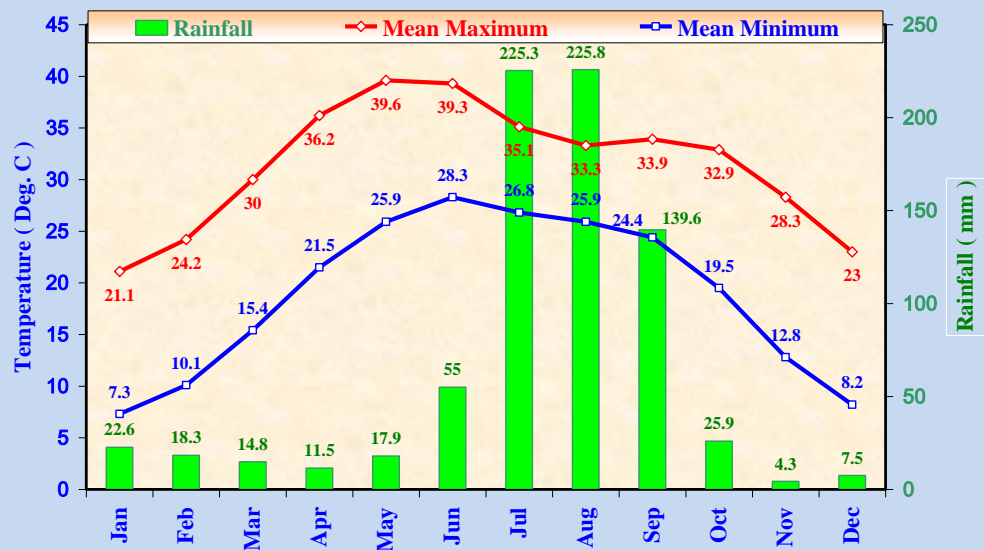


Climate of Delhi at a Glance – A Tourist Guide



Mean Maximum/Minimum Temperatures and Monthly Rainfall over Delhi



Climate of Delhi

New Delhi - the capital of India - is a land locked city. The distance from the sea gives Delhi an extreme type of continental climate with the prevalence of continental air during major parts of the year. Only during the three monsoon months of July, August and September does the air of oceanic origin penetrate to this region and causes increased humidity, cloudiness and rain. The year can be broadly divided into four seasons. The cold season starts from December and extends up to end of February. This is followed by the hot weather season which lasts till about end of June when monsoon arrives over the region. The monsoon continues till the third week of September. The two post monsoon months of October and November constitute a transition season from monsoon to winter conditions.

The summers in Delhi are very hot and winters very cold. The temperature may rise up to about 45 degrees Celsius in summers, though the average temperature is around 39-40 degree Celsius. There are about 4-6 days of heat wave when the maximum temperature of a day rises 4-6 degree Celsius above the normal values. Adequate precaution has to be taken on such days before going out in the hot summer afternoons. Though the winters are not bitterly cold on most of the days, the temperatures may fall to 3-4 degree Celsius on for a few days in winters when the cold winds from the Himalayas prevail over the region making the winters chilly. The winters are also marked by mist and fog in the mornings though the Sun is often out in the afternoons.

If you are traveling to Delhi, the best time would be during October to March. During October and November weather would be very comfortable; and during December and January you can enjoy the cold weather with occasional rainy days. During February and March nights are cool and the days filled with bright sunshine. So winter is the best season to visit Delhi. It is not that in summer you can't visit Delhi. In summer, the days are hot and nights warm. The rain loving tourists may also visit Delhi during Monsoon season, though it could become quite sultry on individual days.

Averages

Month	Mean Max. Temp. (°C)	Mean Min. Temp. (°C)	Relative Humidity (%)		Month's Total Rain (mm)	Rainy days		Days with	
			Mor-Ning	Eve-ning		≥ 2.5mm	≥ 0.3mm	Thunder	Fog
JAN.	21.1	7.3	77	45	22.6	1.7	2.8	1.4	6.8
FEB.	24.2	10.1	68	37	18.3	1.3	2.4	1.9	2.1
MAR.	30.0	15.4	56	29	14.8	1.2	3.0	3.1	0.3
APR.	36.2	21.5	39	20	11.5	0.9	1.7	2.6	0
MAY	39.6	25.9	37	21	17.9	1.4	2.8	4.8	0
JUNE	39.3	28.3	52	35	55.0	3.6	5.9	6.0	0
JULY	35.1	26.8	75	61	225.3	10.0	13.8	8.0	0
AUG.	33.3	25.9	80	68	225.8	11.3	14.6	7.8	0
SEP.	33.9	24.4	72	56	139.6	5.4	7.4	4.0	0.1
OCT.	32.9	19.5	62	41	25.9	1.6	2.1	1.6	0.2
NOV.	28.3	12.8	61	40	4.3	0.1	0.7	0.3	1.1
DEC.	23.0	8.2	73	47	7.5	0.6	1.2	0.8	6.2
Annual	31.4	18.8	63	42	768.5	39.1	58.4	42.3	16.8

