

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HAWAII'S KONA COAST RESORT AREA, HAWAII

LOCATION: The Kona resort area is located on the leeward (*kona*) western coast of the big island of Hawaii, the most southeasterly major island of the Hawaiian chain. Elevations for the major resorts are close to sea level. Inland, the big island rises to some 13,796 feet at the summit of Mauna Kea.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:06	11:30	12:02	12:35	13:04	13:18	13:12	12:48	12:17	11:43	11:14	10:59
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:57	7:25	7:43	8:05	8:36	9:03	9:15	9:12	8:52	7:52	6:55	6:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	47%	42%	42%	44%	46%	49%	49%	49%	45%	43%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	59°	58°	58°	60°	63°	63°	65°	62°	65°	64°	62°	60°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	65°	65°	65°	66°	68°	69°	69°	70°	70°	69°	68°	65°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	81°	81°	81°	82°	82°	83°	84°	85°	85°	85°	83°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	84°	84°	85°	86°	85°	85°	87°	87°	88°	88°	86°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	62%	61%	59%	58%	56%	56%	56%	58%	61%	63%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	76°	75°	75°	76°	77°	78°	79°	80°	80°	80°	79°	76°
DRY DAYS	81%	75%	74%	63%	52%	50%	61%	55%	67%	71%	77%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	88%	87%	84%	75%	77%	79%	78%	84%	85%	88%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.31	0.36	0.34	0.39	0.45	0.40	0.43	0.36	0.33	0.29	0.31
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	3%	3%	4%	4%	5%	4%	3%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is probable on two-thirds of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 60% in December, to a high of 72% in August and September. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 54°, and the highest might well be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. This coast is the only part of Hawaii that gets more rain during the summer months than during the winter ones. Not a lot more, but more. Most of this summer rain comes as a series of brief showers in the afternoons and evenings. During the cooler months, most of the rain comes from the *kona* storms that move in out of the south and southwest. These rainfalls tend to be somewhat more persistent.