

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF MONTSERRAT, BRITISH WEST INDIES

LOCATION: The island and British Crown Colony of Montserrat is located in the Leeward Islands portion of the Lesser Antilles. Its nearest neighbors are Nevis, about thirty miles to the northwest, Antigua some twenty-five miles to the northeast, and Guadeloupe lying about forty miles to the southeast. Elevations range from sea level to almost three-thousand feet above it at the summit of Chances Peak.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:16	11:36	12:03	12:31	12:55	13:07	13:02	12:42	12:15	11:47	11:22	11:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:36	7:48	7:52	7:55	7:46	7:49	7:52	7:54	7:10	7:03	7:04	7:13
AREA OF BLUE SKY	58%	56%	58%	54%	48%	48%	50%	52%	50%	52%	54%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	65 °	65 °	65 °	67 °	70 °	72 °	72 °	72 °	71 °	71 °	69 °	67 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	70 °	70 °	71 °	73 °	74 °	76 °	76 °	76 °	75 °	75 °	74 °	71 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82 °	82 °	83 °	84 °	86 °	87 °	87 °	88 °	87 °	87 °	85 °	83 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	85 °	86 °	87 °	88 °	89 °	90 °	90 °	91 °	91 °	90 °	89 °	86 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%	10%	14%	20%	20%	12%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	68%	67%	68%	70%	70%	71%	72%	72%	73%	74%	73%
NEARBY WATERS	78 °	78 °	78 °	78 °	80 °	81 °	82 °	82 °	83 °	83 °	82 °	79 °
DRY DAYS	39%	43%	50%	51%	40%	37%	29%	31%	33%	34%	29%	30%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	75%	75%	73%	66%	64%	59%	59%	57%	58%	56%	65%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.47	0.44	0.55	0.77	0.87	1.01	1.13	1.20	1.20	1.20	0.81
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	1%	1%	5%	8%	11%	13%	19%	15%	8%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The area has a vague two-season year based on precipitation. There is a rainy season, and a not-so-rainy season. Bright sunshine occurs on 63% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a "low" of 60% in rainy July, to a high of 67% in the January high season. Both islands and mountains generate their own clouds, and this mountainous island has a pretty steady cloud cap. The low temperature for the year will be near 63° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 93° some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) range from 2° (January) to 8° (July) hotter than the ones shown on the thermometer because of high humidities. Hurricanes come close enough to cause concern about one year in three. Montserrat's mountainous spine offers pretty good protection to the leeward, western side.