

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SAN BLAS ISLANDS, PANAMA

LOCATION: The San Blas Archipelago is located in the Caribbean Sea off of Panama's northeastern coast. The Archipelago stretches from the Gulf of San Blas almost to the Colombian border, and includes between 375 and 400 islands--depending upon who is doing the counting. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The islands are the home of the Cuna people, who govern themselves with little consultation with or interference from the Panamanian government. There no facilities for visitors anyplace other than El Porvenir, and the ones there are basic.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:39	11:50	12:04	12:20	12:34	12:41	12:38	12:26	12:11	11:56	11:42	11:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:31	6:17	6:04	5:46	5:08	4:51	5:05	5:18	5:25	5:09	5:11	5:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	44%	40%	36%	32%	25%	23%	25%	28%	30%	29%	31%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	70°	71°	71°	72°	70°	72°	72°	71°	70°	71°	70°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	75°	76°	76°	76°	75°	75°	75°	75°	75°	75°	75°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	85°	85°	86°	86°	86°	85°	85°	86°	86°	85°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	88°	89°	90°	89°	91°	89°	90°	89°	89°	91°	88°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	0%	1%	3%	11%	8%	4%	5%	13%	11%	3%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	70%	70%	70%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	74%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	80°	80°	81°	82°	83°	82°	82°	83°	83°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	64%	64%	70%	56%	37%	35%	33%	31%	34%	38%	33%	43%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	83%	85%	71%	52%	51%	41%	47%	50%	51%	36%	53%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.56	0.39	0.29	1.00	1.91	1.78	2.18	2.05	1.86	2.04	2.85	1.73
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	0%	2%	6%	30%	37%	42%	41%	43%	38%	23%	9%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 46% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 38% in June, to a high of 56% in January. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 66°, and the highest should be near 96°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 3° (November through March) to 6° (April through October) warmer than actual ones. The San Blas Islands have a tropical wet-and-dry climate based on rainfall. The rainy season runs from late April through December, and features showers about two days out of three. The dry season extends from January through early April, and the rainfall frequency drops to about one day in three. Throughout the year, afternoons are hot and humid while nights are warm and muggy. The islands are too close to the Equator to be in much danger from hurricanes.