

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MYRTLE BEACH AND THE GRAND STRAND, SOUTH CAROLINA

LOCATION: The Grand Strand is located on the Atlantic Ocean in the northeastern corner of South Carolina. It is a sixty-mile length of broad, white-sand beach that stretches from the Little River near the North Carolina border south to the Waccamaw River near Georgetown. At its center is the resort community of Myrtle Beach. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:12	10:58	11:58	13:00	13:54	14:22	14:10	13:25	12:25	11:23	10:28	9:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:50	6:32	7:43	9:09	9:46	9:48	9:15	8:36	8:04	7:39	6:51	5:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	43%	45%	50%	46%	42%	39%	41%	43%	53%	52%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	22°	23°	30°	40°	47°	58°	63°	63°	54°	40°	30°	23°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	38°	44°	53°	62°	68°	72°	71°	66°	54°	45°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	58°	64°	72°	79°	85°	87°	88°	83°	75°	67°	58°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	73°	76°	83°	89°	94°	95°	96°	91°	86°	76°	71°
FROSTY MORNINGS	42%	35%	13%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	15%	40%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	6%	17%	30%	24%	7%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	51%	51%	51%	51%	56%	60%	61%	61%	59%	52%	51%	50%
NEARBY WATERS	48°	50°	55°	65°	73°	79°	82°	83°	80°	70°	61°	53°
DRY DAYS	68%	68%	68%	77%	71%	70%	61%	65%	70%	81%	77%	71%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	78%	76%	84%	81%	78%	73%	75%	79%	88%	87%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.58	0.64	0.74	0.46	0.57	0.85	1.02	0.94	0.96	0.51	0.46	0.53
SNOWY DAYS	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	4%	10%	13%	19%	30%	42%	32%	17%	6%	3%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	12%	12%	7%	9%	5%	5%	7%	6%	9%	12%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 57% in December and January, to a high of 70% in May and June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 20°, and the highest should be near 98°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones from October through April, and up to 4° warmer than actual ones during the summer. This area has become one of the premier golf and tennis destinations in the country, in addition to the natural advantages of the Grand Strand itself and the climate. There are over a hundred golf courses, and countless tennis courts. Most people, however, come for the beaches and the associated water sports. With the Gulf Stream only forty miles offshore, the waters are above 70° from the middle of May through early November.