

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO REIMS AND CHAMPAGNE, FRANCE

LOCATION: Reims (pronounced “ronze”, with a slight nasal tang) is located in the province of Champagne in northeastern France. The city lies some ninety miles northeast of Paris, in the valley of the Marne River. The countryside is gently rolling and largely given over to the cultivation of the wine grapes used to produce Champagne. Elevations are between 200 and 300 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:43	10:07	11:52	13:42	15:18	16:10	15:48	14:26	12:40	10:51	9:12	8:18
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:55	2:57	4:43	5:49	6:53	7:18	7:08	6:32	5:38	3:55	2:02	1:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	24%	30%	33%	31%	33%	34%	34%	36%	30%	21%	20%
LOW FOR MONTH	15°	15°	22°	28°	32°	40°	45°	44°	37°	28°	24°	20°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30°	31°	34°	40°	46°	52°	55°	54°	50°	43°	37°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	40°	44°	51°	60°	66°	73°	76°	75°	70°	58°	48°	42°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	56°	68°	75°	81°	87°	91°	88°	82°	73°	61°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	49%	49%	33%	18%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	28%	40%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	75%	63%	57%	56%	58%	59%	59%	63%	70%	81%	84%
DRY DAYS	47%	51%	55%	56%	56%	56%	60%	62%	61%	57%	50%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	81%	80%	78%	78%	78%	80%	80%	80%	78%	76%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.29	0.29	0.28	0.28	0.34	0.35	0.37	0.37	0.33	0.35	0.36	0.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.7"	8.5"	4.7"	1.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.2"	6.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	15%	17%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	10%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	6%	10%	14%	13%	13%	8%	2%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	19%	19%	10%	11%	9%	12%	10%	13%	23%	19%	20%	16%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 38% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 19% in cloudy December, to a high of 45% from late April through September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 10° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 93° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Like much of northern Europe, the Reims area gets a lot of cloud and rain. During midwinter, the sun makes no appearance on almost half the days. As for rain, you can count on an average of about five hours of rain on the days that get any at all. Much of this is light and drizzly—what the Irish call “a soft day”.