

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PHUKET ISLAND, THAILAND

LOCATION: Phuket island is located off the southwestern coast of Thailand's Kra Isthmus. It is situated where the Andaman Sea funnels into the Straits of Malacca. Phuket Island is fairly hilly, with elevations ranging from sea level to more than 1,400 feet above it. The island is connected to the Thai mainland by a highway causeway. The airport is at the north end of the island, with the town of Phuket to the southeast.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:43	11:53	12:05	12:18	12:29	12:35	12:33	12:23	12:11	11:58	11:46	11:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:54	9:21	8:56	7:58	5:56	4:41	5:28	5:29	4:43	5:38	6:23	7:41
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	56%	59%	41%	27%	23%	25%	24%	21%	26%	34%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	69°	70°	71°	73°	74°	74°	73°	73°	73°	73°	72°	70°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74°	74°	75°	77°	76°	76°	76°	76°	75°	75°	75°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	88°	90°	92°	91°	89°	89°	88°	87°	86°	87°	87°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	93°	95°	94°	93°	92°	90°	91°	89°	90°	90°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	37%	70%	82%	78%	40%	25%	16%	9%	2%	7%	11%	13%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	56%	56%	61%	66%	68%	67%	67%	71%	67%	64%	60%
NEARBY WATERS	82°	82°	84°	84°	84°	83°	83°	82°	82°	82°	83°	80°
DRY DAYS	83%	89%	87%	69%	42%	43%	39%	46%	31%	38%	52%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	93%	90%	77%	54%	54%	51%	57%	42%	50%	65%	85%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.20	0.39	0.91	2.00	1.84	1.74	1.71	2.43	2.13	1.23	0.45
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	5%	7%	17%	26%	25%	10%	10%	8%	3%	13%	21%	12%
FOGGY DAYS	26%	31%	32%	30%	21%	19%	19%	20%	18%	20%	22%	24%

COMMENTS: The island has a three-season year. The hot season is a pre-monsoon season, and runs from relatively dry March through the pre-monsoon storms of April into the start of the Southwest Monsoon in May. It is the hottest time of year, with sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) up to ten degrees hotter than actual ones, due to the combination of temperature, humidity, and sunshine. The rainy Southwest Monsoon runs from May through November, with showers on most days, but by no means all days. Even the rainy days have long periods with no rain. The "cool" dry season of the Northeast Monsoon runs from December through February. It is the most pleasant time of year. Afternoon humidity tends to be high during the wet months, and drop only as far as the high side of moderate during the drier ones. Morning humidity is almost always at or very near saturation. Wherever the wind doesn't reach, heavy morning dews and light morning mists are the rule. True fog is rare on the coasts, although common enough in the hills.