

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SINT EUSTASIUS (“STATIA”), NETHERLANDS ANTILLES

LOCATION: The island of Sint Eustasius is almost universally known by the shorter name of “Statia” (STAY’shuh). It is located in the Leeward Islands of the Lesser Antilles, and lies some six miles northwest of St. Kitts. It is more easily reached, however, from Saba (some 16 miles to the northwest) or from Sint Maarten (some 35 miles to the north), both sister members of the Netherlands Antilles. Statia occupies about eight square miles, and is dominated by The Quill (1,968'), an extinct volcano with a rain forest in its crater. The chief town is Oranjestad, on the southwest coast. The official language is Dutch, but virtually everybody speaks English.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:13	11:34	12:02	12:32	12:57	13:10	13:04	12:43	12:15	11:46	11:20	11:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:21	7:35	8:01	7:58	7:33	7:45	7:48	7:50	7:23	7:13	7:13	7:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	57%	59%	55%	47%	49%	50%	52%	50%	51%	54%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	72 °	71 °	71 °	74 °	74 °	75 °	73 °	76 °	76 °	75 °	73 °	71 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76 °	76 °	76 °	79 °	80 °	81 °	82 °	81 °	82 °	81 °	79 °	77 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	81 °	81 °	81 °	83 °	84 °	85 °	86 °	86 °	86 °	85 °	83 °	81 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	84 °	83 °	84 °	85 °	87 °	87 °	89 °	88 °	89 °	88 °	86 °	84 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	69%	69%	70%	73%	73%	73%	74%	75%	76%	76%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	79 °	78 °	78 °	78 °	80 °	81 °	82 °	83 °	83 °	83 °	82 °	79 °
DRY DAYS	46%	53%	60%	62%	55%	53%	44%	45%	46%	45%	43%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	80%	80%	79%	75%	74%	70%	69%	66%	67%	64%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.55	0.36	0.35	0.46	0.58	0.60	0.68	0.77	0.97	0.82	0.99	0.62
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%	5%	5%	6%	2%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 63% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 58% in May, to a high of 67% in March. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to 68°, and the highest should be near 91°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 5° warmer than actual ones due to the combination of temperatures and humidity. Statia shares in the tropical two-season year of the Caribbean. Neither the length of the daylight period nor the temperatures vary much from one month to another. The “rainy season” is only a little bit rainier than the “dry season”. The tropical storm season runs from May through November, with September and October as the most likely months to see one of these storms. A hurricane will pass close enough to Statia to be of concern about once in six years.