

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TAMPA RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Tampa is located off the Gulf Coast of central Florida. The city is situated at the northern end of Tampa Bay, around the mouth of the Hillsborough River. The surrounding area is quite flat, and supports a large number of lakes. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The metropolitan area is made up of more than a dozen smaller communities clustered about the Tampa core. The city is home to the University of Tampa, and to MacDill Air Force Base. Other attractions include Busch Gardens, the Salvador Dali Museum, the Florida Aquarium, Adventure Island, and much more.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:36	11:12	11:59	12:49	13:32	13:53	13:44	13:09	12:21	11:32	10:48	10:25
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:35	7:28	8:30	9:36	10:04	9:11	8:29	8:14	7:46	7:37	7:05	6:22
AREA OF BLUE SKY	45%	48%	48%	53%	51%	40%	36%	37%	38%	51%	52%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	33°	36°	42°	49°	58°	66°	70°	70°	67°	53°	42°	35°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	52°	53°	58°	62°	68°	73°	75°	75°	73°	67°	59°	53°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70°	72°	76°	81°	86°	89°	90°	90°	89°	83°	77°	72°
HIGH FOR MONTH	80°	82°	85°	88°	92°	94°	94°	94°	93°	90°	85°	81°
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	23%	52%	62%	64%	49%	8%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	56%	55%	51%	52%	60%	62%	63%	62%	57%	57%	59%
NEARBY WATERS	68°	68°	70°	73°	78°	82°	84°	84°	84°	81°	76°	72°
DRY DAYS	80%	77%	78%	84%	80%	60%	49%	47%	59%	79%	83%	80%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	85%	85%	91%	88%	74%	67%	65%	73%	88%	90%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.50	0.50	0.31	0.47	1.07	1.20	1.28	1.06	0.41	0.29	0.34
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	6%	9%	9%	17%	44%	64%	64%	38%	10%	4%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	32%	25%	23%	14%	9%	7%	3%	5%	11%	13%	21%	26%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 66% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in December, to a high of 75% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 30 , and the highest should be near 95 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through September. The area has a subtropical four-season year. Winter (December through February) features warm days, cool nights, and maybe one or two frosty mornings. Rain is light, but somewhat more persistent than the summer thundershowers. Summer (June through September) offers hot to very hot days, with high humidities. Thunderstorms often form in the afternoon, and may persist on into the nighttime hours. The nights tend to be warm and quite humid. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the Tampa area probably its best all-around weather. The hurricane season runs from June through November. There is one chance in nineteen that the Tampa area will have one of these storms in any given year.