

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAP HAITIEN RESORT AREA, HAITI

LOCATION: The Cap Haitien resort area is located on the Caribbean coast of Haiti's Northern Province. The city is Haiti's second largest, after Port-au-Prince, and is usually referred to as Au-Cap (oh-CAPP). It is situated on the eastern shore of a small peninsula, facing Cap Haitien Bay. Attractions include the magnificent beaches west of town, the ruins of Henri Christophe's Sans Souci Palace, and the awesome Le Citadel Ferriere. Elevations range from sea level to almost 3,000 feet above it at Le Citadel. The city has a much more relaxed and pleasant feel to it than does the capital.

	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	7:44	8:32	8:56	8:58	7:47	8:21	8:51	8:54	8:17	7:57	8:04	7:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	59%	60%	63%	59%	48%	48%	53%	54%	54%	52%	56%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	62°	63°	63°	65°	67°	70°	71°	71°	69°	68°	66°	62°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	67°	67°	68°	70°	72°	73°	74°	74°	73°	72°	70°	68°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	85°	86°	87°	89°	92°	92°	93°	93°	91°	87°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	90°	92°	94°	93°	96°	97°	97°	97°	95°	93°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	2%	8%	16%	19%	46%	49%	53%	52%	36%	7%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	67%	67%	66%	67%	66%	66%	66%	67%	68%	70%	69%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	78°	78°	79°	81°	82°	83°	84°	84°	84°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	59%	63%	69%	66%	65%	75%	77%	76%	72%	66%	53%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	66%	73%	79%	75%	75%	82%	89%	84%	79%	73%	54%	60%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.13	0.90	0.68	1.02	0.97	0.69	0.25	0.50	0.79	1.13	2.07	1.58
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	2%	7%	20%	21%	18%	20%	28%	28%	10%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	9%	10%	18%	15%	26%	29%	23%	14%	10%	6%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 60% in May, to a high of 74% in February and March. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 60° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 100° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 4° to 10° warmer than actual ones, due to the humidity. Unless overwhelmed by passing storms, there is a regular daily alternation of land and sea breezes along the coastline, and for a short distance inland. During the day, the winds are off the sea. These sea breezes start before noon and will reach a peak in the late afternoon, when the temperature contrast between the land and the sea is greatest. Before midnight, the gentler land breezes start and blow from the land out to sea. They will reach their peak just about sunrise. This timing accounts for the common practice of sailing ships leaving port at dawn. The best weather comes in February and March.