

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE VILNIUS AREA, LITHUANIA

LOCATION: Vilnius is the capital and largest city of Lithuania. It is located in the southeast quadrant of the country, about twenty miles from the Belarus border. The city is situated in the Osmjanskaya Uplands, at the junction of the Neris and Vilnele Rivers. Elevations in town are between four-hundred and five-hundred feet above sea level, with the surrounding hills rising some four-hundred feet higher. Vilnius has a particularly intriguing “old town” with narrow winding streets, old churches, and hidden squares and courtyards.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:55	9:40	11:49	14:04	16:04	17:12	16:43	14:58	12:48	10:35	8:33	7:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:12	2:28	3:53	5:35	7:52	8:00	7:24	7:08	4:51	3:04	1:09	0:51
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	24%	31%	35%	41%	41%	39%	38%	36%	30%	15%	16%
LOW FOR MONTH	-6 °	-4 °	3 °	23 °	32 °	40 °	44 °	43 °	34 °	24 °	16 °	0 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	17 °	18 °	25 °	35 °	45 °	52 °	55 °	53 °	46 °	38 °	30 °	22 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	26 °	29 °	38 °	51 °	65 °	70 °	72 °	71 °	62 °	50 °	38 °	31 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	38 °	39 °	51 °	69 °	78 °	81 °	84 °	84 °	75 °	65 °	51 °	41 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	87%	91%	78%	35%	4%	0%	0%	0%	2%	20%	61%	82%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	83%	77%	69%	57%	52%	55%	58%	57%	63%	73%	84%	85%
DRY DAYS	47%	49%	57%	60%	59%	55%	56%	54%	58%	63%	50%	47%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	85%	85%	81%	80%	75%	76%	75%	78%	81%	76%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.23	0.20	0.27	0.32	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.34	0.27	0.31	0.26
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.4"	14.4"	9.0"	5.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.5"	11.8"	10.7"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	41%	36%	24%	12%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	27%	32%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	2%	9%	11%	11%	9%	3%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	17%	16%	11%	9%	7%	10%	12%	17%	19%	24%	20%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 36% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 11% in gloomy December, to a high of 49% in delightful May. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 86° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty close to actual ones—perhaps a touch cooler in the warmer months. The ground is frozen and generally snow-covered from November through March. Much of the winter fog is brought about by cold air drainage from the nearby hills and the consequent pooling of cold air to form temperature inversions. The valleys are often fogged in when the hilltops are clear. Morning humidity is almost always near or at saturation, with the consequent dews and hoarfrosts on the uplands, and light mists along the rivers.