

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAPE SAINT LUCIA RESORT AREA, SOUTH AFRICA

LOCATION: The Cape Saint Lucia Resort Area is located in KwaZulu-Natal province in northeastern South Africa. The resort is situated at the southern tip of a narrow peninsula that divides the Indian Ocean from the chain of lakes that form the combined estuaries of four rivers: the Hluhluwe, the Mzinene, the Mkuke, and the Nyalazi. The general area is quite swampy and marshy (hence, its attraction to wildlife), but the resort is on a hilly portion of the peninsula, some 365 feet above sea level. The area includes the Greater St. Lucia Wetlands, with their associated marine reserves, game reserves, parks and forest. Nearby is the popular Hluhluwe-Umfolozi Park area. This general region has attained the status of one of the world's great eco-tourism destinations.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:44	13:06	12:17	11:26	10:44	10:22	10:31	11:07	11:55	12:46	13:31	13:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:37	6:58	6:43	7:10	7:30	7:43	7:42	7:32	6:39	5:59	5:58	6:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	42%	46%	56%	66%	72%	71%	64%	48%	35%	32%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	63°	63°	61°	58°	53°	50°	49°	51°	53°	56°	58°	61°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	70°	69°	66°	61°	56°	57°	58°	62°	64°	66°	68°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	83°	81°	79°	75°	72°	72°	73°	74°	75°	78°	81°
HIGH FOR MONTH	90°	90°	89°	88°	84°	80°	80°	83°	83°	85°	87°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	6%	8%	5%	2%	2%	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%	3%	5%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	75%	76%	75%	72%	68%	68%	72%	75%	77%	77%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	79°	78°	77°	74°	72°	71°	70°	71°	72°	74°	75°
DRY DAYS	61%	57%	55%	60%	71%	73%	74%	74%	63%	55%	53%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	73%	70%	65%	74%	82%	81%	84%	85%	80%	74%	73%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.80	0.97	1.17	0.82	0.57	0.65	0.49	0.39	0.45	0.62	0.68	0.69
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	9%	7%	8%	7%	3%	3%	2%	2%	5%	10%	13%	12%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	0%	1%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	2%	2%	1%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 57% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 47% in December, to a high of 74% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 47° at some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 94° on some equally clear and windless summer afternoon. Clear skies and calm airs tend to make the high temperatures higher and the low ones lower. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 3° warmer than actual ones during the warmer months. This is due to the combination of temperatures and the relatively high afternoon humidity. The climate is that of the coastal sub-tropics. Humidity is high throughout the year, and rainfall is at least adequate in every month. There are two seasons: The high-sun season runs from late November through early April. It is hotter, more humid, rainier, and cloudier. The low-sun season takes up the rest of the year. It is sunnier, cooler, less rainy, and generally much more pleasant.