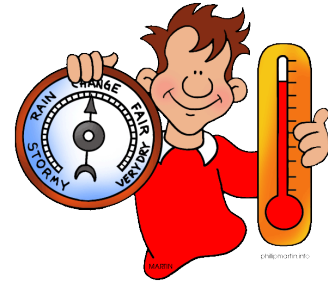


July Weather in New Orleans



It's not a secret: Summer weather in New Orleans is almost always humid and usually quite warm, up to the upper 30s (°C) or low-to-mid-90s (°F). We get some 160 cm (60 in) of rainfall each year, and summer is not usually a dry season. For many years, it never occurred to me that my friends from around the world would want to come to an International



Carbohydrate Symposium in July in New Orleans, despite its many attractions. But then I realized that many of us have been to summer meetings in places without air conditioning during heat waves. A/C is everywhere in New Orleans!

The overall plan for the meeting includes a hotel that can house everybody, feed everybody and provide meeting rooms for everybody; there will be no need to “escape” if the outside weather isn’t inviting at the moment. The big hotel concept has the added advantage of avoiding spending time commuting. Of course, it would be sad not to get out, especially for the accompanying persons’ tours and the Wednesday Afternoon outings. There are many urban attractions very close to the hotel but Swamp Tours are outdoor activities. Although summer clothes are the order of the day, it might seem illogically cool inside. That’s because the air is cooled enough to condense most of the moisture, and then has to be heated, at added cost. Target inside temperatures are about 22 (°C) or 72 (°F).

For those concerned about the remote possibility of hurricanes (tropical cyclones), the meeting is the third week in July, when many folks are on vacation but more than a month before the peak of the hurricane season at the end of August. Historically, the few July storms have been minor. In any case, the hotel is fully equipped to handle power outages, and the hotel is on relatively high ground.

One link for the New Orleans weather is: <http://www.weather.com/weather/tenday/70130>