

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS

LOCATION: The British Virgin Islands are located just to the northeast—and within view—of St. John in the U. S. Virgin Islands. Although politically separate, they are geographically all part of the same island group. The major islands are Tortola, Virgin Gorda, Anegada, and Jost Van Dyke. Compared to the U. S. Virgins, the British Virgins are much less developed and more laid back. There is little night life and not much in the way of shopping.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:10	11:32	12:02	12:33	13:00	13:13	13:08	12:46	12:16	11:45	11:18	11:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:14	8:42	9:24	9:19	8:55	9:35	9:46	9:33	8:40	8:26	7:55	8:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	58%	58%	59%	55%	46%	49%	50%	53%	49%	51%	53%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	68°	68°	69°	71°	73°	74°	75°	74°	74°	73°	73°	69°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	73°	75°	77°	78°	79°	79°	78°	78°	76°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	83°	83°	86°	86°	87°	88°	88°	88°	87°	86°	84°
HIGH FOR MONTH	88°	87°	88°	89°	91°	92°	93°	93°	93°	92°	90°	90°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	1%	2%	5%	7%	20%	32%	39%	31%	23%	9%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	63%	64%	65%	68%	66%	66%	68%	69%	70%	70%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	79°	79°	79°	80°	82°	83°	83°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	42%	53%	57%	60%	54%	51%	45%	44%	46%	46%	40%	42%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	83%	84%	76%	70%	71%	72%	70%	70%	66%	69%	69%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.33	0.31	0.40	0.65	0.47	0.54	0.70	0.93	0.89	0.84	0.51
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	3%	5%	6%	5%	3%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 69% in May, to a high of 78% in March. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 66° at some cool winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 95° on some windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 8° warmer than actual ones during the warmer months, due to the combination of temperature and humidity. This is greatly alleviated by the strong and persistent Trade Winds, that blow out of the east and northeast most of the time. The average wind velocity is around twelve miles per hour—a bit more during midday, and a bit less during the latter part of the night. Superimposed on these major winds, are local land and sea breezes characteristic of the shorelines but rarely penetrating very far inland. These blow rather strongly from the sea during the afternoons, and rather weakly from the land at night.