## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MARGARITA ISLAND AREA, VENEZUELA

LOCATION: Margarita Island (Isla de Margarita) is located in the Caribbean some 25 miles off Venezuela's northeastern coast. The island covers some 355 square miles, and is the nation's leading "sun and sand" resort area. The major city is Porlamar, but the capital is La Asuncion. Elevations range from sea level to some 3,140 feet above it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:34	11:47	12:04	12:22	12:38	12:46	12:42	12:29	12:12	11:54	11:39	11:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:17	8:55	9:09	9:08	8:44	7:55	8:04	8:27	7:59	7:57	7:33	7:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	61%	63%	63%	59%	55%	50%	53%	55%	55%	54%	54%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	71°	71°	70°	74°	75°	74°	74°	73°	71°	73°	73°	70°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	75°	75°	76°	77°	78°	78°	78°	78°	79°	78°	78°	76°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	84°	85°	86°	88°	88°	87°	87°	88°	89°	88°	87°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	92°	91°	92°	94°	92°	93°	93°	92°	96°	93°	92°	92°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	2 %	5%	17%	39%	43%	28%	29%	37%	51%	41%	22%	5%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	71%	68%	70%	73%	75%	73%	73%	70%	70%	71%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	80°	79°	79°	79°	80°	81°	82°	83°	83°	83°	82°	79°
DRY DAYS	78%	84%	91%	94%	89%	80%	74%	76%	84%	83%	73%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	89%	92%	96%	97%	95%	90%	86%	87%	92%	91%	8 4 %	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.27	0.20	0.11	0.12	0.10	0.20	0.31	0.34	0.19	0.20	0.43	0.55
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0 %	0%	0%	0 %	1%	2%	5%	4 %	6%	6%	3%	0 %
FOGGY DAYS	0 %	0%	0%	0 %	0 %	0%	0%	0%	0%	0 %	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 62% in June, to a high of 76% in February and March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 64°, and the highest should be near 102°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 3° (February) to 10° (September) warmer than actual ones. In reality, there is not a lot of difference in weather conditions from one month to another, the total rainfall being low enough to qualify the island as semi-desert. The prevailing winds are out of the east and northeast about ninety-percent of the time. This is something to keep in mind if your budget does not run to an air-conditioned room. Margarita island is too close to the Equator to worry much about hurricanes.