

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LIMON AREA, COSTA RICA

LOCATION: Limon (sometimes called Puerto Limon) is located on the southeastern Caribbean coast of Costa Rica. The town is situated on a broad peninsula sticking out into the Caribbean. It is Costa Rica's major port on the Caribbean coast. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Take a walk to the Parque Vargas, and watch the sloths hanging out in the trees.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:37	11:49	12:04	12:21	12:35	12:42	12:39	12:27	12:12	11:55	11:41	11:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:05	5:28	5:40	5:44	5:26	4:15	3:52	4:38	5:01	5:13	4:51	4:53
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	29%	29%	26%	21%	12%	10%	14%	17%	20%	20%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	61°	65°	67°	64°	70°	69°	69°	69°	68°	65°	68°	67°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	70°	71°	72°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	72°	72°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	84°	86°	86°	87°	86°	85°	86°	86°	86°	85°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	90°	92°	92°	92°	92°	90°	92°	92°	93°	92°	81°	88°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	2%	5%	9%	13%	7%	2%	4%	8%	4%	3%	2%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	72%	70%	71%	74%	75%	77%	75%	74%	74%	76%	75%
NEARBY WATERS	81°	81°	81°	81°	82°	83°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	80°
DRY DAYS	43%	44%	51%	48%	39%	34%	28%	35%	41%	33%	35%	40%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	43%	56%	62%	58%	54%	50%	33%	51%	63%	58%	42%	40%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	2.02	1.48	1.27	1.83	1.81	1.86	2.60	1.87	0.99	1.20	2.43	2.58
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	3%	16%	35%	35%	36%	30%	24%	9%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	15%	18%	17%	20%	17%	20%	18%	16%	16%	12%	13%	16%

COMMENTS: Limon has a rainy tropical climate. This gives it essentially a single season. There is no significant difference in the length of the daylight period from month to month, in temperatures, or in the frequency of rainy days. The weather on any given day of the year could just as easily occur (and probably does) on any other day. Afternoons are cloudy, hot and humid. Nights are warm, and even more humid. Rain falls on more days than not. However, there are enormous fluctuations in the rainfall in any given month from one year to another. Some normally rainy month may be dry, and vice versa. *Nortes* are cold winds from the north, and are most common during the northern hemisphere winter season. They are strong polar outbreaks that lose little of their force in their rapid crossing of the Gulf of Mexico and the Yucatan Peninsula. They are sometimes called "*papagayos*". At higher elevations back from the coast, they cause occasional spells of frost.