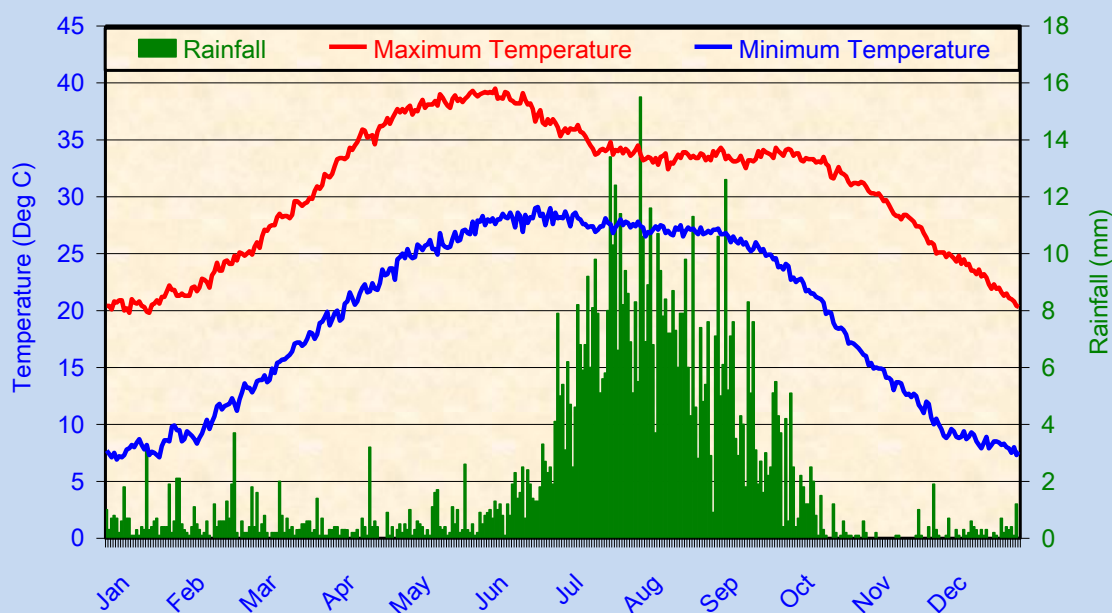
Extremes

Month	Highest Maximum		Lowest Minimum		Highest rainfall		Heaviest rainfall	
	Temperature		Temperature		in the month		in 24 Hours	
	°C	Date (Year)	°C	Date (Year)	(mm)	Year	(mm)	Date (year)
JAN.	30.0	29 (1991)	-0.6	16 (1935)	173.2	1885	116.8	28 (1885)
FEB.	34.1	26 (2006)	1.7	11 (1950)	153.4	1915	104.1	21 (1942)
MAR.	40.6	31 (1945)	4.4	06 (1945)	78.2	1915	62.2	11 (1915)
APR.	45.6	29 (1941)	10.7	02 (1965)	183.5	1983	134	16 (1983)
MAY	47.2	29 (1944)	15.2	02 (1969)	165	2008	60	24 (1976)
JUNE	46.7	17 (1945)	18.9	23 (1932)	414.8	1936	235.5	28 (1936)
JULY	45.0	01 (1931)	18.4	31 (1991)	632.2	2003	266.2	21 (1958)
AUG.	41.0	03 (1972)	21.2	23 (1965)	583.3	1961	184	2 (19610)
SEP.	40.6	16 (1938)	17.3	26 (1964)	492.3	1900	176.5	16 (1904)
OCT.	39.4	17 (1951)	9.4	31 (1937)	238.3	1954	172.7	1 (1954)
NOV.	36.1	03 (2001)	3.9	28 (1938)	100.1	1972	93.4	27 (1972)
DEC.	29.3	03 (1987)	1.1	26 (1945)	134.4	1884	53.3	15 (1894)
Annual	47.2	29 (1944)	-0.6	16 (1935)	1533.1	1933	266.2	21 (1958)

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