

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SKYE ISLAND (INNER HEBRIDES), SCOTLAND

LOCATION: The island of Skye, one of the Inner Hebrides, is located in the North Atlantic Ocean off of the northwest coast of Scotland. The island is connected to the Scottish mainland by ferries, and by other ferries to the Outer Hebrides. Elevations range from sea level to some 3,258 feet above it at the summit of the Cuillin Hills.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:26	9:25	11:47	14:16	16:32	17:51	17:17	15:17	12:53	10:25	8:09	6:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:11	2:21	3:32	5:07	6:36	5:59	4:28	4:34	3:41	2:29	1:30	0:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	27%	29%	32%	33%	28%	25%	27%	27%	26%	28%	27%
LOW FOR MONTH	27°	28°	29°	32°	35°	40°	45°	44°	40°	35°	32°	29°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	37°	38°	40°	44°	48°	51°	51°	49°	45°	41°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	44°	44°	47°	50°	54°	58°	60°	61°	58°	53°	49°	46°
HIGH FOR MONTH	51°	50°	54°	57°	64°	68°	68°	67°	64°	60°	55°	52°
FROSTY MORNINGS	20%	21%	14%	9%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	15%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	84%	81%	79%	77%	75%	77%	81%	80%	80%	81%	82%	84%
NEARBY WATERS	47°	46°	46°	46°	49°	52°	54°	56°	55°	53°	51°	49°
DRY DAYS	24%	28%	36%	38%	46%	42%	34%	35%	29%	24%	22%	21%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	62%	68%	69%	68%	73%	71%	68%	67%	60%	57%	58%	60%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.84	0.64	0.54	0.48	0.39	0.47	0.58	0.64	0.79	0.91	0.87	0.87
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.4"	5.1"	4.1"	1.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.3"	4.7"
SNOWY DAYS	13%	15%	12%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	2%	3%	6%	6%	6%	7%	5%	3%	3%	1%	2%

COMMENTS: The island has a four-season temperate marine climate. It is strongly influenced by the prevailing winds from the west off of the relatively (emphasis on relatively) warm waters of the North Atlantic Drift, the northern remnant of the Gulf Stream. These winds provide abundant precipitation, frequent storms, much cooler summers and warmer winters than similar latitudes on the Eurasian mainland (the island is farther north than is Moscow). Summer afternoons are very long, quite cloudy, quite windy, extremely damp, and cool to mild. Warm days do not occur in most years, and hot ones are unknown. Summer nights are short and cool to chilly. Winter afternoons are very short, overcast, very stormy, extremely damp, and quite chilly. They will almost always, however, rise above freezing--although not necessarily by much. Snow is common, but not as common as rain.