

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO VALENTIA ISLAND AND COUNTY KERRY, IRELAND

LOCATION: County Kerry is the most southwestern county in Ireland, and Valentia Island is at the western tip of the Iveragh Peninsula. Its climate is representative of that of the Ring of Kerry. Elevations in the county range from sea level to 3,414 feet above it at the summit of Carrantouhill. The Ring of Kerry is probably the most popular circuit drive in all of Ireland, and is quite crowded in the summer months. It consists of an 112-mile drive around the Iveragh Peninsula. Killarney National Park lies to the southwest of the town of Killarney.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:21	9:54	11:50	13:52	15:39	16:38	16:13	14:40	12:44	10:43	8:54	7:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:30	2:20	3:17	5:05	6:10	5:31	4:36	4:41	3:43	2:41	1:51	1:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	23%	29%	32%	28%	26%	25%	25%	28%	26%	27%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	30°	30°	31°	34°	38°	43°	47°	46°	43°	36°	33°	31°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41°	40°	42°	44°	47°	52°	55°	55°	53°	49°	44°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	49°	48°	51°	54°	58°	62°	64°	64°	62°	57°	52°	50°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	54°	57°	61°	68°	72°	72°	72°	68°	63°	58°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	13%	13%	7%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	9%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	80%	77%	73%	72%	73%	77%	79%	79%	79%	79%	80%	82%
NEARBY WATERS	50°	50°	50°	51°	53°	57°	59°	60°	59°	56°	53°	52°
DRY DAYS	22%	35%	36%	43%	46%	46%	39%	33%	38%	30%	28%	26%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	59%	66%	66%	69%	71%	71%	68%	65%	65%	59%	59%	59%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.00	0.84	0.68	0.57	0.53	0.56	0.65	0.73	0.76	0.90	0.95	1.05
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.1"	1.7"	1.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"
SNOWY DAYS	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	6%	5%	7%	6%	4%	6%	5%	6%	6%	5%	5%

COMMENTS: Like most of Ireland, County Kerry is cloudy, cool, and wet. The sun shines on less than 30% of the year's daylight hours, summer afternoon temperatures in the 70's are rare enough to be the topic of conversation in the local pub, and some sort of precipitation falls on two-thirds of the year's days. Spring (mid-April through early June) is the sunniest and driest of the seasons, although afternoons will be still cool to downright chilly. Summer (mid-June through mid-September) features long days made even longer by long twilight periods. Afternoons are mild, and rain falls three days out of five. Winter (mid-November through mid-April) is the dominant season. Days are short and gloomy, with the sun low on the horizon when it does shine. Snow, rain, and sleet---or a mixture of all three---are equally likely. Snow on the ground is rare along the coast, but common inland in the hills and mountains.