

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SOUTHERN BAHAMA ISLANDS

LOCATION: The southern section of the Bahamas is that part that lies south and east of the Crooked Island Passage. Major islands include Crooked Island, Acklins Island, Mayaguana, and Great Inagua. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. This is the least-visited section of the entire group of the Bahama Islands. It is also the sunniest, the driest, and the least developed. Most of the area's visitors come for the superb fishing and diving.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:56	11:24	12:01	12:40	13:12	13:29	13:22	12:55	12:18	11:40	11:06	10:48
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:27	8:54	9:24	10:03	9:01	8:14	9:52	10:00	8:50	8:06	7:40	7:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	61%	62%	63%	62%	52%	47%	57%	59%	58%	53%	55%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	60°	60°	61°	63°	66°	70°	72°	71°	70°	68°	67°	63°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	68°	68°	69°	70°	73°	76°	77°	77°	76°	75°	72°	70°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	82°	83°	84°	86°	88°	90°	90°	89°	87°	85°	83°
HIGH FOR MONTH	87°	86°	88°	89°	90°	92°	93°	94°	93°	92°	90°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	2%	2%	5%	20%	47%	56%	41%	21%	3%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	65%	65%	65%	67%	69%	67%	68%	69%	69%	68%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	77°	78°	78°	80°	82°	83°	84°	84°	84°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	80%	83%	83%	80%	75%	81%	80%	76%	67%	64%	74%	80%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	90%	90%	89%	86%	88%	90%	86%	80%	77%	85%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.24	0.24	0.24	0.29	0.42	0.43	0.24	0.36	0.62	0.70	0.49	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	4%	4%	5%	8%	7%	2%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: The islands have a tropical four-season year based on rainfall. There are two somewhat rainy seasons, and two somewhat dry ones. Bright sunshine occurs on 73% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a "low" of 61% in cloudy June, to a high of 79% in sparkling April. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 57° at some windless January sunrise, and the high will be near 94° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (December and January) to 10° (July through September) hotter than those shown on the thermometer, due to the humidity. During the winter months, occasional cold snaps (we're talking about the 50's here) manage to make it across the warm waters of the Gulf Stream without losing all of their nip.