

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TIMOR ISLAND, INDONESIA

LOCATION: Timor is one of the Lesser Sunda Islands, and is located in eastern Indonesia. The island is a sizeable one, and is located across the Timor Sea from northwestern Australia. Elevations range from sea level to some 9,721 feet above it at the summit of Tata Mai.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:34	12:23	12:10	11:56	11:44	11:38	11:41	11:50	12:03	12:18	12:30	12:37
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:59	6:20	6:58	7:44	8:23	8:55	8:56	9:11	9:03	8:34	8:01	6:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	36%	42%	50%	54%	53%	54%	55%	57%	55%	50%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	73°	75°	72°	73°	72°	69°	66°	66°	66°	69°	73°	75°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	77°	76°	76°	75°	74°	72°	70°	70°	71°	74°	76°	76°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	86°	87°	87°	87°	85°	85°	84°	85°	86°	88°	88°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	91°	92°	92°	91°	92°	89°	90°	89°	90°	93°	92°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	7%	4%	8%	33%	29%	11%	10%	21%	38%	51%	47%	16%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	68%	64%	67%	66%	61%	58%	61%	63%	63%	63%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	83°	83°	82°	83°	82°	81°	80°	79°	80°	82°	84°	82°
DRY DAYS	51%	50%	58%	78%	82%	88%	91%	95%	95%	92%	74%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	70%	69%	71%	84%	87%	92%	96%	98%	98%	96%	84%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.84	0.88	0.88	0.64	0.51	0.26	0.12	0.06	0.09	0.15	0.39	0.89
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	16%	14%	12%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	16%	25%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The island, like most of Indonesia, has a tropical wet-and-dry climate. The seasons are based on rainfall, since neither temperatures nor the length of the daylight period vary much from one month to another. The rainy season runs from late November through early May, and is not all that rainy--especially in the drier eastern half of the island. The dry season takes in the rest of the year, and is fairly dry--again, especially in the eastern half of the island. Even in the peak of the rainy season, half or more of the days get no rain at all. Generally speaking, dry days tend to be warmer in the afternoon and cooler at night than their wetter cousins. The rain usually falls as a series of heavy showers, often accompanied by thunder and lightning, and having lengthy dry spells in between. These showers are most common in the afternoons and early evening, and least common in the mornings. Afternoons are moderately humid when it doesn't rain, and quite humid when it does.