

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KAUAI'S NORTH SHORE, HAWAII

LOCATION: Kauai's north shore is that island's major *koolau* (windward) coast, and the wettest of the island's four coasts. This is not so noticeable right along the coast itself, but precipitation increases in both amount and frequency as you venture inland. Nevertheless, the coast is home to at least one major resort/condo development, that at Princeville. Visitors come to this area to enjoy a more relaxed life style, spectacular scenery, and a closer look at Hawaiian's Hawaii. Elevations in the developed areas are all close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:57	11:25	12:01	12:39	13:12	13:28	13:22	12:54	12:18	11:40	11:06	10:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:06	6:38	6:47	7:00	7:54	8:31	8:29	8:29	8:21	7:06	5:53	5:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	45%	44%	38%	35%	38%	41%	41%	42%	46%	42%	39%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	57°	57°	58°	61°	62°	65°	67°	67°	66°	65°	63°	59°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	62°	62°	62°	64°	66°	68°	69°	70°	69°	68°	66°	64°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	77°	77°	76°	77°	79°	81°	82°	82°	83°	82°	79°	77°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	81°	81°	81°	83°	84°	84°	85°	85°	85°	83°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	66%	66%	66%	66%	64%	64%	65%	65%	67%	69%	69%
NEARBY WATERS	76°	75°	75°	76°	77°	79°	79°	80°	80°	79°	79°	76°
DRY DAYS	54%	56%	50%	49%	54%	52%	46%	49%	53%	49%	46%	48%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	64%	68%	61%	68%	72%	74%	69%	70%	72%	69%	63%	65%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.16	1.01	1.31	0.92	0.81	0.58	0.75	0.77	0.73	0.86	1.18	1.14
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	3%	4%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 52% in December, to a high of 68% in September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 55° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 87° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The windward coasts of the islands don't get as hot as the leeward ones. Hawaiian residents see the year as having essentially two seasons. The *kau* season corresponds with the high-sun period; and is the sunnier, drier, and slight warmer of the two. It extends from May through September. The *hoo-ilo* runs from October through April, and corresponds roughly with the low-sun period. It is essentially the rainy season.