

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PENANG ISLAND, MALAYSIA

LOCATION: The island of Penang lies in the Straits of Malacca, off the west coast of the Malay Peninsula. As a submerged mountain top, the island is quite steep and hilly, with elevations rising to several hundred feet above sea level. The chief town of the island is Georgetown, a city that is far more Chinese in character than Malay. Many travelers believe it to be more Chinese than either Singapore or even Hong Kong.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:51	11:57	12:06	12:15	12:22	12:26	12:25	12:18	12:10	12:01	11:53	11:49
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:02	8:24	7:45	7:36	6:40	6:41	6:36	6:10	5:27	5:31	5:59	6:46
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	37%	34%	34%	33%	33%	33%	34%	32%	31%	33%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	70°	71°	71°	72°	72°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	74°	75°	75°	74°	74°	73°	73°	73°	73°	73°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	90°	91°	91°	90°	90°	89°	89°	88°	88°	88°	88°	89°
HIGH FOR MONTH	93°	93°	94°	93°	93°	92°	92°	92°	91°	91°	91°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	31%	40%	44%	37%	26%	24%	14%	11%	5%	5%	8%	19%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	59%	62%	67%	68%	67%	66%	68%	69%	70%	69%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	82°	83°	84°	84°	85°	84°	84°	84°	83°	83°	83°	80°
DRY DAYS	76%	75%	64%	52%	48%	60%	59%	51%	38%	32%	37%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	83%	73%	65%	61%	69%	66%	59%	44%	42%	51%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.54	0.54	0.91	1.31	1.56	1.24	1.21	1.75	2.52	2.62	1.81	0.85
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	22%	34%	55%	77%	65%	45%	49%	48%	55%	59%	55%	34%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	4%	4%	5%	3%	0%

COMMENTS: The area has four seasons based almost entirely on the rainfall pattern. There is little change in the length of the daylight period from one time of year to another, and even less change in temperatures. Rainfall reaches a minor peak in May in most years, descends into a minor rainfall trough in May and June, then builds to the major peak in October. The January and February period, while still somewhat wet, is the driest time of year. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) range from five degrees above actual one in January to ten degrees hotter than actual ones in July. Even the night temperatures feel a bit warmer than they actually are. In reality, the seasons mean very little to the average visitor. The weather on any given day can just as easily occur on any other day of the year.