

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SEYCHELLES ISLANDS, INDIAN OCEAN

LOCATION: The Republic of Seychelles consists of an archipelago of tropical islands in the equatorial Indian Ocean. Mahe is the largest of these islands, contains the capital city, Victoria. Elevations range from sea level to some 2,670 feet above it at the summit of Mourné Seychellois.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:22	12:16	12:09	12:01	11:55	11:52	11:53	11:58	12:05	12:13	12:20	12:23
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:19	6:20	7:01	7:52	8:14	7:20	7:25	7:18	7:13	7:10	6:47	5:50
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	35%	43%	46%	44%	34%	33%	31%	37%	43%	43%	36%
LOW FOR MONTH	73 °	74 °	74 °	75 °	74 °	73 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	73 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76 °	77 °	77 °	77 °	78 °	77 °	75 °	75 °	76 °	76 °	75 °	76 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83 °	84 °	85 °	86 °	85 °	83 °	81 °	81 °	82 °	83 °	84 °	84 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	87 °	87 °	88 °	89 °	88 °	86 °	84 °	83 °	84 °	86 °	87 °	87 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	1%	2%	6%	17%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	76%	74%	74%	74%	75%	76%	76%	75%	75%	74%	77%
NEARBY WATERS	82 °	82 °	83 °	84 °	83 °	80 °	79 °	79 °	79 °	81 °	81 °	82 °
DRY DAYS	37%	47%	53%	44%	49%	43%	47%	50%	50%	55%	44%	33%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	52%	65%	65%	66%	70%	71%	74%	77%	73%	71%	60%	52%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	2.36	1.78	1.42	1.16	1.06	0.62	0.54	0.49	0.85	1.07	1.46	2.07
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	8%	8%	8%	7%	6%	1%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The islands have a tropical wet-and-dry climate, although the dry season is not all that dry. This close to the Equator, there is very little difference in the length of the daylight period from one month to another. That, plus their island nature, also keeps temperatures from varying much--either from month to month or from day to night. Temperatures never get above the 90's or below the 60's. Rainfall is abundant in all months, with a peak in January and a trough in August. Humidities are high during the afternoons and near saturation at night. The Seychelles are fortunate to escape virtually all of the tropical cyclones that plague other Indian Ocean islands at higher latitudes. The mountainous interiors of the islands are frequently obscured by the cloud caps that mark the islands from far at sea. This cap usually starts to form in the late morning, and does not dissipate until well after dark. When you're in it, it's the same as fog.