

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF SABA, NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

LOCATION: The Dutch island of Saba is located near the northern end of the Leeward Islands in the Lesser Antilles archipelago in the Caribbean Sea. The island's nearest neighbors are St. Eustasius, about sixteen miles to the southeast, and St. Barthelmy, some thirty-four miles to the northeast. The island covers an area of some five square miles, and is considered to be an integral part of the Netherlands. Elevations range from sea level to some 2,854 feet above it at the summit of Mount Scenery. The island is the tip of an extinct volcano that thrusts steeply out of the sea.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:12	11:34	12:02	12:32	12:57	13:10	13:05	12:44	12:15	11:46	11:20	11:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:27	7:41	8:08	8:05	7:39	7:58	7:55	8:01	7:29	7:18	7:22	7:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	58%	58%	60%	56%	48%	50%	51%	54%	52%	52%	56%	58%
LOW FOR MONTH	70°	70°	70°	71°	72°	75°	75°	75°	74°	74°	72°	71°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	74°	74°	74°	76°	78°	79°	79°	80°	79°	78°	77°	75°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	82°	83°	84°	85°	87°	87°	87°	87°	86°	84°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	85°	85°	86°	87°	89°	89°	90°	90°	91°	89°	88°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	19%	22%	30%	30%	18%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	70%	70%	71%	74%	72%	72%	73%	74%	75%	76%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	78°	78°	78°	80°	81°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	45%	50%	56%	61%	52%	52%	43%	43%	45%	42%	39%	42%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	75%	80%	80%	79%	74%	74%	70%	68%	66%	67%	64%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.48	0.34	0.31	0.46	0.56	0.52	0.61	0.73	0.85	0.73	0.88	0.59
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	4%	8%	10%	8%	4%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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 March. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 68° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 93° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 8° warmer than actual ones, due to the humidity. Mountainous tropical islands tend to generate a "cloud cap" of cumulus clouds during the daylight hours. This cap will grow larger and thicker as the day warms up and the onshore breezes strengthen. It will usually dissipate or weaken greatly after sunset. Saba shares this characteristic, fed by the prevailing trade winds out of the east-northeast. Consequently, the morning hours will be clearer and sunnier than the afternoons, as a general rule. The best weather comes from December through April. With its small population, almost everyone on Saba knows one another.