

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GUADELOUPE ISLAND, FRENCH ANTILLES

LOCATION: The island of Guadeloupe is located in the Windward Islands portion of the West Indies, between Dominica to the south and Antigua and Montserrat to the north. Along with the other islands of the French Antilles, it is an overseas *prefect* of France. The local administrative unit includes the nearby islands of Marie Galante, Desirade, and the Iles des Saintes. Guadeloupe itself covers 583 square miles, with elevations ranging from sea level to some 4,813 feet above it at the summit of the active volcano, Soufriere.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:17	11:37	12:03	12:30	12:53	13:05	13:00	12:41	12:15	11:48	11:24	11:11
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:30	7:53	7:42	8:00	7:47	7:49	7:47	7:52	7:09	7:01	6:56	7:10
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	55%	57%	53%	47%	48%	48%	52%	49%	51%	54%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	63°	63°	64°	66°	69°	71°	71°	71°	71°	71°	68°	65°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	68°	68°	69°	71°	73°	75°	75°	75°	74°	73°	72°	69°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	84°	84°	86°	87°	88°	88°	89°	88°	87°	86°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	86°	87°	87°	88°	89°	90°	91°	92°	91°	91°	90°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	3%	6%	18%	27%	36%	32%	22%	7%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	59%	58%	60%	63%	63%	63%	64%	66%	67%	68%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	79°	78°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	42%	46%	51%	51%	41%	41%	33%	34%	34%	34%	32%	33%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	76%	75%	72%	65%	63%	57%	56%	54%	55%	53%	63%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.62	0.49	0.48	0.66	0.94	1.01	1.19	1.44	1.49	1.48	1.49	0.97
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	0%	1%	8%	12%	16%	20%	30%	22%	13%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 58% in September, to a high of 68% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 61°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from very slightly above actual ones (December through May), to up to 8° warmer than actual ones (September and October). Guadeloupe has a tropical two-season year based primarily on rainfall. The high season (December through May) is also the less rainy of the two. In addition, days are a bit shorter, a bit sunnier, and noticeably less hot and humid. The rainy season (June through November) is measurably rainier than the high season. The days are also a bit longer and a bit cloudier. Humidity is higher both day and night, resulting in higher and less pleasant sensible temperatures.