

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF ST. LUCIA, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: The island nation of St. Lucia (LOO-sha) is located in the Windward Islands, the more southerly section of the Lesser Antilles. To the west is the Caribbean Sea, to the east is the North Atlantic Ocean. The island's nearest neighbors are Martinique, some twenty miles to the north; Saint Vincent, some 25 miles to the south; and Barbados, about 90 miles southeast. Elevations on this mountainous island range from sea level to some 3,117 feet above it at the summit of Mt. Gimie.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:25	11:41	12:03	12:27	12:46	12:56	12:52	12:36	12:14	11:50	11:30	11:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:41	8:54	9:09	8:57	9:08	8:29	8:31	8:59	8:01	7:44	8:00	8:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	59%	56%	56%	52%	51%	45%	49%	50%	49%	48%	52%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	65°	66°	66°	68°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°	70°	68°	66°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74°	74°	74°	76°	78°	78°	78°	78°	77°	77°	76°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	82°	83°	85°	86°	86°	86°	87°	87°	86°	85°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	86°	88°	90°	91°	90°	90°	90°	91°	90°	88°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	71%	70%	70%	72%	74%	75%	74%	75%	75%	78%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	82°	83°	84°	83°	83°	79°
DRY DAYS	41%	49%	50%	60%	46%	40%	30%	29%	36%	37%	29%	42%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	67%	73%	76%	77%	66%	58%	48%	56%	54%	56%	55%	64%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.83	0.70	0.61	0.66	0.98	1.53	1.55	1.63	1.64	1.54	1.53	1.23
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	8%	10%	13%	9%	5%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 71% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 65% in October, to a high of 76% from January through March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 61°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (December) to 9° (October) warmer than actual ones. St. Lucia enjoys a tropical two-season year, based primarily on precipitation. The rainier season runs from the middle of May through the middle of December. It is the slightly warmer of the two, slightly cloudier, and quite a bit wetter. The less rainy season continues from mid-December through the middle of May. This is the high season for tourists, and is a bit sunnier and clearer, a bit cooler (but not by much), and quite a bit more expensive.