

SOUTHEAST ASIA

JUL-OCT
MAR-MAY
JUN NOV-FEB

WEATHER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
18°C - 30°C			25°C - 32°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
23°C - 31°C			20°C - 29°C		

PEAK DATES
 CHINESE NEW YEAR
 SONGKRAN
 SCHOOL HOLIDAY
 TET

TIPS

- Tropical climate. Generally hot with high humidity with some wet weather throughout the year and monsoon months.
- Northern parts of Thailand, Vietnam, Laos have cooler, milder temperatures, especially in mountainous areas.
- Monsoon seasons affect different parts of Southeast Asia at different times.
- Closures: During Tet in Vietnam, many businesses and museums closed. Lots of locals travel, hotels full. Avoid.
- Closures: During Ramadan, in Malaysia and Indonesia many things are closed or quiet.
- Closures: During Nyepi, Bali observes a 'Day of Silence'. Everything goes dark, everyone stays indoors.
- Ballooning in Myanmar is only available on one stretch of weather-friendly months in the year. Plan ahead.
- Philippines: Take note of the typhoon forecasts

EAST ASIA

JAN-MAR
JUN-JUL SEPT-DEC
APR-MAY AUG

WEATHER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
4°C - 21°C			13°C - 28°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
23°C - 33°C			8°C - 25°C		

PEAK DATES
 SAKURA MATSURI
 AUTUMN FOLIAGE
 PING XI
 GOLDEN WEEK
 BIG CONVENTIONS

TIPS

- Book early for Cherry Blossoms season. Bloom dates vary year to year.
- Japan: During Golden Week (end-April to early-May), transport and tourist sites get extremely crowded.
- Taiwan: Typhoon Season from Jun-Sept
- Winter is low season except on the ski slopes. Great for winter sports.
- Spring is a great time to visit National Parks and scenic areas like Taroko, Yangmingshan, Seoraksan, and Alishan.
- Official climbing season for Mt Fuji is Jul-Sept. Facilities are closed outside this season.
- Get the Japan Rail Pass before you get to Japan

SOUTH ASIA

APR-JUN
JUL-NOV
DEC-MAR

WEATHER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
					PRE-MONSOON
7°C - 28°C			22°C - 39°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MONSOON			POST-MONSOON (AUTUMN)		
24°C - 33°C			8°C - 31°C		

PEAK DATES
 HOLI
 DIWALI
 ONAM
 HINDU FESTIVALS
 HARVEST FESTIVALS

TIPS

- Climatic range varies greatly across India's geography, from tropical to alpine. Many regions are hot, the north gets cold, the center is hot and dry, the south is tropical, and hillstations are cool.
- Avoid summer as heat often climbs above 40 degrees. It easily becomes intolerable.
- Hillstations are always cool, thus popular during summer. Very busy from May-Jun during school holidays.
- Winter months tone down the searing heat in South India. Peak time to enjoy the beaches of Goa and Gokarna.
- Bright side of the rainy season? Lush green landscapes and dramatic waterfalls.
- Diving in Maldives: Poor visibility underwater during the monsoon season (May - November). But better odds for shark sightings.
- Mini peak seasons: Harvest festivals and Hindu festivals are busy periods for local travel and pilgrimages.
- Fog in Agra: Taj Mahal may hide behind morning fog from Nov-Feb.

SEASIA TROPICAL ISLANDS

MAR-MAY
FEB & JUN SEPT-OCT
JUL-AUG NOV-JAN

WEATHER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
EAST COAST MONSOON			SOUTH WEST MONSOON		
25°C - 30°C			24°C - 31°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
SOUTH WEST MONSOON			EAST COAST MONSOON		
24°C - 29°C			24°C - 30°C		

TIPS

- Generally hot and summery all year. Only monsoon season is less beach-friendly.
- Monsoons affect the east and west coasts at different times. Storms may be persistent or sporadic with chance of sunshine.
- Monsoon season brings rough seas which makes boat schedules, marine life (diving), Or relax in luxury resorts at a bargain.
- Monsoon has its plus sides: Surf festivals, wildlife encounters, marine life (diving).
- West Coast (Andaman Sea): Good weather from Nov-May in Phuket, Krabi, Khao Lak
- East Coast (Gulf): Good weather from Apr-Oct in Koh Samui, Koh Phangan, Koh Tao, Koh Chang, Koh Samet.
- Philippines: Typhoon season Aug - Oct
- Occasionally, volcanic eruptions can disrupt flights and travel plans

THE HIMALAYAS

JUN-SEPT
MAR-APR
OCT-JAN

WEATHER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
ICY CONDITIONS SNOW TREKS		WARMER MONTHS GOOD TIME FOR TREKKING			MONSOON, TREKKING NOT RECOMMENDED
2°C - 24°C		12°C - 29°C			
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
MONSOON, TREKKING NOT RECOMMENDED		TREKKING SEASON STARTS	CLEAR SKIES BEST TIME FOR TREKKING		ICY CONDITIONS SNOW TREKS
17°C - 27°C			4°C - 25°C		

TIPS

- Best time to visit varies across treks as conditions are different. There are autumn treks, snow treks, and so on.
- April and October are generally the best months for trekking.
- Always monitor weather conditions. Bring the right gear. Do not trek unprepared.
- Monsoon season brings mud and landslides. Avoid trekking. Do not go to Tibet or Mustang at discount rates.
- Summer monsoon doesn't hit the 'rain shadow' spots in the valleys. Here, you can still trek and see lush landscapes.
- Ladakh is an exception. Peak season from July to August. Tourist facilities only open May - Sept
- Everest base camp and Annapurna treks can be done most of the year outside summer. Best in autumn. Book early to secure accommodation.