

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ST. MAARTEN - MARTIN, NETHERLANDS & FRENCH ANTILLES

LOCATION: The island of St. Maarten/St. Martin lies at the northern end of the Leeward Islands. Its neighbors are Anguilla to the north and St. Barthelemy to the south. The island is shared by two administrations along a meandering dividing line. France gets the lion's share and the northern part of the island. The French capital is at Marigot, the Dutch on at Philipsburg. The Netherlands gets the southern part, along with the international airport. Elevations range from sea level to 1,391 feet above it (on the French side).

	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	13:06	12:45	12:16	11:45	11:19	11:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:29	8:21	8:38	8:42	8:11	8:22	8:31	8:35	7:55	7:58	7:47	7:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	72%	72%	73%	69%	57%	64%	58%	56%	55%	56%	63%	69%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	71°	72°	72°	73°	76°	76°	76°	75°	75°	73°	72°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74°	74°	74°	76°	78°	79°	79°	80°	79°	79°	77°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	82°	82°	83°	85°	86°	87°	87°	87°	86°	84°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	86°	86°	87°	88°	90°	90°	91°	92°	93°	91°	88°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%	31%	37%	44%	46%	29%	6%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	69%	69%	69%	72%	70%	69%	70%	70%	72%	74%	72%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	78°	78°	78°	80°	81°	82°	82°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	42%	46%	51%	59%	46%	49%	40%	39%	43%	38%	34%	38%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	80%	81%	78%	71%	74%	71%	68%	67%	66%	63%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.39	0.31	0.26	0.46	0.58	0.41	0.50	0.65	0.77	0.65	0.79	0.54
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	5%	9%	11%	10%	4%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 63% in May and June, to a high of 76% in January. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 70°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 2° to 8° warmer than actual ones. The island has a tropical two-season year, but the seasons are not all that distinct. Most of the days in each could easily pass as days in the other season. The high season is the most pleasant one, and runs from December through March. It is cooler and less wet (on most days) than the low season, which runs from April through November.