

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TURKS AND CAICOS ISLANDS, WEST INDIES

LOCATION: The Turks and Caicos Islands (a British Crown Colony) are located in the North Atlantic Ocean at the southeast end of the Bahamas chain, just north of the big island of Hispaniola. The 166 square miles of the thirty islands are geographically--but not politically--part of the Bahamas chain. Elevations are everywhere very close to sea level. Only six of the islands are permanently inhabited, due to the scarcity of fresh water. The islands have a semi-desert vegetation on land, and some superb coral reefs underwater.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:59	11:26	12:01	12:38	13:10	13:26	13:19	12:53	12:18	11:41	11:09	10:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:01	8:39	9:25	9:53	9:12	8:47	10:13	9:47	9:06	8:03	7:32	7:27
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	58%	59%	57%	48%	45%	53%	53%	53%	49%	51%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	66°	66°	67°	70°	71°	73°	74°	74°	72°	73°	70°	69°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	72°	72°	73°	74°	76°	78°	79°	79°	79°	78°	75°	73°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	80°	81°	82°	83°	85°	86°	87°	88°	88°	86°	84°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	84°	85°	86°	88°	89°	91°	90°	91°	92°	90°	88°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	8%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	64%	62%	62%	65%	68%	65%	67%	65%	67%	65%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	78°	77°	77°	78°	80°	81°	82°	83°	84°	83°	81°	79°
DRY DAYS	61%	72%	76%	79%	76%	72%	68%	64%	65%	60%	54%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	91%	93%	91%	90%	92%	93%	89%	86%	80%	84%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.25	0.17	0.25	0.37	0.29	0.26	0.31	0.51	0.61	0.72	0.46
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	3%	2%	4%	6%	7%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 65% in June, to a high of 78% in March and April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 64°, and the highest should be near 93°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (January and February) to 7° (July through September) warmer than actual ones. The Turks and Caicos islands have a tropical two-season year. The (not very) rainy season runs from September through December, with the rest of the year (except for May) being even drier. There is quite a lot of difference in rainfall from one year to another.