

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO JAMAICA'S NORTH COAST, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: Jamaica's northern coast is the island's premier resort area. This collection of resort communities runs from Montego Bay eastward through Runaway Bay, Ocho Rios, Orcabessa, and Port Antonio, to Boston Bay. Elevations along the shoreline are everywhere close to sea level.

| | 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 | 8:29 | 9:11 | 10:11 | 10:37 | 10:20 | 9:40 | 10:23 | 9:17 | 8:48 | 8:40 | 8:05 | 8:03 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 59% | 60% | 61% | 60% | 52% | 47% | 51% | 50% | 48% | 51% | 53% | 55% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 67° | 67° | 67° | 70° | 72° | 71° | 73° | 71° | 72° | 72° | 71° | 68° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 72° | 71° | 72° | 73° | 75° | 76° | 76° | 76° | 76° | 76° | 75° | 73° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 83° | 83° | 84° | 85° | 87° | 88° | 89° | 89° | 88° | 87° | 85° | 83° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 86° | 86° | 88° | 90° | 91° | 92° | 91° | 91° | 91° | 90° | 88° | 87° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 7% | 33% | 39% | 42% | 24% | 5% | 1% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 68% | 68% | 67% | 66% | 70% | 69% | 67% | 69% | 70% | 72% | 71% | 70% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 80° | 80° | 80° | 81° | 83° | 83° | 84° | 85° | 85° | 85° | 83° | 79° |
| DRY DAYS | 67% | 69% | 74% | 73% | 63% | 60% | 71% | 64% | 52% | 54% | 57% | 65% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 81% | 84% | 87% | 84% | 77% | 74% | 84% | 78% | 69% | 70% | 73% | 81% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.49 | 0.38 | 0.28 | 0.43 | 0.71 | 0.83 | 0.41 | 0.63 | 0.91 | 0.93 | 0.78 | 0.51 |
| SNOWY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 1% | 0% | 1% | 2% | 14% | 23% | 24% | 27% | 37% | 26% | 10% | 3% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 1% | 0% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 77% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 72% in September, to a high of 85% in March and April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 64°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (January and February) to 7° (June through September) warmer than actual ones. The area has the standard Caribbean tropical two-season year--with a unique twist. The rainy season runs from May through November, with a noticeable drop in precipitation in July. The dry season is only a little drier than the rainy one, and runs from December through April. There is only a slight change in the length of the daylight period from one season to another, and not much of a change in temperatures--about six degrees. The average change in temperature from day to night (about 11°) is almost twice as great. The Northeast Trades blow onshore most of the year, and afternoon humidity is high.