

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MARACAIBO AND THE NORTHWEST, VENEZUELA

LOCATION: Maracaibo is located in the northwest corner of Venezuela. The city is situated on the west side of the straits connecting Lake Maracaibo with the Gulf of Venezuela. Elevations are close to sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 11:35 | 11:48 | 12:04 | 12:22 | 12:37 | 12:45 | 12:41 | 12:29 | 12:12 | 11:54 | 11:39 | 11:31 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 8:40 | 8:38 | 7:55 | 6:17 | 5:53 | 6:45 | 8:01 | 7:42 | 6:37 | 6:00 | 6:54 | 7:47 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 48% | 45% | 37% | 28% | 22% | 22% | 22% | 21% | 18% | 18% | 25% | 39% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 68° | 70° | 71° | 72° | 71° | 72° | 72° | 71° | 71° | 71° | 71° | 69° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 73° | 74° | 75° | 77° | 77° | 77° | 77° | 77° | 77° | 76° | 76° | 74° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 90° | 90° | 91° | 91° | 91° | 92° | 93° | 93° | 92° | 90° | 90° | 90° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 95° | 95° | 98° | 96° | 96° | 97° | 98° | 99° | 98° | 97° | 95° | 95° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 55% | 57% | 72% | 65% | 60% | 75% | 81% | 81% | 66% | 49% | 50% | 50% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 50% | 50% | 51% | 55% | 57% | 53% | 51% | 50% | 54% | 59% | 58% | 54% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 77° | 77° | 77° | 78° | 79° | 80° | 79° | 80° | 82° | 83° | 82° | 79° |
| DRY DAYS | 97% | 97% | 96% | 88% | 73% | 75% | 79% | 76% | 72% | 66% | 75% | 93% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 99% | 99% | 99% | 93% | 84% | 86% | 89% | 86% | 83% | 76% | 84% | 97% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.02 | 0.01 | 0.05 | 0.21 | 0.45 | 0.35 | 0.25 | 0.36 | 0.49 | 0.85 | 0.51 | 0.10 |
| SNOWY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 1% | 1% | 3% | 12% | 31% | 34% | 31% | 38% | 49% | 47% | 23% | 6% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% |

COMMENTS: Maracaibo has a fairly dry version of the tropical wet-and-dry climate. The rainy season hardly merits the name, and runs from May through November. The dry season is very dry, and takes in the rest of the year. The rain falls in brief, intense showers, often accompanied by thunder. The actual number of hours of rain is very low, and more than half of the year's total rainfall falls on about one-seventh of the so-called "rainy days". The other days usually amount to nothing more than a brief sprinkle. Most of the showers tend to occur shortly before sunrise and in the early morning hours. Evening is the driest time of day. There is little difference in temperatures from one month to another--very hot days and warm nights are the rule. The noonday sun will be some 90° above the horizon (directly overhead) twice during the year. The first of these occasions will occur on one day during the third week in April, the second during the fourth week in August.