

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE VERSAILLES PALACES AND GARDENS, FRANCE

LOCATION: The magnificent palaces and gardens of Versailles are located in the southwestern outskirts of the Paris metropolitan area in north-central France. The present structures date largely from the reign of Louis XIV in the late 1600's. At the time of their construction, the area was still largely rural. Elevations are about 400 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:46	10:09	11:52	13:40	15:15	16:06	15:45	14:23	12:40	10:52	9:15	8:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:39	2:34	4:22	5:44	6:38	7:25	7:12	6:32	5:24	3:48	1:59	1:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	25%	32%	34%	32%	35%	37%	37%	38%	32%	22%	20%
LOW FOR MONTH	20°	22°	29°	30°	37°	43°	47°	46°	43°	37°	28°	25°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33°	34°	37°	41°	47°	52°	56°	55°	52°	46°	39°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41°	44°	50°	56°	63°	69°	73°	73°	68°	59°	48°	43°
HIGH FOR MONTH	53°	55°	63°	70°	77°	82°	88°	86°	82°	72°	61°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	46%	42%	25%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	19%	35%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	70%	63%	54%	55%	55%	53%	52%	58%	66%	73%	78%
DRY DAYS	50%	50%	52%	56%	55%	59%	64%	64%	62%	58%	52%	51%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	81%	78%	78%	78%	79%	82%	82%	80%	77%	76%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.31	0.29	0.31	0.30	0.33	0.35	0.36	0.30	0.33	0.39	0.37	0.37
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.5"	5.4"	3.4"	1.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.1"	4.0"
SNOWY DAYS	17%	16%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	9%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	2%	4%	9%	9%	10%	9%	5%	2%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	25%	22%	14%	10%	11%	10%	10%	12%	15%	23%	25%	25%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 37% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 15% in December, to a high of 46% in June. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 18° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 89° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be one to three degrees cooler than actual ones. Versailles has the standard four-season mid-latitude year. Summers are short and mild to warm. Winters are moderately long, but not very cold. Spring and autumn are transitional seasons, with periods of summer-like weather alternating with periods of winter-like weather at three to five day intervals.