

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GRENADA AND THE SOUTHERN GRENADINES, CARIBBEAN SEA

LOCATION: The island nation of Grenada is located in the Caribbean Sea, at the south end of both the Lesser Antilles and the Windward Islands. Its capital is at St. Georges, on the southwest shore. The island occupies some 133 square miles, with elevations ranging from sea level to some 2,756 feet above it at the summit of Mount St. Catherine. The national boundaries also include some of the Grenadine Islands, going as far north as Carriacou and Petit Martinique.

|                       | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV   | DEC   |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT     | 11:29 | 11:44 | 12:04 | 12:25 | 12:42 | 12:51 | 12:48 | 12:33 | 12:13 | 11:52 | 11:34 | 11:25 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE     | 8:32  | 9:11  | 9:31  | 9:27  | 9:17  | 7:53  | 8:22  | 8:57  | 8:30  | 8:21  | 8:22  | 8:09  |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY      | 59%   | 60%   | 59%   | 55%   | 54%   | 46%   | 51%   | 54%   | 53%   | 52%   | 54%   | 56%   |
| LOW FOR MONTH         | 68°   | 68°   | 68°   | 71°   | 72°   | 72°   | 71°   | 72°   | 72°   | 72°   | 70°   | 69°   |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE   | 74°   | 74°   | 75°   | 77°   | 78°   | 78°   | 78°   | 78°   | 77°   | 77°   | 76°   | 75°   |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 83°   | 84°   | 85°   | 86°   | 87°   | 86°   | 86°   | 86°   | 87°   | 86°   | 85°   | 84°   |
| HIGH FOR MONTH        | 86°   | 87°   | 88°   | 89°   | 90°   | 90°   | 89°   | 89°   | 90°   | 90°   | 88°   | 87°   |
| FROSTY MORNINGS       | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90°   | 0%    | 1%    | 1%    | 3%    | 6%    | 3%    | 0%    | 1%    | 4%    | 2%    | 1%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY    | 72%   | 71%   | 70%   | 70%   | 72%   | 75%   | 76%   | 75%   | 75%   | 76%   | 79%   | 75%   |
| NEARBY WATERS         | 80°   | 79°   | 80°   | 80°   | 81°   | 82°   | 82°   | 83°   | 84°   | 84°   | 83°   | 79°   |
| DRY DAYS              | 50%   | 56%   | 61%   | 67%   | 55%   | 40%   | 36%   | 37%   | 44%   | 44%   | 34%   | 47%   |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS   | 71%   | 78%   | 80%   | 82%   | 73%   | 58%   | 55%   | 57%   | 61%   | 60%   | 54%   | 64%   |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION   | 0.75  | 0.52  | 0.41  | 0.41  | 0.74  | 1.41  | 1.42  | 1.41  | 1.32  | 1.38  | 1.51  | 1.15  |
| SNOWY DAYS            | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| THUNDER DAYS          | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 5%    | 6%    | 8%    | 12%   | 8%    | 4%    | 1%    |
| FOGGY DAYS            | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 72% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in June, to a high of 79% in March. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 64°, and the highest should be near 92°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be from 1° (January) to 9° (October) warmer than actual ones. Grenada has a tropical two-season year. There is very little difference in either the length of the daylight period or in the temperatures from one month to the next. The major distinction is in the frequency and intensity of rainfall between the two seasons. The rainy season dominates the year, and runs from late May through early January. The dry season takes in the rest of the year. The differences between the two are primarily one of degree. The rainy season gets more rainy days, the rains are heavier, and they last longer. The skies are somewhat cloudier for a greater portion of the day. Clear days are somewhat less frequent. However, on any given day, you would be hard put to tell whether it was in one season or the other.