

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PUERTO PLATA AND THE AMBER COAST, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LOCATION: The Amber Coast is the name given to that part of the Atlantic Coast of the Dominican Republic that stretches from Cabo Isabela on the northwest to the tip of Cabo Samana on the northeast. The major city is Puerto Plata, and elevations range from sea level along the beaches to almost 4,100 feet above it in the mountains just south of the coast. North, below the horizon, are the islands and banks of the Turks and Caicos group.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:05	11:30	12:02	12:36	13:04	13:19	13:13	12:49	12:17	11:43	11:14	10:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:23	8:12	8:23	8:34	7:58	8:56	8:50	9:01	8:30	8:13	7:48	6:47
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	57%	59%	56%	49%	51%	52%	54%	55%	54%	53%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	63°	62°	62°	62°	67°	69°	70°	70°	69°	68°	65°	63°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	65°	65°	66°	68°	70°	72°	72°	72°	72°	70°	69°	67°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	83°	84°	85°	87°	89°	89°	89°	90°	89°	86°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	86°	87°	88°	89°	91°	92°	93°	92°	93°	92°	89°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	2%	4%	9%	30%	33%	33%	31%	25%	5%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	71%	71%	70%	70%	69%	68%	68%	69%	69%	72%	72%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	78°	78°	78°	80°	82°	83°	84°	84°	84°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	59%	63%	68%	66%	66%	77%	76%	75%	76%	70%	57%	54%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	65%	69%	77%	76%	77%	86%	85%	84%	84%	79%	59%	58%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.21	1.08	0.77	0.95	0.84	0.41	0.45	0.52	0.59	0.84	1.81	1.67
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	5%	15%	17%	12%	16%	19%	20%	6%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	3%	6%	12%	9%	22%	24%	18%	9%	3%	1%	2%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in May, to a high of 71% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 59°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (December through February) to 10° (June through October) warmer than actual ones. Like most of the Caribbean, the Amber Coast has a tropical two-season year. The tropical description means that below-freezing temperatures do not occur at any time. The two seasons are based essentially on temperature. For that reason, they correspond very closely with the two tourist seasons--the "high" season (less hot), and the "low" season (hotter and with a higher possibility of tropical storms). The high season runs from December through April, the low from May through November. Both season has spells of nice weather, it's just that the high season has more of them.