

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE RIGA AREA, LATVIA

LOCATION: Riga is the capital of and largest city in Latvia. It is located more or less in the central part of the country, at the head of the Gulf of Riga (an inlet of the Baltic Sea). The city is situated at the mouth of the Daugava (Dvina) River. Elevations within the metropolitan are never far from sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:30	9:27	11:48	14:15	16:28	17:46	17:12	15:14	12:52	10:27	8:12	6:53
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:05	2:13	4:17	6:19	8:35	9:29	8:43	7:30	5:20	2:58	1:14	0:47
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	25%	32%	34%	40%	39%	38%	34%	34%	26%	15%	16%
LOW FOR MONTH	1°	3°	12°	24°	33°	40°	48°	45°	37°	29°	18°	5°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	19°	19°	25°	34°	44°	51°	55°	54°	47°	39°	31°	24°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	29°	29°	37°	49°	61°	68°	71°	69°	61°	50°	39°	32°
HIGH FOR MONTH	41°	40°	49°	65°	78°	82°	83°	80°	72°	61°	50°	43°
FROSTY MORNINGS	87%	87%	77%	38%	5%	0%	0%	0%	1%	15%	50%	78%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	85%	82%	73%	63%	56%	59%	62%	65%	68%	76%	84%	87%
NEARBY WATERS	35°	33°	33°	35°	42°	52°	60°	60°	55°	49°	43°	38°
DRY DAYS	44%	46%	56%	58%	61%	59%	53%	47%	50%	50%	43%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	87%	86%	80%	80%	78%	75%	73%	72%	74%	72%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.21	0.16	0.17	0.24	0.27	0.39	0.46	0.45	0.45	0.35	0.35	0.25
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.7"	9.4"	7.5"	2.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	9.6"	13.3"
SNOWY DAYS	45%	46%	31%	13%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	32%	41%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%	17%	19%	13%	7%	1%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	12%	11%	11%	6%	6%	6%	8%	14%	13%	13%	10%

COMMENTS: The area has a coastal version of the standard mid-latitude four-season year. Riga's coastal location has the effect of delaying the seasons, compared to locations farther inland. This is most noticeable in terms of temperature. Precipitation is light, but well-distributed throughout the year. There is a distinct summer maximum, due largely to the additions of thunderstorms to the normal frontal pattern. Summer afternoons are very long, moderately sunny, fairly humid, and mild to warm. Most years will only see about five days that could be considered hot. Winter afternoons are very short, generally overcast, gloomy, extremely humid, and below freezing more often than not. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered from the middle of November through the middle of March. Historically, below-freezing temperatures have occurred in every month except July. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, where warm and cold spells chase one another across the landscape of Northern Europe.