

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO NANTUCKET ISLAND, MASSACHUSETTS

LOCATION: This upscale resort island is located in the north Atlantic Ocean some thirty miles south of the Cape Cod coastline. The island is accessible by passenger and car ferry from Hyannis all year around, and by air from New York City, Boston, New Bedford, Hyannis, and Martha's Vineyard. There are also seasonal passenger ferries from Cape Cod and Martha's Vineyard. Nantucket's hilly topography is one of open grassy uplands and low salt marshes.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:35	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:29	15:06	14:51	13:50	12:32	11:09	9:56	9:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:54	5:10	6:40	7:22	8:32	9:25	9:07	8:22	7:43	6:31	4:15	3:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	31%	36%	36%	34%	36%	34%	37%	40%	42%	29%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	12 °	11 °	19 °	29 °	37 °	46 °	54 °	53 °	46 °	36 °	27 °	12 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26 °	25 °	31 °	38 °	46 °	55 °	61 °	62 °	57 °	48 °	39 °	30 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38 °	37 °	42 °	50 °	59 °	68 °	74 °	74 °	69 °	60 °	51 °	42 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	50 °	55 °	64 °	73 °	81 °	83 °	83 °	79 °	73 °	64 °	55 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	80%	83%	65%	22%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	21%	65%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	70%	68%	68%	70%	73%	73%	72%	70%	70%	70%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	41 °	39 °	39 °	41 °	47 °	55 °	63 °	64 °	61 °	56 °	51 °	47 °
DRY DAYS	57%	57%	59%	60%	66%	69%	73%	71%	72%	70%	61%	59%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	74%	75%	76%	80%	87%	85%	80%	83%	82%	74%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.64	0.64	0.65	0.57	0.50	0.43	0.45	0.56	0.53	0.56	0.63	0.65
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.2 "	9.4 "	6.5 "	0.7 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.4 "	5.9 "
SNOWY DAYS	9%	11%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	6%	10%	10%	13%	10%	7%	3%	3%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	18%	20%	20%	28%	34%	40%	47%	41%	25%	22%	17%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 55% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 41% in January, to a high of 62% in June and again in September. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 7°, and the highest should be near 86°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Nantucket town (the only community of any size on the island) is a National Historic Landmark, with the greatest concentrations of homes built prior to the Civil War in the United States. Many of these have been converted into inns and "bed and breakfast" establishments. Surrounded on all sides by waters whose temperatures change slowly, Nantucket's seasons are all delayed compared to those on the mainland, and are much more moderate. It doesn't get as hot in summer or in the afternoon, nor as cold in winter or at night.