

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CARTAGENA AND THE CARIBBEAN COAST, COLOMBIA

LOCATION: Cartagena is located on the Caribbean coast of Colombia, in the northern part of the country. Situated formerly on an island just off the coast, the city is now firmly attached to the mainland. Elevations, of course, are all close to sea level. Cartagena is generally conceded to be the most interesting city in Colombia. Many would claim it as the most interesting city in all of South America.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:36	11:48	12:04	12:22	12:36	12:44	12:41	12:28	12:12	11:55	11:40	11:32
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:44	8:47	8:01	7:22	7:44	6:24	7:47	7:21	6:45	6:32	7:20	8:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	71%	66%	63%	49%	39%	38%	42%	38%	33%	34%	43%	62%
LOW FOR MONTH	69°	69°	69°	73°	72°	74°	73°	72°	71°	73°	74°	70°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74°	74°	75°	77°	78°	78°	78°	78°	77°	77°	77°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	87°	87°	88°	88°	88°	89°	88°	88°	87°	87°	87°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	89°	91°	91°	92°	92°	92°	92°	92°	91°	90°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	2%	3%	6%	9%	17%	22%	24%	21%	15%	8%	7%	6%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	66%	65%	68%	71%	71%	70%	71%	72%	72%	71%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	78°	79°	80°	81°	82°	82°	82°	83°	84°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	98%	99%	99%	92%	74%	63%	69%	65%	57%	51%	67%	92%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	98%	99%	99%	95%	83%	77%	81%	79%	73%	63%	75%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.09	0.05	0.06	0.19	0.62	0.68	0.53	0.65	0.72	1.50	0.95	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	2%	11%	23%	27%	26%	32%	40%	32%	17%	5%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

COMMENTS: Cartagena has a tropical wet-and-dry climate. Its tropical location is manifested in the small change in the length of the daylight period from one season to another, and in the consequently small change in temperatures from month to month. Below-freezing temperatures do not occur. The coldest that you can ever expect it to get will be somewhere in the middle 50's. It is the rainfall that determines the seasons. The rainy season runs from late May through the end of November, and is not all that rainy. Even in the rainiest month, October, more days are dry than wet. The dry season runs from December through April, and is the most pleasant time of year. Cartagena gets a delightful sea breeze on most days that helps to moderate both the heat and the humidity. It helps, but it doesn't eliminate them. The city is still hot and humid.