

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE MINSK AREA, BELARUS

LOCATION: Minsk, the capital and primate city of Belarus, is located pretty much in the central part of that country . The city is situated on the banks of the Svislach (Ptisk) River. Elevations are between 700 and 800 feet above sea level in this essentially level countryside.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:03	9:45	11:49	14:00	15:57	17:02	16:34	14:52	12:47	10:37	8:39	7:32
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:27	2:18	4:23	6:00	8:14	9:13	8:39	7:40	5:42	3:04	1:07	0:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	21%	31%	34%	37%	38%	36%	37%	34%	24%	14%	15%
LOW FOR MONTH	-10 °	-5 °	4 °	23 °	34 °	41 °	47 °	43 °	34 °	24 °	13 °	-2 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	14 °	16 °	23 °	35 °	46 °	52 °	55 °	53 °	46 °	38 °	29 °	20 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	22 °	26 °	34 °	50 °	63 °	69 °	71 °	69 °	60 °	49 °	36 °	27 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	36 °	37 °	48 °	67 °	78 °	81 °	82 °	83 °	75 °	63 °	47 °	40 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	91%	94%	78%	35%	3%	0%	0%	0%	2%	20%	56%	86%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	83%	76%	70%	58%	51%	56%	59%	58%	63%	72%	83%	86%
DRY DAYS	42%	44%	53%	56%	58%	52%	51%	55%	56%	54%	41%	38%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	81%	82%	78%	77%	74%	74%	76%	77%	77%	74%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.25	0.21	0.27	0.36	0.49	0.52	0.49	0.33	0.28	0.30	0.24
LIKELY SNOWFALL	18.8"	16.9"	10.7"	5.2"	1.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.4"	10.8"	18.7"
SNOWY DAYS	58%	52%	37%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	36%	62%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	3%	13%	19%	19%	14%	5%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	25%	21%	21%	12%	6%	4%	6%	7%	17%	25%	28%	25%

COMMENTS: Minsk has a four-season year, with long very cold winters and short mild summers. Precipitation is light, and fairly evenly distributed throughout the year, but with a distinct summer maximum. Summer afternoons are long, fairly sunny, humid, and mild to warm. About half the days will get at least a trace of rain, and thunderstorms are common. Hot days are rare. Summer nights are short, damp, and cool. Winter afternoons are short and usually overcast. On about half of them, the sun won't be seen at all. Afternoon temperatures are cold to very cold, and they will remain below freezing two afternoons out of three. Almost all the precipitation comes as snow, and the ground is frozen and snow-covered most of the winter.

Frequently, but not every year, a spell of exceptionally fine weather will occur in September or early October. This is the "old women's summer", and is quite pleasant.