

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF CURACAO, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

LOCATION: The island of Curacao is located in the southern part of the Caribbean Sea, just forty miles north of the coast of Venezuela. It is part of the Netherlands Antilles, which is an autonomous part of the Kingdom of the Netherlands. Curacao is some 38 miles long and about 6 miles wide at its widest. Elevations range from sea level to 1,220 feet above it at the summit of Mount Christoffelberg. The island's capital and major city is Willemstad, on the southeast coast. English is widely spoken, although the official language is Dutch, and most of the people speak Papiamentu at home.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:30	11:45	12:04	12:24	12:41	12:50	12:46	12:32	12:13	11:53	11:35	11:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:09	8:39	8:36	7:56	7:38	8:26	9:04	9:19	8:32	8:00	7:35	7:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	62%	63%	62%	53%	50%	52%	56%	58%	57%	54%	55%	58%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	72°	72°	74°	75°	75°	74°	74°	74°	74°	73°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	75°	75°	75°	77°	78°	79°	78°	79°	79°	79°	77°	76°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	84°	85°	86°	87°	87°	88°	88°	89°	88°	86°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	86°	87°	88°	89°	90°	91°	91°	92°	93°	92°	90°	88°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	5%	17%	25%	29%	43%	53%	32%	10%	2%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	70%	69%	70%	70%	70%	70%	69%	70%	72%	74%	73%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	79°	80°	80°	81°	81°	82°	83°	83°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	59%	73%	81%	87%	87%	79%	73%	75%	79%	70%	53%	51%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	90%	93%	94%	94%	91%	88%	87%	90%	81%	73%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.34	0.19	0.11	0.15	0.13	0.16	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.60	0.73	0.64
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	5%	8%	11%	18%	13%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a "low" of 60% in May, to a high of 74% in February and August. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 70° on some windless cool-season sunrise, and the high will be near 94° on some sunny late summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to seven degrees warmer than actual ones. Curacao has a tropical two-season year based on rainfall. The dry season runs from early February through late September. The wet season (which isn't all that wet) extends from October through January. Neither the length of the daylight period nor temperatures vary much from one month to another. In point of fact, the weather conditions on any given day could just as easily occur in any month of the year.