

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ST. PETERSBURG RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: St. Petersburg is located on the Gulf coast of west-central Florida. The city (along with Clearwater and a raft of other communities) is situated on a southward-projecting peninsula between Tampa Bay and the Gulf of Mexico. The city proper faces on Tampa Bay. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The area boasts some of the finest white-sand beaches in the United States. In addition to major resort facilities, the peninsula and its fringing islands has a number of attractive public parks and recreation areas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:36	11:12	11:59	12:49	13:31	13:53	13:44	13:08	12:21	11:32	10:49	10:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:48	7:36	8:39	9:45	10:10	9:19	8:40	8:24	7:55	7:41	7:10	6:33
AREA OF BLUE SKY	46%	49%	49%	54%	51%	41%	36%	38%	39%	51%	52%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	41°	42°	45°	55°	62°	68°	69°	70°	68°	58°	48°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	54°	55°	60°	65°	70°	74°	76°	76°	75°	69°	61°	56°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	71°	72°	76°	82°	87°	89°	90°	90°	89°	84°	77°	72°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	81°	83°	87°	91°	94°	94°	94°	92°	90°	84°	82°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	23%	51%	67%	65%	45%	7%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	56%	54%	51%	52%	60%	62%	63%	62%	57%	57%	59%
NEARBY WATERS	62°	64°	68°	74°	80°	84°	86°	86°	84°	78°	70°	64°
DRY DAYS	80%	78%	78%	84%	79%	59%	48%	47%	57%	79%	83%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	84%	85%	88%	87%	73%	65%	61%	70%	85%	90%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.40	0.52	0.54	0.44	0.49	1.00	1.38	1.43	1.31	0.56	0.32	0.39
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	6%	9%	9%	18%	46%	65%	64%	39%	10%	4%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	30%	23%	21%	13%	8%	6%	3%	5%	9%	12%	19%	24%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 63% in December, to a high of 76% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 37 , and the highest should be near 96 . 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. Winter (December through February) features warm days, cool nights, and maybe one or two frosty mornings. Rain is light, but somewhat more persistent than the summer thundershowers. Summer (June through September) offers hot to very hot days, with high humidity. Thunderstorms often form in the afternoon, and may persist on into the nighttime hours. The nights tend to be warm and quite humid. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the St. Pete area probably its best all-around weather. The hurricane season runs from June through November. There is one chance in nineteen that the St. Pete area will have one of these storms in any given year.