

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO AMSTERDAM AND THE IJSSELMEER, NETHERLANDS

LOCATION: Amsterdam, the Netherlands largest city, is located in the west-central portion of the country. The city is situated at the junction of the Amstel River, the North Sea Canal, and the great impoundment of the IJsselmeer. Elevations are everywhere very close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:17	9:52	11:50	13:54	15:43	16:43	16:18	14:43	12:44	10:42	8:51	7:48
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:50	2:37	4:10	5:50	7:10	7:47	6:48	6:25	5:02	3:21	1:41	1:21
AREA OF BLUE SKY	10%	12%	21%	22%	26%	26%	19%	22%	22%	19%	6%	8%
LOW FOR MONTH	22°	23°	27°	33°	38°	46°	51°	50°	46°	37°	30°	23°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	33°	37°	42°	48°	54°	57°	57°	54°	47°	40°	36°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41°	41°	47°	53°	61°	65°	69°	69°	64°	56°	47°	42°
HIGH FOR MONTH	50°	50°	58°	66°	75°	80°	83°	81°	74°	66°	57°	52°
FROSTY MORNINGS	40%	48%	27%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	16%	32%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	85%	79%	72%	66%	63%	64%	66%	66%	70%	76%	83%	87%
NEARBY WATERS	42°	41°	42°	45°	50°	55°	60°	62°	61°	57°	51°	46°
DRY DAYS	40%	49%	56%	55%	61%	58%	57%	56%	51%	44%	39%	41%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	83%	80%	78%	81%	79%	78%	78%	74%	70%	70%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.26	0.29	0.26	0.29	0.33	0.42	0.41	0.46	0.48	0.46	0.38
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.2"	4.9"	4.0"	1.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.0"	5.4"
SNOWY DAYS	20%	17%	10%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	13%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	2%	3%	5%	9%	13%	13%	12%	11%	6%	5%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	21%	20%	17%	9%	9%	7%	9%	11%	14%	18%	17%	20%

COMMENTS: Amsterdam has the standard northern European four-season year, delayed slightly and made more moderate by its proximity to the North Sea. Spring (April and May) sees the leaves bud out, green things sprout, and the days get increasingly longer. Summer (June through September) days are long and mild, and the vegetation is in full foliage. Autumn (October and November) brings shorter days and the first frosts. Winter (December through March) landscapes are gray and cold, the branches are bare, and patches of ice and snow can be seen in the streets. The onset and length of these seasons varies considerably from one year to another. Sea temperatures are for the North Sea coast and beaches. Although quite chilly by American standards, the hardy Dutch seem to take them in stride.