

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SURAT THANI (BAN DON) AREA, THAILAND

LOCATION: Surat Thani (Ban Don) is located on the east coast of the Malay Peninsula in southern Thailand. The city is situated on the delta of the Ta Pi where it empties into the Gulf of Thailand. The surrounding land is flat and marshy, and elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Surat Thani is a popular point of departure for the Samui Archipelago

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:40	11:50	12:05	12:20	12:33	12:39	12:36	12:26	12:11	11:56	11:43	11:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:05	9:19	8:28	8:00	6:40	6:01	6:08	6:01	5:27	5:15	5:18	6:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	62%	57%	48%	33%	28%	30%	28%	27%	27%	29%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	65°	65°	70°	73°	73°	72°	72°	72°	72°	70°	67°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	69°	68°	70°	73°	74°	74°	74°	74°	73°	73°	72°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	91°	94°	95°	93°	91°	90°	91°	90°	88°	86°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	91°	94°	98°	99°	97°	95°	94°	94°	94°	93°	90°	89°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	22%	65%	90%	93%	79%	66%	61%	60%	51%	30%	13%	6%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	58%	56%	61%	70%	69%	69%	69%	73%	76%	78%	73%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	82°	82°	83°	86°	83°	83°	83°	82°	83°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	80%	89%	90%	73%	51%	50%	53%	48%	41%	42%	43%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	95%	95%	84%	67%	68%	70%	68%	60%	57%	50%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.13	0.16	0.50	1.20	0.92	0.88	0.90	1.28	1.64	2.11	1.18
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	4%	17%	43%	60%	32%	37%	25%	35%	42%	28%	6%
FOGGY DAYS	30%	27%	21%	16%	11%	7%	9%	8%	12%	26%	23%	23%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 56% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 44% in rainy October and November, to a high of 79% in sparkling February. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 63° at some windless dry-season sunrise, and the high will be near 100° on some sunny hot-season afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be as much as 15° hotter than actual ones. The area has the three-season year typical of Monsoon Asia. There is a dry season, a wet season, and a hot season. This latter season comes during the transition from dry to wet—April through June. The rainfall peak in October and November is a consequence of the occurrence of both frontal storms and tropical storms. The latter can cause severe flooding in the low-lying areas around the city.