

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SANTIAGO AREA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

LOCATION: Santiago, the Dominican Republic's second city (after Santo Domingo), is located in the fertile Valle de Cibao in the northern part of the nation. Situated on the banks of the Rio Yaque del Norte, the city is much more leisurely and refined than the bustling capital. The lands around the city produce sugar cane and tobacco, which the factories in town turn into cigars, cigarettes, sugar, and rum. Although there are no outstanding tourists sights, Santiago is a very pleasant and relaxing city. Elevations are around 500 feet above sea level. *Carnival* (the week before Easter) is much more authentic and less touristy than you will find in the capital. In point of fact, Santiago is not touristy in any sense.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:06	11:30	12:02	12:35	13:03	13:18	13:12	12:48	12:16	11:43	11:15	10:59
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:15	7:50	7:53	7:54	7:43	8:15	8:13	8:29	7:46	7:39	7:12	6:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	60%	57%	53%	49%	53%	53%	58%	54%	57%	55%	51%
LOW FOR MONTH	58°	60°	60°	62°	66°	69°	68°	69°	69°	68°	64°	60°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	66°	66°	67°	69°	71°	73°	73°	73°	73°	72°	69°	67°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	85°	87°	88°	90°	91°	91°	91°	92°	90°	86°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	89°	93°	94°	93°	95°	94°	96°	96°	94°	92°	89°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	3%	13%	28%	29%	62%	65%	74%	73%	47%	8%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	64%	63%	63%	64%	63%	64%	64%	65%	66%	68%	66%
DRY DAYS	63%	66%	70%	67%	62%	72%	71%	70%	68%	65%	57%	57%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	84%	84%	80%	74%	84%	85%	83%	79%	78%	73%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.32	0.36	0.59	0.97	0.46	0.34	0.42	0.67	0.66	0.75	0.47
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	1%	3%	8%	24%	25%	25%	27%	36%	35%	14%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	16%	15%	24%	20%	28%	31%	25%	19%	15%	11%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 59% in May, to a high of 68% in February. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 55° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 99° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 9° warmer than actual ones, due to the humidity. The best weather comes from January through March. When in the mood for seaside pleasures, most of the residents of Santiago drive the forty miles across the mountains to the beaches of Puerto Plata.