

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BAY ISLANDS, HONDURAS

LOCATION: The Bay Islands are located in the Gulf of Honduras, about thirty-odd miles north of that nation's Caribbean coast. There are three major islands: Roatan, Guanaja, and Utila. There are also a number of smaller isles and rocky outcrops. The islands are surrounded by superb coral reefs, part of the extensive Belize reef system. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:17	11:37	12:03	12:30	12:53	13:05	13:00	12:41	12:15	11:47	11:24	11:11
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:44	7:52	8:17	9:13	8:44	5:15	6:59	7:56	5:48	6:06	5:45	6:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	55%	60%	53%	41%	27%	38%	44%	35%	34%	34%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	68°	71°	73°	76°	77°	74°	75°	77°	72°	71°	70°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	77°	77°	78°	80°	81°	82°	81°	82°	82°	80°	78°	77°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	83°	86°	87°	88°	89°	88°	88°	89°	86°	85°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	90°	93°	93°	95°	93°	93°	94°	94°	92°	92°	89°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	4%	7%	19%	27%	50%	52%	39%	46%	56%	32%	18%	10%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	70%	67%	68%	70%	76%	75%	73%	74%	75%	75%	73%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	80°	80°	81°	83°	84°	84°	84°	85°	84°	83°	81°
DRY DAYS	55%	71%	81%	83%	71%	50%	52%	55%	50%	39%	43%	52%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	57%	78%	85%	89%	84%	71%	59%	69%	68%	39%	43%	52%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.53	0.76	0.54	0.41	0.38	0.73	1.51	1.04	0.95	3.21	2.63	2.25
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	0%	0%	1%	3%	10%	26%	28%	20%	12%	5%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 40% in cloudy June, to a high of 74% in sunny April. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 67° on some calm and clear February sunrise, and the highest should be near 96° on some sunny and windless April afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be anywhere from 2° to 15° warmer than actual ones, due to the humidity. The hurricane season runs from July through October, with the middle of September through the end of October as the most likely period to have one of these storms. The frequency of hurricanes is about one year in six.