

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PUERTO SAN JOSE AND THE PACIFIC COAST, GUATEMALA

LOCATION: Puerto San Jose is located on the southern, Pacific coast of Guatemala. It is situated on a small natural harbor at the end of the paved road from Guatemala City. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The area is Guatemala's major coastal resort area, but development has been slow and facilities and amenities are a long way from world class.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:25	11:41	12:03	12:27	12:46	12:56	12:52	12:36	12:14	11:50	11:30	11:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:30	9:55	9:22	8:37	6:27	4:48	5:46	5:10	4:21	6:01	7:38	8:43
AREA OF BLUE SKY	82%	83%	75%	65%	42%	23%	31%	27%	21%	39%	61%	74%
LOW FOR MONTH	62°	62°	64°	67°	70°	70°	69°	70°	71°	69°	66°	61°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	68°	68°	70°	73°	75°	74°	74°	74°	74°	74°	71°	69°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	89°	89°	90°	91°	90°	88°	89°	88°	87°	88°	88°	88°
HIGH FOR MONTH	93°	95°	96°	96°	94°	92°	93°	93°	91°	91°	93°	95°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	42%	55%	71%	81%	64%	36%	46%	44%	21%	28%	39%	42%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	53%	56%	58%	65%	69%	64%	66%	70%	67%	62%	58%
NEARBY WATERS	82°	82°	83°	84°	85°	84°	84°	84°	84°	84°	84°	83°
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	98%	92%	74%	57%	56%	60%	51%	69%	92%	97%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	96%	81%	59%	62%	65%	59%	69%	95%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.12	0.74	1.94	1.42	1.54	1.77	1.73	0.20	0.03
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	12%	36%	47%	53%	51%	54%	45%	14%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	29%	44%	58%	75%	72%	21%	12%	10%	13%	13%	23%	19%

COMMENTS: The coastal area has a tropical wet-and-dry climate. The length of the daylight period does not change significantly from one season to the next, nor do temperatures. This is the *tierra caliente*, the "hot lands", and temperatures are always high (sometimes very high) and humidities are always at least moderately humid (sometimes downright sultry). The rainy season runs from late May through October. Afternoons will be cloudy, hot, and humid; with rain about two days out of five. The dry season is the preferred time of year, and extends from November through April. Afternoons will be sunny, hot to very hot, and moderately humid. You can expect rain less than a half-dozen time in the entire dry season. The volcanic soils are rich and fertile and dark. This latter characteristic leads to beaches of black sand, rather than white.