

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BAY OF ISLANDS (NORTH ISLAND), NEW ZEALAND

LOCATION: The Bay of Islands recreation area is located on the northeast coast of the Auckland Peninsula on New Zealand's North Island. The bay is an inlet off of the North Pacific Ocean, and most of the area's elevations are close to sea level. The area is popular both for its scenery and its water-based sports—notably swimming with dolphins. Population centers include Paihia, Russell, and Kerikeri.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:11	13:22	12:20	11:16	10:22	9:54	10:05	10:51	11:51	12:56	13:54	14:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:10	4:35	4:39	4:50	4:42	5:08	5:44	5:57	5:42	5:30	5:08	4:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	23%	27%	33%	40%	44%	53%	58%	52%	42%	35%	29%	26%
LOW FOR MONTH	46°	46°	44°	40°	36°	34°	31°	32°	34°	37°	41°	44°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	55°	56°	55°	53°	48°	46°	44°	44°	46°	49°	52°	54°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	73°	72°	68°	63°	60°	59°	59°	61°	64°	66°	70°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	78°	77°	74°	69°	66°	64°	65°	67°	69°	73°	76°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	69%	73%	73%	77%	77%	77%	77%	72%	68%	73%	69%
NEARBY WATERS	68°	68°	69°	68°	64°	63°	61°	60°	60°	61°	63°	66°
DRY DAYS	66%	68%	60%	56%	43%	39%	35%	38%	43%	53%	61%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	83%	80%	78%	78%	68%	64%	69%	69%	78%	79%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.62	0.73	0.62	0.92	0.81	1.18	1.15	1.12	0.84	0.71	0.63	0.57
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	4%	4%	2%	6%	7%	8%	8%	8%	6%	5%	6%	5%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	2%	5%	7%	11%	11%	11%	12%	8%	6%	3%	2%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 42% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 29% in dry January, to a high of 57% in rainy July—strange, but that's the way it is. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 30°, and the highest should be near 79°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be a degree or two cooler than actual ones. Almost all of the rain comes with the passage of frontal systems, as the land is not high enough for true orographic precipitation, nor hot enough for the generation of convective storms. There will be a few frosty mornings every year, but there is no winter as such. Midsummer days are warm, rather than hot, and summer nights are cool. There is not a lot of local variation in the weather, as strong winds off the sea tend to blur any local distinctions due to landforms.