

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO FORTALEZA AND THE CEARA BEACHES, BRAZIL

LOCATION: Fortaleza, and the state of Ceara of which it is the capital city, are located on the Atlantic Coast of northeastern Brazil. The city is situated along the coast, and is fronted by numerous beaches. More beaches abound both north and south of the city. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:19	12:14	12:08	12:02	11:58	11:55	11:56	12:00	12:06	12:12	12:17	12:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:58	6:17	4:50	5:06	6:44	7:58	8:29	8:40	9:24	9:29	9:23	8:16
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	41%	32%	32%	42%	51%	59%	61%	61%	53%	53%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	72°	71°	71°	72°	72°	70°	69°	70°	71°	72°	72°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76°	75°	75°	74°	74°	72°	72°	73°	74°	76°	76°	76°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	87°	86°	86°	85°	86°	86°	86°	86°	87°	88°	88°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	91°	91°	91°	91°	90°	89°	90°	91°	92°	92°	93°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	19%	20%	16%	15%	11%	3%	4%	5%	10%	13%	18%	25%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	69%	69%	69%	69%	68%	64%	61%	64%	60%	61%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	81°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	80°	80°	80°	80°	80°	80°
DRY DAYS	59%	49%	33%	35%	42%	56%	66%	79%	79%	80%	81%	75%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	65%	50%	50%	61%	71%	80%	92%	93%	92%	96%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.62	1.32	1.97	2.26	1.52	0.86	0.41	0.18	0.12	0.09	0.09	0.27
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	6%	9%	7%	6%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Fortaleza enjoys a tropical wet-and-dry climate. Its location less than four degrees south of the Equator ensures that every day in the year gets close to twelve hours of daylight, and that every month is just about as warm as every other month. The rainy season runs from February through June. It is the less sunny of the two seasons, more humid, definitely rainier, and a touch cooler. The rest of the year is dry, with the September through November period being almost (but not quite) rainless. Most of the rain falls as a series of showers that are heavy but brief. These are not usually thundershowers. There is little warning except for heavy clouds overhead, but there will be lots of heavy clouds without rain. When it does rain, the clouds simply open up without any warning and the rain pours down--and it does pour. In between the showers, the streets steam, the air is soggy, and the sun may even shine for a few minutes. Then, without any more warning than the first time, it pours down again. Wear casual cottons and don't worry about it.