

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ST. CROIX ISLAND, U. S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

LOCATION: The Virgin Islands are located just east of Puerto Rico. The easternmost are administered by the United Kingdom, the westernmost are part of Puerto Rico, and the central group by the United States as the U. S. Virgin Islands. St. Croix is the southernmost and largest of the U. S. Virgin Islands. It is some 22 miles long and up to 5 miles wide, covering approximately 87 square miles. Its highest point is Mount Eagle, at some 1,165 feet above sea level. The island capital is at Christiansted, on the north coast. The airport, Alexander Hamilton Field, is on the south side.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:12	11:34	12:02	12:32	12:58	13:11	13:05	12:44	12:16	11:46	11:20	11:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:18	8:37	9:21	9:20	8:45	9:35	9:38	9:40	8:36	8:30	7:56	8:09
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	56%	56%	53%	44%	47%	48%	52%	47%	50%	52%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	66°	66°	69°	71°	73°	74°	72°	71°	69°	67°	66°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	69°	70°	72°	74°	75°	76°	76°	75°	74°	72°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	84°	84°	85°	86°	88°	88°	88°	88°	87°	86°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	87°	87°	87°	88°	89°	90°	91°	91°	91°	90°	90°	88°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	13%	20%	28%	23%	13%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	61%	58%	57%	64%	64%	62%	63%	65%	65%	65%	65%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	83°	83°	84°	84°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	47%	58%	61%	65%	60%	55%	51%	49%	51%	51%	48%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	82%	86%	80%	76%	76%	73%	70%	64%	72%	70%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.41	0.30	0.25	0.38	0.66	0.49	0.54	0.68	1.02	0.90	0.88	0.48
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	5%	7%	7%	11%	7%	6%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a "low" of 68% in May, to a high of 78% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 63°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than the actual ones, due to the high afternoon humidity. There is very little climatic difference from one part of the island to another, although the northern and eastern shores get the direct benefit of the prevailing Northeast Trades. These very persistent winds tend to be at their peak in the late morning or early afternoon, and at their gentlest in the wee hours of the night. They average about eleven to twelve miles per hour. The hurricane season officially runs from June through November, but almost all of these storms pass farther north. Several times a year, however, the island does get fringe effects from these large storms. Early warning systems are excellent