

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PUNTA CANA AREA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LOCATION: The Punta Cana resort area is located in the extreme eastern end of the Dominican Republic, just south of Cabo Engano. It features the longest (about twenty miles) white-sand beach in the Caribbean. Higüey is the largest town in the area. Elevations in the area are all close to sea level.

HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:09	11:32	12:02	12:34	13:00	13:14	13:08	12:46	12:16	11:44	11:17	11:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:17	8:38	9:00	8:50	8:03	8:30	8:39	8:45	8:10	7:50	7:57	7:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	62%	60%	63%	59%	49%	50%	53%	55%	55%	55%	59%	58%
LOW FOR MONTH	67°	65°	66°	67°	68°	68°	72°	71°	68°	68°	68°	66°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	72°	72°	72°	73°	75°	76°	77°	77°	77°	75°	75°	73°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	81°	82°	83°	85°	86°	87°	87°	87°	87°	85°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	87°	89°	88°	91°	93°	94°	94°	94°	93°	88°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%	7%	7%	4%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	71%	68%	71%	71%	71%	71%	70%	70%	71%	72%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	83°	84°	84°	84°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	74%	76%	79%	83%	69%	73%	73%	71%	68%	67%	66%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	87%	89%	89%	79%	81%	83%	82%	80%	77%	77%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.34	0.30	0.41	0.75	0.71	0.52	0.58	0.59	0.87	0.75	0.50
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	5%	12%	16%	14%	18%	26%	24%	12%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 69% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 62% in May, to a high of 75% in February and March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 61°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (February) to 8° (August and September) warmer than actual ones. The Punta Cana area enjoys a tropical two-season year. The seasons are based primarily on temperatures, with rainfall being a secondary factor. The high season is the coolest and driest time of year, and runs from December through April. The low season is hotter and is also subject to more frequent tropical storms. The differences between these two seasons are not great. The rain usually falls as a series of intense but brief showers, with equally brief dry spells in between. The most likely time for these showers is in the early morning, between 4:00 and 5:00 AM, but they can occur at any time of day or night.