

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HONIARA AREA, SOLOMON ISLANDS

LOCATION: Honiara, the capital and largest city in the Solomon Islands, is located on the northern (leeward) shore of the island of Guadalcanal. The town started as a military installation during WWII, eventually replacing Tulagi as the major city. Although a major port, its protection against storms for shipping is poor. However, its leeward location makes it noticeably drier than most of the Solomons. Elevations in town are close to sea level, although Guadalcanal rises to more than 8,000 feet above sea level at the summit of Mt. Makarakomburu, near the southern coast.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:37	12:25	12:10	11:55	11:42	11:36	11:38	11:49	12:03	12:19	12:33	12:40
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:25	3:48	3:31	4:43	5:01	5:03	4:50	5:35	5:34	5:09	5:20	5:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	20%	21%	26%	33%	34%	31%	34%	33%	29%	31%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	71 °	71 °	71 °	71 °	71 °	70 °	69 °	69 °	69 °	70 °	70 °	71 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74 °	74 °	73 °	73 °	73 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	73 °	73 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	88 °	87 °	87 °	87 °	87 °	87 °	86 °	87 °	87 °	87 °	88 °	87 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	91 °	91 °	90 °	90 °	90 °	90 °	89 °	90 °	90 °	90 °	91 °	91 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	15%	13%	8%	8%	11%	7%	5%	11%	14%	14%	13%	11%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	74%	76%	74%	73%	72%	72%	70%	70%	72%	73%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	84 °	86 °	86 °	84 °	84 °	80 °	80 °	80 °	81 °	82 °	83 °	84 °
DRY DAYS	43%	36%	36%	45%	54%	57%	57%	62%	60%	54%	51%	43%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	57%	50%	45%	61%	71%	73%	74%	75%	73%	68%	66%	60%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.92	2.12	2.42	1.60	0.99	0.81	0.74	0.62	0.67	1.05	1.03	1.47
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	26%	24%	24%	18%	13%	10%	11%	8%	15%	24%	28%	31%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 40% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 29% in March, to a high of 47% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 67 ° under clear skies at some dry season sunrise, and the highest should be near 93 ° on some windless and sultry afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones because of the high humidity. The area has a tropical two-season year. Freezing temperatures are unknown at sea level, and vegetative growth continues unhindered throughout the year. The rainy season runs from November through April, while the rest of the year is simply a bit less rainy. In actual fact, the weather on any given day could just as easily occur on any given day of the year, and in any month. You might say that there are no real seasons, just daily weather. The prevailing winds are generally out of the southeast, and the shores that face that direction are significantly wetter than the leeward ones. In the absence of these stronger winds, there is a most pleasant alternation of land and sea breezes, with the coasts getting the sea breezes during the heat of the day.