

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LAUNCESTON AREA (TASMANIA), AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Launceston is located in the northeastern portion of the island state of Tasmania. The city is situated at the junction of the North Esk and the South Esk Rivers, forming the Tamar River. This latter provides a deep-water channel all the way to Bass Straits, some forty miles to the north. The landscape is quite hilly, with the city center some 250 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:48	13:45	12:24	11:01	9:51	9:15	9:30	10:29	11:47	13:11	14:26	15:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:17	8:58	7:23	6:28	4:42	4:23	4:35	5:18	6:17	7:40	8:17	8:41
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	48%	46%	44%	41%	41%	41%	42%	43%	42%	42%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	40 °	41 °	37 °	33 °	29 °	27 °	27 °	29 °	30 °	33 °	36 °	38 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	51 °	52 °	49 °	44 °	41 °	38 °	37 °	38 °	40 °	43 °	46 °	49 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	75 °	75 °	71 °	64 °	58 °	54 °	53 °	55 °	59 °	63 °	67 °	71 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	88 °	87 °	83 °	74 °	66 °	60 °	58 °	61 °	67 °	74 °	80 °	86 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	1%	3%	11%	23%	27%	18%	9%	3%	1%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	45%	47%	51%	58%	67%	72%	71%	66%	61%	58%	53%	50%
NEARBY WATERS	63 °	64 °	63 °	62 °	59 °	57 °	55 °	54 °	54 °	56 °	58 °	61 °
DRY DAYS	74%	78%	73%	64%	56%	46%	44%	45%	51%	55%	63%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	90%	87%	84%	81%	79%	75%	74%	79%	79%	83%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.27	0.24	0.27	0.36	0.42	0.47	0.51	0.49	0.44	0.41	0.32	0.33
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	3%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	5%	9%	10%	15%	15%	19%	12%	10%	5%	3%	2%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year, with warm summers and cool winters. Precipitation is moderate, with a winter maximum. Some 56% of the year's daylight hours are sunny, ranging from a low of 47% in June to a high of 65% in February. In a typical year, temperatures will range from a low in the middle 20's (some winter sunrise following a clear and windless night), to a high in the low 90's (some sunny and windless summer afternoon). A typical summer afternoon will be sunny, warm rather than hot, and with moderately low humidities. Summer nights are distinctly cool. The typical winter afternoon will be moderately sunny, cool rather than cold, and quite humid. Winter nights will be cold, with one night in four or five dropping below freezing. Early morning fogs will be common along the rivers. Snow flurries are common enough, but snow on the ground is rare. Most of the precipitation comes from frontal systems that originate in the Indian Ocean and move across the island from west to east.