

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SAN JUAN AND PUERTO RICO'S NORTH COAST

LOCATION: San Juan, the capital of the U. S. Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, is located on the northeast shore of that island. The old city is situated on a peninsula between the Bay of San Juan and the Atlantic Ocean. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Some 75 acres of land, including the El Morro fortress, are protected by the National Park Service as part of the *San Juan National Historical Site*.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:10	11:32	12:02	12:34	13:00	13:14	13:08	12:46	12:16	11:45	11:17	11:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:22	8:03	8:47	8:32	7:52	8:18	8:41	8:33	7:32	7:24	7:01	6:58
AREA OF BLUE SKY	51%	53%	53%	48%	39%	40%	43%	46%	41%	43%	46%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	66°	66°	66°	68°	70°	72°	72°	73°	72°	71°	70°	68°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70°	70°	71°	72°	74°	75°	76°	76°	75°	75°	74°	72°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	81°	81°	82°	83°	85°	86°	86°	87°	87°	87°	85°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	86°	88°	89°	91°	91°	90°	90°	91°	91°	89°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	3%	6%	11%	13%	10%	13%	17%	15%	3%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	62%	60%	63%	67%	67%	67%	67%	67%	66%	67%	66%
NEARBY WATERS	77°	78°	78°	80°	81°	82°	81°	83°	83°	82°	81°	80°
DRY DAYS	40%	50%	55%	55%	48%	46%	39%	38%	41%	43%	38%	35%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	82%	84%	73%	64%	66%	69%	67%	67%	63%	68%	64%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.45	0.40	0.65	1.00	0.85	0.88	0.97	0.98	0.88	1.04	0.82
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	5%	16%	19%	20%	22%	31%	25%	10%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in May and September, to a high of 73% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 65°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 5° warmer than actual ones. Like most of the rest of the Caribbean, San Juan has a tropical two-season year. It is tropical in that freezing temperatures are unknown and vegetation grows continuously throughout the year. The two seasons are a rainy season and a less rainy one, but the differences between them are slight. The rainy season extends from May through December, and the less rainy season from January through April. The rain usually comes as a series of brief intense tropical showers during the late afternoon and nighttime hours. During the cooler months, frontal systems from the mainland can bring lighter but more persistent rains. The hurricane season runs from June through November, but few hurricanes have passed close enough to do any damage.