

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAYMAN ISLANDS, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: The Cayman Islands, a British Crown Colony, are located more or less off by themselves in the Caribbean Sea. The island group sits about 150 miles south of Cuba, and some 200 miles northwest of the western tip of Jamaica. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The Caymans are fringed by coral reefs, and these provide the chief attraction to the many visitors. A close second is the innate courtesy of the residents and virtual absence of the petty crime and hassling that is so common in the rest of the Caribbean.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:07	11:31	12:02	12:35	13:02	13:17	13:11	12:47	12:16	11:44	11:15	11:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:43	8:24	9:31	9:47	8:50	8:25	9:13	8:55	8:03	7:02	6:26	7:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	57%	59%	58%	47%	38%	41%	42%	39%	43%	44%	51%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	65°	66°	67°	72°	74°	74°	74°	74°	72°	71°	66°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	75°	77°	79°	80°	81°	80°	79°	78°	77°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	80°	81°	82°	84°	85°	86°	87°	87°	87°	85°	84°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	85°	86°	87°	89°	90°	91°	91°	91°	90°	88°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	12%	25%	29%	17%	7%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	70%	70%	69%	72%	73%	72%	72%	76%	75%	76%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	79°	80°	81°	82°	84°	85°	85°	85°	84°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	82%	85%	87%	89%	78%	75%	75%	69%	67%	68%	69%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	90%	93%	92%	80%	81%	81%	75%	74%	72%	78%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.30	0.20	0.32	1.08	0.78	0.66	1.01	1.10	1.38	0.75	0.55
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	1%	2%	2%	6%	9%	19%	22%	21%	10%	4%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 57% in November, to a high of 79% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 61°, and the highest should be near 92°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (February) to 10° (October) warmer than actual ones. The Cayman Islands have a tropical two-season year. The rainy season runs from May through November. The dryer season extends from December through April. This is the high season for tourism, and is significantly milder in temperatures. Compared with mid-latitude seasons, however, there is not a great deal of difference between the two.