

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MILAN AND THE PO VALLEY, ITALY

LOCATION: Milan, Italy's second largest city, is located in northeastern Italy. The city is situated on the Po River, in the fertile plain of Lombardy. Milan is Italy's financial center, its industrial center, and its rail center. Elevations are about 500 feet above sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:10 | 10:22 | 11:53 | 13:30 | 14:53 | 15:37 | 15:19 | 14:08 | 12:36 | 11:00 | 9:35 | 8:48 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 1:56 | 3:24 | 4:59 | 6:02 | 6:56 | 8:06 | 9:12 | 8:07 | 6:09 | 4:04 | 1:59 | 1:45 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 36% | 43% | 42% | 40% | 42% | 48% | 57% | 56% | 50% | 38% | 30% | 32% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 18° | 20° | 32° | 34° | 42° | 49° | 54° | 53° | 47° | 37° | 34° | 20° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 30° | 33° | 39° | 46° | 54° | 60° | 64° | 63° | 58° | 49° | 39° | 33° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 43° | 47° | 56° | 64° | 72° | 80° | 84° | 83° | 75° | 64° | 52° | 45° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 54° | 59° | 68° | 75° | 82° | 88° | 92° | 91° | 85° | 75° | 69° | 56° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 68% | 52% | 22% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 25% | 52% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 11% | 8% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 76% | 68% | 61% | 57% | 59% | 57% | 55% | 57% | 61% | 69% | 75% | 79% |
| DRY DAYS | 74% | 73% | 68% | 60% | 58% | 65% | 76% | 74% | 77% | 66% | 69% | 72% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 85% | 85% | 82% | 77% | 76% | 79% | 85% | 84% | 85% | 77% | 79% | 84% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.38 | 0.41 | 0.45 | 0.56 | 0.62 | 0.54 | 0.43 | 0.50 | 0.55 | 0.75 | 0.71 | 0.49 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 8.1" | 7.2" | 2.1" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 3.9" | 6.9" |
| SNOWY DAYS | 9% | 8% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 6% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 0% | 0% | 2% | 8% | 15% | 22% | 19% | 20% | 10% | 4% | 1% | 0% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 58% | 44% | 26% | 13% | 9% | 8% | 9% | 10% | 23% | 43% | 56% | 58% |

COMMENTS: With the same latitude as Montreal, Milan has a four-season year. Summer runs from late May through early September. Summer days are hot, moderately sunny, and moderately wet. Winter extends from the middle of November through the middle of March. Snow flurries are a normal part of the winter scene, and snow may remain on the ground for days at a time. Even so, rain is more common during the winter months than is snow. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, filling the gaps with spells of warmer weather alternating with spells of cooler weather. Morning humidity is always at or near the saturation point. Heavy dews and morning mists are characteristic of summer mornings, while dense and dripping fogs are typical of winter mornings. These heavy winter fogs do not always burn off in the afternoon, but may linger for days, closing airports and making driving hazardous. This fog is by no means restricted to Milan, but is characteristic of the entire Po valley. In this respect, Milan is far, far foggier than either San Francisco or London.