

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MAJURO AND THE MARSHALL ISLANDS, NORTH PACIFIC OCEAN

LOCATION: LOCATION: The Republic of the Marshall Islands consists of two 800-mile long parallel chains of coral atolls in the North Pacific Ocean, some 2,300 miles southwest of the Hawaiian Islands. Majuro is the capital and largest city. It is situated at the southeastern end of the Majuro Atoll, in the westernmost (Ratak) chain. Elevations nowhere exceed twenty feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:46	11:54	12:05	12:17	12:27	12:32	12:30	12:22	12:10	11:59	11:49	11:44
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:16	7:46	8:04	7:21	7:18	7:05	7:00	7:31	7:13	6:36	6:19	6:25
AREA OF BLUE SKY	15%	19%	18%	16%	15%	15%	15%	17%	16%	15%	14%	14%
LOW FOR MONTH	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76°	77°	77°	76°	77°	76°	76°	76°	76°	76°	76°	76°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	85°	85°	86°	86°	86°	86°	86°	86°	86°	86°	86°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	87°	87°	87°	87°	88°	88°	88°	88°	89°	89°	88°	88°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	74%	75%	77%	79%	78%	77%	76%	76%	76%	78%	78%
NEARBY WATERS	82°	83°	83°	83°	83°	82°	83°	83°	83°	84°	84°	82°
DRY DAYS	44%	46%	41%	31%	24%	20%	21%	25%	25%	25%	23%	29%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	65%	69%	64%	57%	51%	44%	44%	48%	48%	45%	46%	52%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.32	1.17	1.45	1.81	1.85	1.96	2.08	1.88	2.09	2.28	2.23	1.78
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	5%	6%	5%	8%	7%	7%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 59% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 53% during the heavy rains of November, to a high of 67% during the lighter rains of March. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 71° during some heavy daytime downpour, and the highest should be near 89° on some sunny, dry and windless afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 10° warmer than actual ones, due to the high afternoon humidity. The day to day variations in temperature, although minuscule, are greater than the variations from month to month. The year is divided into two seasons based on rainfall. The rainy season runs from April through December, with the shorter less rainy season taking in January through March. In reality, there is little to choose between the two. Strangely enough, the temperature during the heavy afternoon showers is from two to four degrees *cooler* than the lowest nighttime temperatures.