

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO VIEQUES AND THE SPANISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, PUERTO RICO

LOCATION: Vieques Island is located some six miles off the southeastern shore of the larger island of Puerto Rico. A ferry connects the town of Isabel Segunda on the north coast with Playa de Fajarda on the main island of Puerto Rico. Technically one of the Spanish Virgin Islands, Vieques is about 21 miles east-west and 5 miles wide. The population is about 9,000 and is concentrated in the two largest communities, Isabel Segunda on the north coast and Esperanza on the south coast. Elevations range from sea level to some 988 feet above it at the summit of Pirate Mountain. The other major island in this group is Culebra, all of whose shoreline and much of whose interior is protected by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as wildlife refuges.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:11	11:33	12:02	12:33	12:59	13:12	13:07	12:45	12:16	11:45	11:18	11:04
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:00	8:22	9:06	9:10	8:38	9:01	9:12	9:11	8:27	7:57	7:37	7:43
AREA OF BLUE SKY	55%	55%	55%	52%	43%	44%	46%	49%	46%	46%	50%	52%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	65°	66°	67°	69°	68°	71°	72°	71°	70°	68°	67°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	70°	70°	72°	73°	75°	75°	75°	75°	74°	73°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	84°	85°	86°	87°	88°	89°	89°	89°	88°	86°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	88°	90°	90°	92°	91°	93°	94°	93°	93°	92°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	5%	8%	18%	24%	30%	30%	21%	9%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	65%	64%	66%	69%	68%	69%	69%	70%	70%	70%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	79°	79°	81°	82°	83°	83°	84°	84°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	56%	59%	66%	70%	61%	57%	52%	50%	51%	52%	48%	44%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	82%	84%	84%	76%	75%	74%	71%	68%	70%	67%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.37	0.35	0.29	0.33	0.69	0.62	0.61	0.71	0.95	0.86	0.98	0.51
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	0%	2%	9%	13%	14%	13%	21%	16%	9%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 70% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 66% in May, to a high of 76% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 63°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 10° warmer than actual ones—with the greatest increases coming during the hottest weather. Only the west-central portion is currently accessible to civilians at all times. The western and eastern ends are U. S. Naval installations. They may be open to civilians with good ID when not "hot"; i. e., no operations are underway. The best beaches are in the Camp Garcia area in the eastern part of the military reservation. Culebra is even more remote, laid back, and eccentric. Moreover, many of Culebra's beaches are closed during the summer months to provide nesting areas for the endangered sea turtles.