

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LIMERICK AND THE SHANNON ESTUARY, IRELAND

LOCATION: Limerick, the capital of County Limerick, is located in southwestern Ireland. The city is situated at the head of the estuary of the River Shannon. Elevations in town are everywhere close to sea level, but some sizeable hills rise steeply away from the coast just behind the community.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:15	9:51	11:50	13:55	15:45	16:46	16:20	14:44	12:45	10:41	8:49	7:46
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:51	2:38	3:24	5:09	6:39	6:04	4:56	5:08	3:44	2:49	2:07	1:25
AREA OF BLUE SKY	25%	25%	29%	32%	31%	28%	26%	27%	28%	27%	28%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	24°	26°	28°	31°	35°	41°	45°	44°	40°	33°	28°	27°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	37°	37°	39°	41°	45°	50°	54°	54°	51°	46°	41°	39°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46°	47°	51°	55°	60°	64°	67°	67°	63°	57°	51°	48°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	55°	59°	65°	71°	75°	76°	75°	71°	64°	58°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	18%	15%	7%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	11%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	77%	71%	65%	64%	67%	69%	70%	72%	77%	81%	84%
NEARBY WATERS	50°	49°	49°	50°	52°	56°	58°	59°	58°	56°	53°	51°
DRY DAYS	34%	39%	35%	48%	49%	45%	44%	42%	42%	35%	41%	35%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	69%	73%	70%	74%	74%	72%	73%	70%	69%	64%	69%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.63	0.52	0.45	0.38	0.39	0.43	0.46	0.56	0.54	0.62	0.63	0.68
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.9"	3.0"	1.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.4"
SNOWY DAYS	10%	9%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	8%	7%	6%	5%	3%	5%	5%	6%	8%	9%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on some 31% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 18% in cloudy December, to a high of 42% in May. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 22° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 79° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be two to three degrees cooler than actual ones, because of the damp. Despite the heavier cloud cover, clear days are more common (about one day in six or seven) in the winter months, than in the summer (one day in ten). The prevailing winds are from the west, off of the North Atlantic Ocean. They keep the summers from getting as warm and the winters from getting as cold as places at the same latitude farther into the interior of Europe.