

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ST. KITTS AND NEVIS AREA, WEST INDIES

LOCATION: The island of St. Kitts is the largest of the islands that make up the Caribbean nation of St. Kitts and Nevis. These islands are situated toward the northwestern end of the Leeward Islands chain in the Caribbean Sea. The national capital is at Basseterre, on St. Kitts. Elevations on the island range from sea level to some 3,792 feet above it at the summit of Mr. Liamuiga.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:14	11:35	12:02	12:32	12:56	13:09	13:04	12:43	12:15	11:46	11:21	11:08
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:45	8:12	8:26	8:33	8:22	8:26	8:32	8:26	7:51	7:32	7:17	7:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	56%	58%	54%	47%	48%	49%	51%	50%	51%	53%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	69°	68°	69°	70°	72°	74°	74°	74°	73°	73°	72°	69°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	73°	73°	73°	75°	77°	78°	78°	78°	78°	77°	76°	74°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	81°	81°	82°	83°	84°	86°	86°	87°	87°	86°	84°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	84°	84°	85°	86°	87°	89°	89°	89°	89°	88°	87°	85°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	8%	10%	16%	19%	11%	3%	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	47%	54%	61%	63%	57%	54%	45%	46%	47%	46%	44%	46%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	80%	80%	80%	76%	73%	70%	69%	66%	67%	64%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.57	0.38	0.38	0.45	0.57	0.64	0.70	0.79	1.01	0.85	1.04	0.64
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	4%	6%	10%	6%	4%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 64% from September through November, to a high of 71% in February. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 67°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (January and February) to 9° (October) warmer than actual ones. Insofar as there are any seasonal changes at all (and they are neither major nor many), the St. Kitts year can be divided into two seasons--the high season and the low season. The high season runs from the middle of December through early May. Days are a little bit shorter, temperatures are slightly cooler, and the rain is neither as heavy nor as frequent as during the low seasons. The low season has slightly longer days that are noticeably warmer. Moreover, the rains are heavier and more frequent. It still beats the weather in most of Europe.