

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DANA POINT RESORT AREA, CALIFORNIA

LOCATION: Dana Point is located within the Los Angeles Metropolitan Area on the southwest coast of California. The resort community is situated on a point with a natural harbor between Laguna Beach and San Clemente. Elevations are close to sea level. Marine cruises for the observation of sea lions and dolphins are offered throughout the year, but whales are best seen between November and April.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:13	10:58	11:58	13:00	13:53	14:20	14:09	13:24	12:25	11:23	10:29	9:59
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:27	6:40	7:42	8:52	8:26	9:09	9:51	9:42	8:36	7:49	7:29	6:45
AREA OF BLUE SKY	50%	45%	48%	52%	49%	55%	63%	66%	63%	59%	60%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	32°	34°	37°	36°	41°	44°	45°	47°	46°	41°	36°	34°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43°	44°	46°	48°	53°	56°	59°	60°	58°	54°	48°	44°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	65°	66°	67°	69°	71°	73°	76°	78°	77°	74°	70°	66°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	83°	84°	89°	87°	92°	102°	94°	103°	97°	89°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	4%	3%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	53%	55%	58%	55%	59%	59%	58%	58%	57%	56%	51%	52%
NEARBY WATERS	57°	57°	59°	61°	63°	66°	68°	68°	67°	65°	61°	58°
DRY DAYS	81%	79%	84%	90%	94%	97%	99%	99%	97%	94%	87%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	85%	88%	94%	97%	99%	99%	99%	97%	97%	93%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.40	0.49	0.34	0.16	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.05	0.07	0.22	0.31
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	14%	23%	18%	10%	6%	8%	7%	13%	20%	20%	28%	24%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in February, to a high of 72% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be below freezing, and the highest should be over 100°. The winds are normally out of the west, off the Pacific, and are fairly persistent. Both extremes of high and low temperatures will be observed when these winds fail. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The coast almost always has some degree of haze, mist, or fog. A foggy day in the table is one in which—at some time of day—an object a half-mile away is invisible due to the fog. Anything more transparent than that is considered merely haze or mist. Local sunshine, temperatures, and humidity vary from site to site, depending upon how much fog and low cloud that particular site gets. This, in turn, is dependent upon distance from the sea, elevation, and peculiarities of local topography.