

Dunhuang	Climate	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
	Average(°C)	-9.3	-4.1	4.5	12.4	18.3	22.7	24.7	23.5	17.0	8.7	0.2	-7.0
	Rainfall(mm)	0.8	1.6	1.2	2.9	1.6	6.7	12.1	5.3	1.8	1.0	1.1	0.7
	Days	1.1	1.7	0.8	1.2	1.2	2.6	3.9	2.6	0.8	0.7	1.0	1.4

Dunhuang: City Guide

Gansu Province : Dunhuang

A city of Gansu province; a town of military importance on the Silk Road; used to be called Shazhou; a throat for the East and West communication; in 1986, it is entitled to be "China historical and cultural city".

Location: located in the west of Hexi Corridor of Gansu province of China

Neighboring Areas: Shaanxi, Sichuan, and Qinghai provinces, Inner Mongolia, Ningxia Hui and Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Regions

Physical Features: at the west end of Hexi corridor, a tiny oasis rounded by high mountains, desert and Gobi, with the average altitude of 1100m

Population: 100,000

Area: 3,120 sq km

Nationalities: Han, Hui, Tibetan, Manchu, Dongxiang, Yugu, Baoan, Mongolian, Kazak, Tu, Sala, and Manchu

History: made a prefecture in 117B.C. by Emperor Han Wudi, and was a major point of interchange between China and the outside world during the Han and Tang dynasties

Climatic Features: warm variable zone, aridity climate with the frost-free period of 160 days, windy

Average Temperature: 9.3C annually, annual or daily difference in temperature great, common saying: "morning with fur-lined jacket, noon gauze", hot summer with the highest temperature over 40C

Rainfall: annual precipitation 1982.7 mm, concentrated in spring and autumn

Mountains: Mt. Sanweishan

Rivers: Dang River, Shule River

Products: Liguang Apricot, Ziyang Peach, Mingshan Dates, Yangguan Grape, Watermelon

of Murmurous Flesh, Bailan Melon, Huanghemi Melon, apple-pear, apple

Local Highlights: Qinqiang Drama, handcraft carp