

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THESSALONIKI AND MACEDONIA, GREECE

LOCATION: Thessaloniki (Salonica) is located in north-central Greece. It is Greece's second-largest city (after Athens), and has traditionally been the capital of the region known as Macedonia (not to be confused with the nation of that same name). The city is situated at the head of the Thermaic Gulf, an arm of the Aegean Sea. Elevations are close to sea level in the city, but the countryside around the city is quite hilly.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:38	10:38	11:55	13:16	14:26	15:03	14:47	13:48	12:31	11:10	9:59	9:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:28	4:27	5:05	7:08	8:31	10:05	11:08	10:18	8:02	5:35	3:57	3:25
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	42%	41%	46%	51%	62%	75%	75%	68%	53%	42%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	27°	26°	33°	39°	50°	57°	63°	62°	54°	45°	35°	29°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36°	37°	43°	49°	58°	65°	70°	70°	63°	56°	47°	40°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	48°	52°	58°	67°	77°	85°	91°	90°	81°	72°	60°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	60°	65°	71°	78°	87°	95°	99°	98°	92°	83°	72°	64°
FROSTY MORNINGS	42%	30%	13%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	26%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	27%	53%	45%	11%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	63%	61%	58%	56%	49%	46%	47%	53%	63%	70%	72%
NEARBY WATERS	56°	54°	56°	58°	61°	72°	75°	76°	74°	69°	64°	61°
DRY DAYS	69%	70%	68%	69%	71%	77%	86%	89%	83%	75%	66%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	87%	86%	84%	85%	88%	93%	94%	92%	86%	82%	85%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.25	0.23	0.23	0.26	0.30	0.22	0.14	0.12	0.20	0.36	0.40	0.32
SNOWY DAYS	5%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	4%	16%	22%	12%	10%	7%	4%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	32%	30%	31%	27%	24%	17%	20%	23%	29%	31%	34%	31%

COMMENTS: Thessaloniki has the standard mid-latitude four-season year. Spring is essentially a vegetative season, rather than a climatic one, and is marked by blossoming and new vegetative growth. It usually runs from mid-March through early May. Summer runs from the middle of May through the end of September. It is marked by long, sunny, hot, and relatively dry days. Autumn is another vegetative season in this part of Greece, and extends from October through November. It is not a strong season, since much of the vegetation is evergreen, the ground does not remain frozen, and much vegetative growth continues throughout the year. Winter includes the months of December through the middle of March. Winter days are short, somewhat cloudy, chilly, and relatively wet. Snow falls, but rarely remains on the ground past noon of the next day.