

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO DOMINICA ISLAND, WINDWARD ISLANDS, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: The island nation of Dominica is located in the central part of the island chain of the Lesser Antilles. To the north is the island of Marie Galante, to the east is the Atlantic Ocean, to the south is the island of Martinique, and westward is the Caribbean Sea. Dominica covers about 300 square miles of extremely rugged and often inaccessible terrain. Elevations range from sea level to some 4,750 feet above it at the summit of Morne Diablotin. The island capital and major city is Roseau, on the southwest coast. English is the official language, but most residents speak a Creole patois at home.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:20	11:39	12:03	12:29	12:50	13:02	12:57	12:39	12:14	11:49	11:26	11:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:51	7:28	7:35	8:11	7:52	7:39	7:33	7:53	7:10	7:08	6:44	6:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	55%	53%	54%	51%	45%	43%	46%	48%	47%	48%	51%	52%
LOW FOR MONTH	64°	64°	65°	66°	69°	71°	71°	71°	71°	70°	69°	65°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	69°	68°	69°	70°	72°	74°	73°	73°	74°	73°	72°	70°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	84°	86°	87°	89°	89°	89°	89°	89°	88°	87°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	86°	87°	88°	90°	91°	91°	90°	91°	91°	91°	90°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	11%	14%	19%	20%	14%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	69%	68%	68%	70%	73%	75%	75%	75%	77%	77%	75%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	40%	50%	50%	54%	48%	34%	24%	26%	30%	37%	33%	39%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	67%	76%	75%	76%	71%	57%	45%	50%	52%	59%	54%	64%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.84	0.52	0.47	0.40	0.61	1.28	1.74	1.66	1.48	1.26	1.47	1.03
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%	10%	11%	14%	11%	6%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 58% in July, September, and November; to a high of 66% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 62°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 4° (January through March) to 15° (September) warmer than actual ones. The coasts of Dominica enjoy a two-season tropical year. The two seasons are based on rainfall. The rainy season runs from late May through early January. The dry season is not all that dry, and runs from late January through the middle of May. This is the preferred, or high season. There is considerable variation in the onset, duration, and intensity of both of these seasons from one year to another. The east coast is much wetter than the west coast, and the mountains are substantially wetter than either coast.