

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF ZAKINTHOS, GREECE

LOCATION: Zakynthos (Zante) is the southernmost of the Ionian Islands, and is located in the Ionian Sea off the west coast of the Peloponnese. The island's chief town carries the same name, and is connected by ferry with Kyllini (one to two hours) over on the mainland. Elevations range from sea level to some 2,480 feet above it at the summit of Mount Vrakhionas. The island has considerable natural beauty, and some excellent beaches. Unfortunately, the latter (mostly around the Bay of Lagunas at the island's southern end) have been marred by developments catering to mass-market tourism.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:53 | 10:47 | 11:56 | 13:09 | 14:12 | 14:44 | 14:31 | 13:38 | 12:29 | 11:16 | 10:11 | 9:37 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 4:30 | 5:04 | 5:59 | 7:17 | 9:11 | 8:58 | 11:41 | 11:01 | 9:07 | 6:41 | 4:59 | 4:08 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 42% | 42% | 46% | 50% | 59% | 76% | 87% | 86% | 76% | 59% | 48% | 43% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 40 ° | 40 ° | 44 ° | 48 ° | 54 ° | 61 ° | 66 ° | 66 ° | 62 ° | 56 ° | 47 ° | 43 ° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 47 ° | 47 ° | 49 ° | 53 ° | 59 ° | 66 ° | 71 ° | 71 ° | 68 ° | 62 ° | 55 ° | 50 ° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 57 ° | 58 ° | 61 ° | 67 ° | 75 ° | 82 ° | 87 ° | 87 ° | 82 ° | 74 ° | 66 ° | 60 ° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 63 ° | 64 ° | 68 ° | 74 ° | 83 ° | 90 ° | 94 ° | 94 ° | 88 ° | 82 ° | 75 ° | 66 ° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90 ° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 8% | 17% | 20% | 5% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 69% | 67% | 65% | 64% | 58% | 57% | 53% | 54% | 59% | 66% | 70% | 72% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 60 ° | 59 ° | 59 ° | 61 ° | 65 ° | 71 ° | 75 ° | 78 ° | 76 ° | 72 ° | 67 ° | 61 ° |
| DRY DAYS | 57% | 60% | 67% | 78% | 88% | 93% | 99% | 96% | 89% | 74% | 62% | 52% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 66% | 72% | 80% | 87% | 94% | 97% | 99% | 98% | 94% | 81% | 68% | 62% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 1.12 | 0.91 | 0.54 | 0.36 | 0.18 | 0.08 | 0.01 | 0.06 | 0.23 | 0.77 | 1.29 | 1.42 |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 12% | 16% | 10% | 9% | 7% | 6% | 4% | 5% | 10% | 16% | 19% | 16% |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG | 1% | 3% | 5% | 7% | 6% | 7% | 7% | 9% | 7% | 3% | 3% | 1% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 43% in December, to a high of 81% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 97° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty close to actual ones. Below-freezing temperatures are rare along the coast, but fairly common during the winter months in some of the inland villages. Snow occasionally falls on the mountains, but generally does not last long. Winter rains are far more common than snows. The island enjoys the typical Mediterranean three-season climate. Winters are cloudy, wet, and cool rather than cold. Summers are sunny, hot, and dry. Spring is delightful.