

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ORLANDO RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Orlando is located in the lake country of central Florida. It is situated some fifty-five miles inland and west of Cape Canaveral, and the city center is some twenty-two miles of freeway from Walt Disney World. The surrounding countryside is rather flat and dotted with many lakes. Orlando itself is a rather open city, with dozens of lakes within its borders. Orlando is one of the world's premier vacation destinations, and its attractions (primarily theme parks) are both world-class and too numerous to list. Entire guidebooks have been devoted solely to the Orlando area.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:33	11:10	11:59	12:50	13:34	13:56	13:47	13:10	12:22	11:31	10:46	10:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:12	6:53	7:58	9:24	9:53	9:13	9:29	8:40	7:27	7:16	6:39	6:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	46%	46%	48%	53%	50%	41%	41%	41%	40%	49%	51%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	33°	36°	40°	48°	58°	66°	69°	70°	67°	53°	41°	34°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	50°	51°	56°	60°	66°	71°	73°	73°	72°	65°	57°	51°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	74°	79°	83°	88°	91°	92°	92°	89°	84°	78°	73°
HIGH FOR MONTH	83°	85°	88°	91°	94°	96°	96°	96°	94°	91°	86°	83°
FROSTY MORNINGS	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	6%	28%	56%	69%	69%	44%	8%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	51%	49%	47%	50%	59%	62%	63%	63%	58%	56%	56%
DRY DAYS	80%	77%	76%	81%	72%	53%	45%	48%	53%	70%	81%	79%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	84%	85%	88%	83%	69%	64%	65%	71%	83%	90%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.37	0.46	0.51	0.42	0.61	1.19	1.27	1.09	1.16	0.64	0.30	0.34
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	6%	11%	12%	26%	52%	66%	61%	35%	9%	4%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	16%	11%	7%	4%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	5%	9%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 59% in December and January, to a high of 73% in April and May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 29°, and the highest should be near 97°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through September. The area has a subtropical four-season year. Humidities are high all year around. Winter (December through February) features warm afternoons and cool to chilly nights. Rainfall is light and comes from frontal systems that pass through the area at intervals of from three to five days. Below-freezing temperatures will occur on three or four sunrises during this winter season. Summer (June through September) has hot to very hot afternoons and warm nights. Rain comes mostly from afternoon and evening thundershowers. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area its nicest weather. Orlando's inland locations gives it excellent protection from hurricanes. By the time they get this far inland, they are usually reduced to the status of mere tropical storms. Even thunderstorms, however, can close some amusements.