

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CORK AND COUNTY CORK, IRELAND

LOCATION: Both the city and the county of Cork are located on the southwest coast of Ireland. The city is situated at the mouth of the River Lee, and is Ireland's second largest after Dublin. Elevations in town are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:22	9:55	11:51	13:52	15:39	16:38	16:13	14:40	12:44	10:44	8:54	7:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:48	2:25	3:25	5:08	6:11	6:00	5:21	5:07	4:08	2:55	2:10	1:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	23%	29%	33%	28%	25%	24%	26%	28%	26%	26%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	25°	27°	28°	31°	34°	41°	45°	43°	38°	32°	28°	27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	37°	39°	41°	45°	50°	53°	53°	50°	45°	39°	37°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	48°	49°	52°	55°	61°	66°	68°	68°	64°	58°	51°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	55°	55°	60°	65°	71°	75°	76°	75°	72°	65°	58°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	20%	18%	11%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	11%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	83%	80%	77%	72%	72%	74%	74%	75%	77%	81%	82%	84%
NEARBY WATERS	49°	48°	48°	50°	52°	57°	60°	60°	59°	57°	53°	51°
DRY DAYS	39%	44%	46%	52%	51%	59%	56%	49%	54%	47%	42%	43%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	72%	72%	75%	75%	78%	78%	74%	74%	70%	67%	69%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.79	0.66	0.55	0.43	0.44	0.40	0.44	0.52	0.55	0.68	0.73	0.81
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.0"	8.1"	4.4"	1.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	4.7"
SNOWY DAYS	11%	12%	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	11%	8%	10%	10%	9%	10%	10%	11%	10%	9%	10%

COMMENTS: Cork has a marine version of the standard mid-latitude four-season year. The prevailing winds off the north Atlantic Ocean have three major effects. They keep the summers cooler than would otherwise be the case. They keep the winters warmer than they should be. And they keep the area wet the year around, but especially during the cooler months. Spring runs from the middle of April through early June. Summer extends from late June through mid-September. Autumn runs from mid-September through late October, and winter rules from then until mid-April. Only one winter day in seven sees below-freezing temperatures, but the others won't be far above freezing, and the damp makes the cold feel even more penetrating. Irish rains tend to be persistent, and are light more often than heavy. Sometimes it's hard to tell whether it's raining or misting. The Irish call such weather a "soft day". Spring is the sunniest season, but is not very sunny by world standards. Clear days are rare, and are highly prized when they do occur.