

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PORT MORESBY AREA, PAPUA NEW GUINEA

LOCATION: Papua New Guinea, a full member of the British Commonwealth, is located on the eastern half of the large island of New Guinea. Port Moresby, the national capital, is located on the underside of the "tail" of the New Guinea "lizard". It faces east and south to the Coral Sea. Elevations are everywhere very close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:37	12:25	12:10	11:54	11:42	11:35	11:38	11:49	12:03	12:19	12:33	12:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:48	5:25	5:37	6:11	6:43	6:44	6:25	6:32	6:13	6:57	7:35	6:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	21%	25%	29%	38%	40%	38%	36%	35%	36%	38%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	71°	71°	70°	69°	68°	67°	67°	68°	69°	70°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74°	74°	74°	74°	74°	73°	72°	72°	73°	74°	74°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	89°	88°	88°	87°	87°	85°	84°	84°	86°	87°	89°	90°
HIGH FOR MONTH	94°	93°	92°	91°	90°	89°	88°	88°	89°	91°	93°	94°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	43%	33%	30%	18%	12%	6%	4%	6%	12%	29%	47%	52%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	68%	68%	70%	71%	70%	69%	67%	68%	66%	64%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	84°	83°	83°	83°	82°	82°	79°	79°	79°	78°	82°	83°
DRY DAYS	46%	39%	44%	56%	74%	80%	82%	80%	79%	79%	76%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	70%	63%	67%	77%	89%	92%	94%	93%	92%	92%	88%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.14	1.34	1.21	0.81	0.39	0.26	0.16	0.15	0.19	0.22	0.36	0.78
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	18%	17%	16%	16%	10%	3%	3%	5%	10%	18%	20%	19%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	6%	10%	12%	9%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	3%

COMMENTS: The area has a tropical wet-and-dry climate. There is little difference in either the length of the daylight period or in the daily temperatures from one season to another. What differences there are, come from the changing proportions in the number of rainy days versus the number of clear and sunny days from the rainy season to the dry one. Clear and sunny days have higher afternoon temperatures and lower nighttime temperatures than cloudy and rainy ones. Actually, the weather on any given day could just as easily occur on any other day of the year. The rainy season runs from December through April in most years, with the rest of the year being relatively dry. Most of the rain comes as a series of short but intense showers, often accompanied by thunder and lightning. There are dry spells in between the showers, and often sunny spells as well. During the rainy season, the showers come more often, last a bit longer, and drop a bit more rain. Afternoons are humid and nights damp and dewy (sometimes foggy) all year around.