

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

LOCATION: The small resort community of Kaikoura is located on the eastern coast of New Zealand's South Island, about halfway between Christchurch and Wellington. The town is situated on the north shore of an irregular peninsula thrust into the cool waters of the South Pacific Ocean. Elevations in town are close to sea level, but rise to more than 8,500 feet above it in the Seaward Kaikoura Mountains just behind the coast. The town is a center for whale-watching and ocean-swimming with dolphins. It is also noted for its salt-water crayfish. The name, "kaikoura" means "eating crayfish" in Maori.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:54	13:48	12:25	10:59	9:46	9:09	9:24	10:26	11:47	13:13	14:31	15:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:50	7:31	6:34	5:24	5:00	4:31	4:34	5:16	6:11	6:40	7:38	7:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	37%	37%	37%	39%	41%	40%	40%	37%	36%	36%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	41°	41°	37°	33°	28°	25°	25°	26°	29°	32°	35°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	55°	54°	53°	49°	44°	41°	39°	41°	43°	46°	49°	53°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70°	69°	67°	62°	57°	53°	52°	53°	57°	60°	64°	67°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	85°	82°	78°	70°	64°	62°	65°	70°	75°	80°	85°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%	30%	32%	21%	8%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	48%	49%	52%	55%	59%	57%	60%	59%	53%	49%	47%	47%
NEARBY WATERS	60°	60°	60°	58°	56°	53°	52°	52°	53°	54°	55°	58°
DRY DAYS	65%	69%	65%	62%	56%	54%	51%	56%	57%	57%	57%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	84%	80%	79%	76%	76%	75%	77%	77%	77%	78%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.36	0.50	0.49	0.51	0.43	0.52	0.49	0.38	0.37	0.37	0.34
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	1%	1%	3%	5%	6%	6%	4%	1%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 51% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 49% in June and July, to a high of 54% in February. The day to day variations in sunshine are much greater than the month to month ones. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 89° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be about 3° cooler than actual ones, due to the combination of temperature and humidity. Snowfall is light and variable down at sea level, but the Seaward Kaikoura Mountains behind the coast get enough winter snow to allow for some winter sports. The area's climate is temperate marine, and is similar to that of the Pacific Northwest of North America and to that of the British Isles.