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Climate



The NSW climate is generally temperate enough to allow a year-round outdoor lifestyle. It varies in different parts of the State, from the sub-tropical north, to the drier inland regions and Snowy Mountain areas.

Compared to the northern hemisphere the seasons are reversed: winter is in the middle of the year and summertime at the end.

Spring:	September to November
Summer:	December to February
Autumn:	March to May
Winter:	June to August

Sydney experiences 138 wet days a year with an average annual rainfall of 1,223 mm. However, the city is renowned for its sunshine; there's only an average 23 days a year when the sun doesn't shine. The average temperature ranges for Sydney are:

City	January	July
Sydney	18.6° -25.8° c	8° -16.2° c

Sunshine - keep protected

You may hear the phrase 'slip, slap, slop' in NSW - this is a sun safety message and it encourages people to 'slip' on a T-shirt, 'slap' on a hat and 'slop' on some sun block when out in the sun. It is also advisable to stay out of the sun between 11 am and 2 pm in the summer months, as this is when the sun is at its hottest.

For detailed information on specific locations in NSW visit the [Bureau of Meteorology](#) website.