

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MONTE CARLO AND MONACO

LOCATION: The tiny (less than 250 acres) Principality of Monaco is an independent country surrounded entirely by France. It is located on the shores of the Mediterranean between Nice and the Italian border. The city is built on a rather steep hillside, but features a number of lifts (*ascenseurs*) to get you up the hill. It is noted for its Casino, its world-class aquarium (*Musee Oceanographique*) and for its annual Formula One automobile race.

|                       | JAN  | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV  | DEC  |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT     | 9:20 | 10:28 | 11:54 | 13:25 | 14:43 | 15:24 | 15:07 | 14:00 | 12:34 | 11:04 | 9:44 | 9:00 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE     | 4:36 | 5:17  | 5:22  | 6:19  | 7:05  | 8:17  | 9:30  | 8:43  | 7:03  | 5:40  | 4:39 | 3:57 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY      | 51%  | 49%   | 48%   | 50%   | 50%   | 56%   | 70%   | 66%   | 60%   | 55%   | 51%  | 54%  |
| LOW FOR MONTH         | 40°  | 40°   | 43°   | 47°   | 52°   | 59°   | 65°   | 65°   | 59°   | 52°   | 47°  | 40°  |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE   | 46°  | 47°   | 49°   | 53°   | 59°   | 65°   | 70°   | 71°   | 67°   | 60°   | 53°  | 49°  |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 54°  | 55°   | 57°   | 61°   | 66°   | 73°   | 77°   | 78°   | 74°   | 67°   | 61°  | 56°  |
| HIGH FOR MONTH        | 61°  | 61°   | 65°   | 69°   | 75°   | 80°   | 85°   | 85°   | 81°   | 74°   | 68°  | 63°  |
| FROSTY MORNINGS       | 1%   | 1%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%   | 0%   |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90°   | 0%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%   | 0%   |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY    | 64%  | 65%   | 69%   | 70%   | 72%   | 72%   | 70%   | 70%   | 69%   | 68%   | 68%  | 68%  |
| NEARBY WATERS         | 56°  | 56°   | 56°   | 58°   | 62°   | 67°   | 72°   | 74°   | 71°   | 68°   | 62°  | 57°  |
| DRY DAYS              | 82%  | 82%   | 77%   | 81%   | 82%   | 89%   | 97%   | 91%   | 84%   | 77%   | 74%  | 78%  |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS   | 87%  | 87%   | 85%   | 88%   | 89%   | 93%   | 98%   | 95%   | 90%   | 83%   | 80%  | 84%  |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION   | 0.39 | 0.41  | 0.48  | 0.39  | 0.36  | 0.23  | 0.12  | 0.16  | 0.40  | 0.74  | 0.75 | 0.59 |
| SNOWY DAYS            | 1%   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%   | 0%   |
| THUNDER DAYS          | 3%   | 5%    | 5%    | 7%    | 9%    | 13%   | 11%   | 13%   | 11%   | 11%   | 8%   | 4%   |
| FOGGY DAYS            | 0%   | 1%    | 2%    | 2%    | 2%    | 3%    | 2%    | 2%    | 2%    | 1%    | 0%   | 0%   |

COMMENTS: Monaco enjoys the same Mediterranean climate as the rest of the *Cote d'Azur*. Summers are warm and sunny, occasionally hot. Winters are mild and moderately sunny, occasionally cold. The mountains back of the coast keep away the worst of northern Europe's icy winters. Spring is a riot of blossoming vegetation, and autumn is hardly noticeable at all. Local residents feel that summer ends and winter begins with the first heavy rains of October. Since the local vegetation is dominated by a wide variety of broadleaf evergreen shrubs and trees, there is no "fall" of leaves. Vegetative growth continues through the cool season. The shoreline here is rocky. You have to leave the country to find the best sandy beaches.