

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF BARBADOS, NORTH ATLANTIC OCEAN

LOCATION: The island nation of Barbados is located (somewhat off by itself) in the Atlantic Ocean approximately 100 miles east of St. Vincent (in the Windward Islands) and about 150 miles northeast of Tobago. Elevations range from sea level to 1,115 feet above it at the summit of Mt. Hillaby. The capital is Bridgetown, on the southwest coast. Most of the resorts are along the more sheltered west coast of the island.

|                       | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV   | DEC   |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT     | 11:27 | 11:43 | 12:04 | 12:26 | 12:44 | 12:54 | 12:50 | 12:34 | 12:13 | 11:51 | 11:32 | 11:23 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE     | 8:10  | 8:26  | 8:23  | 8:17  | 8:05  | 7:41  | 8:04  | 8:28  | 7:28  | 7:08  | 7:29  | 7:45  |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY      | 52%   | 51%   | 49%   | 44%   | 43%   | 40%   | 45%   | 46%   | 42%   | 41%   | 46%   | 50%   |
| LOW FOR MONTH         | 66°   | 67°   | 67°   | 69°   | 71°   | 72°   | 72°   | 72°   | 72°   | 71°   | 70°   | 68°   |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE   | 71°   | 71°   | 72°   | 73°   | 75°   | 75°   | 75°   | 75°   | 75°   | 74°   | 74°   | 72°   |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 83°   | 83°   | 84°   | 85°   | 86°   | 86°   | 86°   | 86°   | 87°   | 86°   | 85°   | 83°   |
| HIGH FOR MONTH        | 85°   | 85°   | 86°   | 87°   | 88°   | 88°   | 88°   | 89°   | 89°   | 88°   | 87°   | 85°   |
| FROSTY MORNINGS       | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90°   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 1%    | 1%    | 0%    | 2%    | 2%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY    | 72%   | 68%   | 67%   | 68%   | 70%   | 72%   | 73%   | 74%   | 75%   | 78%   | 78%   | 74%   |
| NEARBY WATERS         | 79°   | 79°   | 79°   | 79°   | 81°   | 81°   | 82°   | 82°   | 83°   | 82°   | 82°   | 79°   |
| DRY DAYS              | 55%   | 58%   | 66%   | 70%   | 65%   | 49%   | 41%   | 45%   | 45%   | 44%   | 45%   | 51%   |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS   | 80%   | 84%   | 85%   | 85%   | 82%   | 70%   | 66%   | 66%   | 64%   | 64%   | 64%   | 75%   |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION   | 0.38  | 0.26  | 0.23  | 0.27  | 0.32  | 0.75  | 0.84  | 0.95  | 1.09  | 1.08  | 1.06  | 0.58  |
| SNOWY DAYS            | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| THUNDER DAYS          | 0%    | 1%    | 0%    | 2%    | 8%    | 16%   | 19%   | 33%   | 32%   | 26%   | 3%    | 5%    |
| FOGGY DAYS            | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 66% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 60% in June, to a high of 72% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 66°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (December through February) to 9° (October) warmer than actual ones. Barbados has a tropical two-season year. The dry season runs from January through May, and has the cooler, more pleasant temperatures plus the highest percentage of sunshine. The rainy season is not all that rainy, and runs from June through December. It gets just about as many hours of sunshine, but a slightly lesser percentage. Temperatures are also slightly higher.