

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TIREE ISLAND (INNER HEBRIDES), SCOTLAND

LOCATION: The island of Tiree, one of the Inner Hebrides, is located in the North Atlantic Ocean off of the northwest coast of Scotland. The island has fewer than a thousand residents. Its major town is Scarnish. There is ferry service to the island of Mull and to Oban on the Scottish mainland. Elevations range from sea level to some 463 feet above it at the summit of Ben Hynish.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 7:35 | 9:30 | 11:48 | 14:12 | 16:23 | 17:39 | 17:06 | 15:11 | 12:51 | 10:28 | 8:16 | 6:59 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 1:17 | 2:30 | 3:37 | 5:41 | 7:13 | 6:38 | 5:10 | 5:10 | 3:58 | 2:35 | 1:36 | 0:57 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 29% | 30% | 31% | 36% | 38% | 32% | 29% | 31% | 31% | 29% | 31% | 29% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 29° | 28° | 30° | 33° | 36° | 42° | 46° | 46° | 42° | 37° | 33° | 31° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 38° | 37° | 39° | 41° | 45° | 49° | 52° | 52° | 50° | 47° | 42° | 40° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 45° | 45° | 47° | 50° | 55° | 59° | 61° | 61° | 58° | 54° | 49° | 47° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 51° | 50° | 52° | 57° | 64° | 68° | 68° | 67° | 64° | 60° | 55° | 52° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 12% | 16% | 10% | 5% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 9% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 83% | 79% | 78% | 76% | 75% | 78% | 81% | 80% | 80% | 81% | 81% | 83% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 47° | 46° | 45° | 46° | 49° | 52° | 54° | 56° | 55° | 54° | 51° | 50° |
| DRY DAYS | 26% | 35% | 41% | 44% | 50% | 46% | 38% | 41% | 32% | 25% | 26% | 24% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 62% | 70% | 69% | 72% | 76% | 73% | 69% | 69% | 60% | 56% | 59% | 61% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.77 | 0.55 | 0.49 | 0.41 | 0.35 | 0.44 | 0.54 | 0.58 | 0.80 | 0.87 | 0.80 | 0.78 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 3.8" | 3.3" | 2.4" | 0.7" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 1.2" | 2.5" |
| SNOWY DAYS | 9% | 10% | 7% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 6% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 2% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 2% | 2% | 3% | 6% | 6% | 6% | 7% | 5% | 3% | 2% | 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.