

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ARUBA, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: The small island of Aruba is located at the western end of the Lesser Antilles, in the Caribbean Sea. It is less than twenty miles north of the coast of Venezuela. Aruba's seventy square miles is an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, with the island capital at Oranjestaad. Elevations range from sea level to 617 feet above it at the summit of Jamanota.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:29	11:44	12:04	12:25	12:42	12:51	12:48	12:33	12:13	11:52	11:34	11:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:17	8:32	8:55	8:05	7:41	8:52	9:21	9:41	8:45	7:49	7:37	7:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	63%	62%	64%	54%	50%	54%	57%	60%	58%	53%	56%	59%
LOW FOR MONTH	72°	72°	74°	74°	76°	76°	75°	76°	76°	74°	74°	73°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76°	76°	77°	78°	79°	80°	79°	80°	80°	80°	79°	77°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	85°	85°	86°	87°	88°	89°	88°	89°	90°	89°	87°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	88°	89°	90°	91°	91°	91°	92°	92°	92°	90°	89°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	2%	5%	8%	30%	41%	35%	61%	70%	53%	19%	3%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	67%	66%	68%	69%	69%	69%	67%	69%	70%	72%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	79°	79°	81°	81°	81°	82°	83°	83°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	56%	66%	79%	82%	81%	75%	66%	72%	74%	63%	52%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	94%	97%	95%	93%	94%	88%	91%	87%	80%	73%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.10	0.07	0.17	0.12	0.22	0.37	0.58	0.40
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	5%	6%	12%	15%	7%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 69% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in May, to a high of 74% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 71°, and the highest should be near 94°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 3° (January) to 10° (October) warmer than actual ones. Aruba has a tropical two-season year. It has a dry season which is very dry indeed, and a wet season that is not very wet. The dry season runs from February through August, with the not-so-wet season running from September through January. Actually, the climate is a semi-desert one; with a little rain bringing a welcome relief from the aridity. Days are hot to very hot, and nights are warm to hot throughout the year. The forecasts in this summary are for the Oranjestad area, on the sheltered southwestern side of the island. The northeast side will be somewhat cloudier, wetter, and windier. Days will be a bit cooler and nights a bit warmer than on the sheltered side. On the other hand, the sea breeze does keep the bugs down!