

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SARASOTA – BRADENTON RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: The Sarasota – Bradenton resort area is located on the Gulf coast of west-central Florida, south of St. Petersburg. The two communities are situated at the southern end of the opening into Tampa Bay. First settled in the 1700's, the area is the home of the Ringling Brothers – Barnum & Bailey Circus. DeSoto National Memorial sits at the entrance to Tampa Bay. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:38	11:13	12:00	12:48	13:29	13:51	13:42	13:07	12:21	11:33	10:50	10:28
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:09	7:50	8:53	9:58	10:19	9:32	9:00	8:41	8:12	7:50	7:20	6:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	50%	50%	55%	52%	42%	38%	39%	40%	52%	54%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	35°	37°	43°	48°	55°	62°	66°	67°	63°	52°	42°	35°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	51°	52°	55°	59°	64°	70°	71°	72°	71°	65°	57°	52°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	74°	76°	82°	87°	90°	90°	90°	89°	84°	78°	73°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	81°	83°	87°	93°	95°	95°	94°	94°	90°	86°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	1%	3%	28%	67%	71%	78%	56%	6%	1%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	55%	54%	50%	52%	60%	63%	63%	62%	57%	57%	58%
NEARBY WATERS	69°	68°	71°	73°	78°	82°	84°	84°	84°	81°	76°	72°
DRY DAYS	83%	82%	83%	86%	83%	59%	51%	51%	59%	80%	86%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	85%	86%	89%	88%	70%	58%	61%	67%	85%	91%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.41	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.47	1.13	1.52	1.49	1.36	0.55	0.31	0.36
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	6%	8%	9%	19%	47%	66%	65%	40%	10%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	25%	20%	17%	11%	6%	5%	2%	3%	7%	9%	16%	21%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 70% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 65% in December, to a high of 78% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 33° some nippy winter morning, and the highest should be near 97° some sultry summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through September. The area has a four-season subtropical year, with vegetation growth continuous throughout the year. Humidities are almost always quite high, with morning dews and light mists the rule. Winter (December through February) features warm days and cool nights. Below-freezing temperatures do occur, but not in all years. Rain comes mostly from passing frontal systems, and is lighter but longer lasting than the thundershowers of summer. Summer (June through September) has very hot and humid days and warm and sultry nights. Rain comes mostly from afternoon and evening thundershowers, although passing frontal systems also contribute. The official hurricane season runs from June through November. The Sarasota-Bradenton area has one chance in fourteen of experiencing one of these storms in any given year.