# Weather

Akumal enjoys a tropical climate with warm temperatures year-round, making it an ideal destination for beachgoers and nature enthusiasts. Here is a detailed overview of the weather patterns and considerations for your stay, including important information about the sargassum seaweed season.

#### Seasonal Weather

Winter (December to February):

- •Temperature: Average highs around 28°C (82°F) and lows around 20°C (68°F).
- •Weather: Generally dry and sunny, making it the peak tourist season. Ideal for beach activities and outdoor adventures.

Spring (March to May):

- •Temperature: Average highs around 31°C (88°F) and lows around 23°C (73°F).
- •Weather: Warm and slightly humid. This period marks the beginning of the sargassum season, so beach conditions may vary.

Summer (June to August):

- •Temperature: Average highs around 32°C (90°F) and lows around 25°C (77°F).
- •Weather: Hot and humid with occasional rain showers. Sargassum seaweed is typically more abundant during these months, which can affect beach conditions.

Fall (September to November):

- •Temperature: Average highs around 30°C (86°F) and lows around 24°C (75°F).
- •Weather: Rainy season peaks in September and October, with frequent afternoon showers. Sargassum levels usually decrease, making beaches more accessible.

### Sargassum Seaweed

Sargassum is a type of brown seaweed that has become more prevalent along the Riviera Maya coastline, including Akumal. It typically blooms and washes ashore from March to September, with the peak months being May and June.

- Sargassum can accumulate on beaches, creating unsightly and sometimes smelly conditions. Efforts are made by local authorities and hotels to clean the beaches regularly, but the amount of sargassum can vary daily.
- The presence of sargassum can also affect water clarity and the ability to enjoy certain water activities.

For up-to-date information on sargassum and weather conditions, you can visit the <u>Sargassum Monitoring</u> website. This site provides real-time updates and forecasts, helping you plan your activities accordingly.

## Turtle Nesting and Hatching

Akumal, meaning "place of the turtle" in Mayan, is famous for its sea turtle nesting and hatching activities. These magnificent creatures nest on the beaches of Akumal, providing a unique and unforgettable experience for visitors.

- •Nesting Season: The turtle nesting season typically runs from May to October. During this time, female turtles come ashore at night to lay their eggs in the sandy beaches.
- •Hatching Season: Hatching usually occurs between July and December. Baby turtles emerge from their nests and make their

way to the sea, a sight that many visitors find magical.

By understanding the seasonal weather patterns, the impact of sargassum, and the significance of turtle nesting and hatching, you can better prepare for your visit to Akumal and enjoy all the natural beauty and activities this stunning destination has to offer.

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