

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO YAKUTAT AND THE MALASPINA GLACIER, ALASKA

LOCATION: Yakutat is located in southeastern Alaska. The town is situated on the south shore of Yakutat Bay, an arm of the Gulf of Alaska. Just across the Bay is Wrangell - St. Elias National Park with its Malaspina Glacier. A few miles to the southeast along the Gulf will bring you to Glacier Bay National Park. Elevations in and around the town are close to sea level, but steep mountains rise up not too far from the shore. Yakutat is a stopover on the flight from Juneau to Cordova.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:56	9:09	11:46	14:29	17:01	18:34	17:53	15:36	12:57	10:16	7:44	6:12
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:09	2:34	4:44	5:39	5:18	4:30	3:59	3:55	3:10	2:09	2:00	1:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	25%	21%	24%	22%	18%	15%	14%	18%	17%	17%	21%	20%
LOW FOR MONTH	-2°	2°	6°	18°	27°	34°	40°	37°	30°	22°	11°	1°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	19°	21°	24°	29°	37°	43°	48°	47°	42°	35°	27°	22°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32°	35°	38°	44°	51°	56°	60°	60°	56°	47°	39°	34°
HIGH FOR MONTH	42°	44°	47°	56°	65°	70°	71°	70°	65°	56°	48°	44°
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	87%	79%	70%	23%	1%	0%	0%	14%	36%	71%	80%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	81%	77%	73%	71%	72%	74%	78%	78%	78%	79%	82%	84%
SEA TEMPERATURES	41°	40°	41°	41°	44°	49°	53°	55°	53°	50°	46°	42°
DRY DAYS	40%	37%	39%	41%	39%	46%	43%	42%	32%	24%	30%	30%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	53%	52%	53%	56%	57%	67%	64%	58%	44%	32%	43%	42%
TOTAL PRECIPITATION	11.4"	9.4"	9.8"	8.4"	8.9"	6.1"	8.3"	11.1"	17.7"	20.8"	15.5"	13.4"
SNOWFALL	39.5"	39.3"	38.7"	18.3"	1.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	5.4"	22.7"	39.4"
SNOWY DAYS	40%	35%	43%	27%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	29%	46%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	10%	10%	6%	7%	11%	11%	18%	12%	2%	3%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 28% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 21% in October, to a high of 40% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to -7°, and the highest should be near 77°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Yakutat is essentially a town of the Klingit people, and is relatively unvisited by tourists. The scenery, however is exceptional, even for Alaska. Right across the Bay, the Malaspina Glacier rises up in a single slope to the summits of Mt. St. Elias (18,009'), Mt. Augusta (14,072'), Mt. Cook (13,760'), and Mt. Vancouver (15,699'). Behind them looms Mt. Logan, at 19,524 feet in elevation. All of these mountains are essentially rocky peaks sticking up through the icefields that cover the area. In fact, most of the area surrounding Yakutat is ice-covered throughout the year. Going up into these mountains is for experienced ice-climbers only.