

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LAKE CHARLES AND THE CAJUN COAST, LOUISIANA

LOCATION: Lake Charles is located in southwestern Louisiana. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Calcasieu River. Despite its location some thirty miles from the Gulf of Mexico, Lake Charles is a major port. The countryside is low-lying, swampy, and dotted with many lakes and upland areas locally called "prairies". Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The area is dominated by the Cajun culture.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:27	11:07	11:59	12:53	13:40	14:04	13:54	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:41	10:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:35	5:43	6:23	7:23	8:27	10:02	9:54	9:18	8:41	7:51	6:27	5:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	33%	39%	37%	39%	43%	50%	45%	48%	50%	57%	47%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	26°	29°	34°	43°	55°	64°	69°	68°	57°	44°	33°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	44°	51°	58°	65°	71°	73°	73°	69°	58°	49°	44°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	61°	65°	71°	78°	84°	90°	92°	92°	88°	81°	71°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	76°	78°	82°	86°	91°	95°	97°	97°	94°	90°	83°	78°
FROSTY MORNINGS	19%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	47%	73%	71%	35%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	61%	59%	59%	59%	60%	63%	62%	60%	53%	57%	64%
DRY DAYS	72%	71%	75%	77%	77%	70%	63%	66%	73%	81%	76%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	82%	84%	85%	81%	79%	77%	78%	80%	87%	82%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.76	0.73	0.61	0.69	0.82	0.92	0.95	0.88	0.76	0.62	0.72	0.83
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	10%	10%	15%	17%	25%	33%	47%	42%	28%	9%	10%	9%
FOGGY DAYS	26%	20%	21%	13%	7%	2%	2%	2%	7%	19%	19%	24%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 44% in January, to a high of 71% in June and July. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 23°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be one or two degrees cooler than actual ones in the winter, and up to 5° hotter than actual ones during the summer. Autumn brings the best weather of the year with pleasant temperatures, clear days, and the least rain of the year. Rainfall is otherwise abundant throughout the year, and usually comes as a series of showers with substantial dry spells in between. Winter is the only time that long rainy spells occur, and even then they are less common than showers. Snowfalls are negligible, and most years pass without them. When it does fall, it is usually gone by noon of the next day.