

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BOCAS DEL TORO ISLANDS, PANAMA

LOCATION: The Bocas del Toro islands are located on the Caribbean coast of extreme northwestern Panama. The hundreds of islands and keys are scattered across the mouth of and within the Lagoon de Chiriqui. Elevations range from sea level to some 266 feet above it. The administrative center is also named Bocas del Toro (as is the province of which it is the capital), and is located on the island of Colon. Most of the island's inhabitants are of West Indian descent, and speak English as their native tongue. Spanish is the official language, however.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:39	11:50	12:05	12:20	12:33	12:40	12:37	12:26	12:11	11:56	11:43	11:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:38	5:57	6:06	6:05	5:31	4:32	4:12	4:49	5:12	5:16	4:59	5:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	32%	31%	27%	19%	13%	12%	14%	16%	18%	20%	27%
LOW FOR MONTH	66°	67°	68°	68°	71°	71°	70°	71°	71°	69°	70°	68°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	72°	72°	73°	74°	74°	74°	74°	74°	73°	73°	73°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	85°	85°	86°	87°	86°	85°	85°	86°	86°	85°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	88°	90°	91°	91°	90°	90°	89°	92°	90°	66°	88°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	4%	7%	14%	7%	2%	5%	11%	8%	3%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	75%	74%	73%	77%	78%	80%	80%	76%	78%	79%	78%
NEARBY WATERS	81°	81°	81°	81°	82°	83°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	80°
DRY DAYS	25%	27%	35%	29%	25%	21%	17%	21%	22%	18%	16%	21%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	49%	60%	60%	52%	49%	49%	36%	49%	54%	50%	35%	34%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.51	1.05	1.05	1.61	1.76	1.52	2.12	1.57	1.03	1.28	2.37	2.43
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	0%	6%	24%	39%	38%	36%	36%	26%	14%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	7%	6%	7%	6%	7%	7%	6%	6%	5%	5%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 44% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 33% in July, to a high of 51% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 65°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 3° (February) to 10° (August through October) warmer than actual ones. The year is divided into four barely perceptible seasons only by rainfall. There are two very rainy seasons and two rainy seasons. Otherwise, the weather is pretty much the same from one month to the next. That is, it has hot humid days and warm and even more humid nights. Skies are more cloudy than blue, and precipitation is abundant at all time. The weather on any particular calendar date could just as easily occur on any other day of the year. This is the rainy tropics.