

# SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LONG BEACH RESORT AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: The city of Long Beach is located along the north shore of San Pedro Bay, in southern California. The Bay is a shallow indentation off of the San Pedro Channel, which runs between Santa Catalina Island (some thirty miles to the southwest) and the mainland. This *Guide* covers the area that extends from Point Ferman north around through Long Beach, then south through Seal Beach and Huntington Beach to Newport Beach. Elevations range from sea level to 498 feet above it at the summit of Signal Hill. The area has some fine beaches, supports many resort hotels, is the site of the popular Queen Mary, and features Ocean Boulevard and the Pacific Coast Highway.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:11	10:58	11:58	13:01	13:54	14:22	14:10	13:25	12:25	11:23	10:27	9:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:59	6:31	7:34	9:05	8:36	9:27	10:24	9:59	8:33	7:45	7:02	6:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	45%	48%	54%	50%	56%	67%	69%	62%	57%	56%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	36°	39°	41°	44°	49°	54°	58°	59°	56°	49°	41°	36°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44°	46°	48°	51°	55°	58°	62°	63°	61°	56°	50°	45°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	65°	66°	67°	70°	72°	76°	81°	82°	80°	76°	72°	67°
HIGH FOR MONTH	81°	82°	83°	88°	88°	90°	94°	95°	98°	96°	88°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	5%	12%	16%	18%	10%	3%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	53%	55%	51%	55%	56%	54%	54%	55%	54%	52%	53%
NEARBY WATERS	58°	59°	60°	60°	61°	63°	66°	68°	67°	66°	64°	60°
DRY DAYS	82%	82%	82%	89%	96%	98%	99%	98%	96%	94%	89%	85%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	88%	87%	94%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	98%	92%	91%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.37	0.45	0.29	0.14	0.03	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.05	0.20	0.32
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	29%	25%	21%	16%	11%	14%	15%	19%	24%	29%	31%	32%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on two-thirds of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 59% in January and February, to a high of 74% in sunny August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 33° at some clear and windless winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 102° on some blazing and windless summer afternoon. Lack of the normal sea breeze makes the high temperatures higher and the low temperatures lower. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. During the summer, low clouds move in from the sea during the late night, and may hang around until the sun burns them off before or shortly after noon. Local climates are strongly influenced by distance from the sea, elevation, and local hills and valleys.