

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SKOPJE AREA, MACEDONIA

LOCATION: Skopje, the capital of Macedonia, is located in the northeastern part of that country, only a few miles from the border with Yugoslavia. The city is situated on the banks of the Vardar River, with the elevation some 800 feet above sea level. The surrounding countryside is hilly to mountainous.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:30	10:34	11:55	13:20	14:33	15:12	14:55	13:53	12:32	11:08	9:52	9:12
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:33	4:11	4:49	6:35	7:18	9:04	10:19	9:40	7:44	5:19	3:13	2:21
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	39%	40%	42%	44%	56%	69%	70%	66%	52%	38%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	11°	15°	21°	31°	38°	46°	50°	49°	40°	29°	22°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	28°	35°	42°	50°	56°	60°	58°	52°	44°	37°	29°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39°	46°	55°	65°	74°	82°	87°	86°	79°	67°	53°	42°
HIGH FOR MONTH	52°	62°	72°	78°	86°	93°	98°	97°	90°	80°	65°	58°
FROSTY MORNINGS	76%	69%	34%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	37%	68%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	15%	37%	38%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	65%	55%	49%	52%	47%	40%	39%	45%	58%	71%	78%
DRY DAYS	71%	74%	73%	73%	63%	73%	82%	86%	81%	72%	70%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	88%	87%	86%	81%	86%	91%	92%	90%	85%	83%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.26	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.35	0.32	0.22	0.20	0.25	0.32	0.42	0.28
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.5"	8.1"	4.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.4"	7.7"
SNOWY DAYS	17%	14%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	14%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	4%	18%	23%	19%	17%	8%	3%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	33%	26%	13%	7%	5%	5%	4%	5%	9%	25%	29%	36%

COMMENTS: The area has a standard European four-season year. Precipitation is evenly spread throughout the year, with a slight peak in May and another in November. Summer afternoons are sunny and hot--occasionally very hot. Summer nights are mild to cool. Daytime humidities are low, and nighttime humidities only moderately high. Winter afternoons are generally cold and cloudy, but only one afternoon in five will fair to rise above freezing. Winter nights are generally below freezing. Winter humidities are high during the days, and approach saturation at night. Hoarfrost is common during calm nights, while fogs and mist characterize the nights with light air movement. Clear winter nights often bring about an accumulation of fog in the valleys of the area. The peaks and upper slopes usually remain clear. This fog usually burns off before noon. At other times cold air drainage from the nearby slopes may make the valleys colder than the lower hilltops.