

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DARWIN AREA (NORTHERN TERRITORY), AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Darwin is located on the northern coast of Australia. It is the capital and largest city in the Northern Territory. Darwin is situated on a peninsula between Beagle Gulf on the north and Frances Bay to the south. Both are inlets off of the Timor Sea. Elevations in town are close to sea level, and much of the surrounding land is mangrove swamp.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:46	12:31	12:11	11:50	11:33	11:25	11:28	11:42	12:02	12:23	12:41	12:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:53	5:56	6:42	8:08	9:10	9:36	9:46	10:11	9:48	9:08	8:05	6:44
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	34%	42%	59%	72%	79%	82%	83%	76%	66%	52%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	72°	72°	72°	71°	66°	63°	61°	64°	69°	72°	72°	72°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	77°	77°	77°	76°	73°	69°	68°	70°	74°	77°	78°	78°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	89°	89°	90°	91°	90°	87°	87°	88°	90°	92°	93°	91°
HIGH FOR MONTH	95°	94°	95°	96°	94°	92°	92°	93°	96°	97°	97°	96°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	42%	30%	42%	63%	49%	14%	14%	25%	47%	70%	75%	62%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	72%	68%	54%	47%	46%	44%	45%	49%	52%	58%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	83°	83°	84°	83°	81°	79°	77°	78°	81°	83°	84°	82°
DRY DAYS	33%	35%	45%	78%	96%	97%	99%	99%	93%	85%	65%	53%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	31%	39%	54%	84%	98%	99%	99%	99%	97%	90%	75%	61%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	2.48	2.22	1.66	0.67	0.10	0.01	0.00	0.03	0.10	0.35	0.85	1.49
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	40%	35%	34%	14%	2%	0%	0%	0%	4%	20%	42%	48%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Darwin has a two-season tropical year, with the seasons based on rainfall. Temperatures vary only slightly from month to month throughout the year, and the temperatures on any given day can and probably do occur in every month. The rainy season runs from late November through early April in most years. The rainy season is very hot, very humid, and very wet. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are quite a bit higher than those shown in the table or on the thermometers. It rains most days, but not every day. Rivers flood and many roads become impassable. Heavy showers are more common than prolonged light rains. The rest of the year is relatively dry--virtually rainless from May through September. It's still quite hot, but afternoon humidities drop down quite a bit and bring the sensible temperatures with them. This is the most popular season with visitors. Darwin's latitude just south of the Equator protects it from most tropical storms of the hurricane/typhoon variety.