

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO IQALUIT AND FROBISHER BAY, NUNAVUK TERRITORY

LOCATION: Iqaluit, the capital of the Nunavuk Territory, is located at the head of Frobisher Bay on the southern end of Baffin Island in the southeastern corner of Nunavuk. The town used to be known as Frobisher Bay until 1984. The territory was separated from the Northwest Territories in 1999 to give the Inuit (Eskimo) a larger voice in their government. Most visitors come as part of a package tour to Auyuittuq National Park, farther north on Baffin Island. There are scheduled air services to Montreal, Ottawa, Yellowknife, and Edmonton. During the summer, there is weekly air service Nuuk, the capital of Greenland.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	5:40	8:33	11:43	14:59	18:15	20:35	19:30	16:23	13:08	9:55	6:45	4:38
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:11	3:19	5:36	7:36	6:18	6:04	6:48	5:02	2:56	1:50	1:30	0:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	49%	50%	45%	26%	27%	28%	26%	23%	23%	34%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	-42°	-44°	-41°	-28°	-5°	21°	31°	28°	13°	-11°	-27°	-36°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	-22°	-24°	-17°	-3°	19°	33°	39°	39°	32°	18°	2°	-15°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	-7°	-8°	-1°	15°	32°	44°	53°	50°	41°	28°	16°	0°
HIGH FOR MONTH	8°	4°	10°	22°	38°	53°	61°	55°	44°	32°	21°	13°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	100%	100%	100%	98%	55%	11%	24%	72%	98%	100%	100%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	69%	69%	74%	77%	71%	69%	73%	76%	80%	77%	73%
DRY DAYS	65%	61%	66%	63%	63%	65%	62%	53%	55%	50%	56%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	90%	90%	86%	87%	83%	81%	77%	78%	79%	83%	91%
DRY HOURS	53%	56%	59%	68%	70%	82%	82%	80%	73%	62%	59%	57%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.4"	8.9"	9.4"	11.4"	9.9"	4.0"	0.1"	0.2"	5.5"	14.3"	13.6"	9.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	35%	39%	34%	37%	37%	16%	1%	1%	26%	48%	44%	39%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	6%	12%	11%	7%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 33% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 14% in December, to a high of 51% in April—before the summer cloudiness sets in. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -47°, and the highest should be near 62°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The area is well south of the Arctic Circle, so does not get the true "midnight sun". However, the combination of daylight and twilight means that the period from late May through the middle of July never gets really dark, either. The ground will be snow-covered from the middle of October through the end of May. During this time temperatures will remain below freezing both day and night, and most nights will be well below zero. The lowest temperatures occur near the end of February.