

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE QUEENSTOWN AREA (SOUTH ISLAND), NEW ZEALAND

LOCATION: Queenstown is located in the south-central interior of New Zealand's South Island. The resort community is situated in the mountains on the northern shores of Lake Wakatipu, at the head of a little bay called Queenstown Bay. Elevations within the town are close to that of the lake, about 1,100 feet above sea level. Surrounding mountains, however, rise to some 5,400 feet at Coronet Peak, just behind the town. The summits of the Remarkables reach more than 7,600 feet in elevation.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	15:11	13:58	12:27	10:53	9:33	8:50	9:08	10:16	11:45	13:20	14:46	15:33
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:05	7:26	6:29	5:12	4:01	3:39	3:54	4:54	6:04	6:39	7:36	7:50
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	42%	42%	42%	38%	40%	38%	43%	45%	39%	39%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	40 °	40 °	37 °	35 °	30 °	26 °	24 °	26 °	30 °	33 °	36 °	39 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	50 °	50 °	48 °	43 °	37 °	33 °	32 °	34 °	38 °	41 °	45 °	48 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	71 °	71 °	67 °	60 °	52 °	47 °	46 °	50 °	56 °	60 °	65 °	69 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	82 °	81 °	77 °	69 °	62 °	57 °	54 °	59 °	64 °	71 °	75 °	80 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	1%	10%	41%	66%	78%	59%	26%	6%	1%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	42%	47%	48%	54%	59%	61%	60%	56%	47%	45%	45%	42%
DRY DAYS	71%	71%	74%	70%	71%	70%	74%	77%	77%	71%	70%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	84%	84%	82%	84%	83%	86%	87%	86%	82%	83%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.48	0.41	0.47	0.48	0.44	0.40	0.34	0.36	0.45	0.53	0.43	0.40
LIKELY SNOWFALL	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.8"	11.4"	16.1"	16.6"	13.0"	7.0"	2.0"	0.0"	0.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	3%	12%	20%	20%	13%	6%	2%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	1%	3%	10%	17%	14%	15%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 49% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 41% in June, to a high of 53% in January and February. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 23 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 84 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Queenstown has the standard four-season climate of the southern mid-latitudes, with a slight upland bias. Spring starts about the middle of October and features lengthening days and increasingly frequent spells of warmer weather. Summer begins about the middle of December, and features mild to warm afternoons that are rarely hot. Autumn comes in sometime about the middle of March and features shortening days and more frequent spells of colder weather. Winter is the dominant season, and runs from the middle of March through the middle of October. It features frosty mornings and chilly afternoons. Snowfalls are common during the winter months, but so are rains. Consequently, the ground is snow-free more often than snow-covered at the elevation of the town. The downhill ski season at Coronet Peak usually runs from the middle of June through October.