

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MARTINIQUE ISLAND, FRENCH ANTILLES, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: The island of Martinique is located at the northern end of the Windward Islands section of the Lesser Antilles in the Caribbean Sea. At 427 square miles, it is the largest of the Windward Islands, and is an overseas department of France. The island's nearest neighbors are St. Lucia, some twenty miles to the south and Dominica, some 26 miles to the north. The western side of the island borders on the Caribbean Sea, while the eastern faces the Atlantic Ocean. Elevations range from sea level to 4,583 feet above it at the summit of volcanic Mt. Pelee.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:22	11:40	12:03	12:28	12:48	12:59	12:55	12:37	12:14	11:50	11:28	11:17
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:58	8:14	8:22	8:16	8:00	7:25	7:37	8:13	7:25	7:18	7:31	7:35
AREA OF BLUE SKY	54%	52%	52%	48%	44%	38%	43%	45%	45%	45%	49%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	64°	64°	65°	67°	70°	72°	72°	71°	71°	70°	69°	65°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	70°	70°	72°	74°	76°	76°	75°	74°	74°	73°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	83°	84°	85°	86°	86°	86°	87°	87°	87°	86°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	86°	87°	89°	90°	89°	89°	90°	90°	90°	89°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	1%	1%	3%	8%	6%	2%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	68%	67%	67%	69%	72%	73%	73%	74%	75%	75%	73%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	82°	83°	84°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	36%	43%	46%	48%	39%	26%	22%	25%	21%	32%	30%	34%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	72%	74%	71%	66%	56%	50%	50%	48%	53%	54%	64%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.71	0.63	0.46	0.61	0.78	1.13	1.39	1.57	1.54	1.56	1.43	0.92
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%	12%	14%	19%	15%	8%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 57% in June, to a high of 71% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 62°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones in January and February, and up to 8° warmer the rest of the year—with the 8° coming in September. There are essentially two seasons: a rainy season and a less rainy season. The rainy season runs from June through November. The less rainy season extends from December through May. It is cooler, sunnier and quite a bit more pleasant. Temperatures range from mild to very hot, and the humidity is high both day and night.