

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LISBON AREA, PORTUGAL

LOCATION: Lisbon, the capital of Portugal, is located in the southwestern part of that country. Although small-scale maps may show the city as being on the Atlantic coast, it is actually situated on the west side of the estuary of the Tagus River, facing southeast out over its waters. Elevations are everywhere within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:48	10:44	11:56	13:12	14:16	14:50	14:36	13:41	12:29	11:14	10:07	9:32
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:53	5:45	6:35	8:13	9:21	10:22	11:34	11:14	8:51	6:53	5:17	4:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	42%	42%	44%	49%	58%	77%	75%	61%	49%	41%	40%
LOW FOR MONTH	37°	39°	42°	46°	49°	54°	58°	59°	57°	50°	43°	38°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	47°	49°	52°	56°	60°	63°	64°	62°	57°	52°	47°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	58°	62°	65°	69°	76°	80°	81°	77°	70°	62°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	62°	65°	71°	76°	83°	91°	94°	94°	90°	81°	70°	64°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	21%	18%	13%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	65%	64%	57%	57%	54%	48%	48%	54%	59%	68%	72%
NEARBY WATERS	57°	56°	57°	58°	60°	62°	64°	65°	65°	64°	61°	59°
DRY DAYS	53%	54%	57%	61%	69%	85%	93%	93%	81%	70%	60%	54%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	76%	77%	79%	85%	93%	99%	98%	90%	82%	76%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.58	0.59	0.53	0.40	0.27	0.11	0.03	0.03	0.22	0.49	0.68	0.62
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	3%	4%	3%	2%	1%	1%	3%	3%	3%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	9%	5%	3%	2%	2%	2%	2%	4%	5%	10%	13%

COMMENTS: Lisbon has a typical Mediterranean three-season year, with its winter rains and summer drought. Since the native vegetation is evergreen (including the oaks, citrus, and olives), and since vegetative growth continues throughout the year, there is no autumn, no “fall” of leaves. Transplanted northern Europeans, however, have carried their four-season mind-set with them, and continue to speak of an autumn season. Summer is the dominant season, and runs from the middle of May until the first heavy rains of October. It is sunny, warm to hot, and quite dry. Winter starts with the first heavy rains of October and merges gradually into spring sometime in March. Some years will get one or two mornings below freezing, and some won't. Snow flurries are not unknown, but are rare. Winters are typically fairly sunny, cool to chilly, and have frequent rainy spells. Spring starts when the warm, dry, sunny spells outnumber the cool, wet, cloudy ones and last until the latter spells disappear completely in summer.