

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PAGO PAGO AREA (TUTUILA), AMERICAN SAMOA

LOCATION: Pago Pago (pronounced “pongo pongo”) is located on the island of Tutuila, in American Samoa, in the South Pacific. American Samoa is an unincorporated territory of the United States. The island is volcanic, with fringing coral reefs. Pago Pago is situated on the northern side of the island, at the head of Pago Pago Harbor, an inlet that almost splits the island in two. The airport is situated on the south side of the island, some four miles away. Elevations in Pago Pago are close to sea level, while Matafao Peak rises to 2,142 feet just behind the town.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:53	12:35	12:12	11:48	11:28	11:18	11:22	11:39	12:01	12:25	12:46	12:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:22	5:19	5:45	4:23	4:00	3:49	4:43	5:20	6:31	5:11	5:14	5:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	22%	25%	25%	27%	31%	29%	32%	32%	26%	24%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	72°	72°	71°	71°	70°	68°	69°	69°	71°	71°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	75°	75°	76°	75°	75°	75°	75°	74°	75°	75°	76°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87°	87°	87°	86°	85°	84°	83°	83°	84°	85°	86°	86°
HIGH FOR MONTH	90°	90°	90°	89°	90°	89°	87°	89°	88°	88°	89°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	5%	7%	7%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	76%	76%	77%	77%	76%	75%	75%	74%	76%	76%	75%
NEARBY WATERS	84°	84°	84°	84°	83°	82°	81°	81°	81°	82°	83°	83°
DRY DAYS	21%	23%	25%	26%	33%	37%	39%	43%	44%	30%	31%	26%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	45%	44%	49%	50%	57%	63%	69%	70%	69%	57%	54%	51%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	2.10	2.28	1.85	1.99	1.66	1.32	1.06	1.11	1.10	1.74	1.87	2.32
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	9%	10%	10%	11%	8%	4%	2%	2%	3%	8%	11%	10%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 42% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 34% in June, to a high of 54% in September. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to 66°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 10° hotter than actual ones. Seamen can spot tropical islands at a great distance by the cloud caps that hang over them most of the day. These clouds also produce the heavy rain which is also characteristic of tropical islands. This rain varies tremendously over very short distances. The city of Pago Pago is only four miles from the airport, but gets an average of 70 inches more rain over the course of the year. The typhoon season is from November through April, but the island is out of the path of most (but, not all) of these tropical storms.