

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TAHITI (FRENCH POLYNESIA), PACIFIC OCEAN

LOCATION: The island of Tahiti is the largest of the Society Islands, and is located in the southwestern Pacific Ocean, roughly 2,400 miles northeast of New Zealand. The island is administered by France, as a part of French Polynesia. Elevations range from sea level to some 7,350 feet above it at the summit of Mount Orohena.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:04	12:41	12:13	11:43	11:19	11:06	11:11	11:32	12:00	12:29	12:56	13:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:04	6:18	6:29	6:14	5:52	5:51	6:21	6:52	7:09	6:24	6:11	5:47
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	45%	51%	52%	51%	53%	57%	55%	57%	51%	47%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	72°	72°	71°	69°	66°	65°	65°	67°	68°	70°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	73°	73°	71°	70°	69°	68°	69°	71°	72°	73°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	87°	88°	88°	86°	85°	84°	84°	84°	85°	86°	86°
HIGH FOR MONTH	90°	90°	90°	90°	89°	87°	86°	86°	88°	88°	89°	89°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	10%	14%	21%	14%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	74%	75%	75%	75%	75%	75%	74%	73%	72%	73%	75%	77%
NEARBY WATERS	83°	83°	83°	83°	82°	81°	79°	78°	79°	79°	80°	81°
DRY DAYS	39%	43%	54%	64%	68%	73%	75%	78%	74%	71%	60%	46%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	45%	50%	67%	75%	79%	84%	86%	88%	85%	82%	70%	55%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.87	1.78	1.05	0.91	0.71	0.46	0.38	0.29	0.42	0.55	1.09	1.71
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	14%	14%	14%	8%	5%	3%	2%	1%	2%	3%	9%	9%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The island has a tropical wet-and-dry climate, based on rainfall. Day-to-day differences in temperature are greater than month-to-month ones. The rainy season runs from late November through early April in most years, and gradually tapers off into the dry season of June through October. Days are hot to very hot and humid, while nights are mild to warm and quite damp. During the night, light breezes called *hupe* move down the mountain slopes, down the valley, and out onto the coastal strips. These are most common during the cooler months. At all times of year, sea breezes during the day are a common phenomena. Tropical cyclones ("typhoons") are far less common in the Society islands than they are farther west. Years can go by without one.