

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ST. PETERSBURG AREA, RUSSIA

LOCATION: St. Petersburg (known as Leningrad, for a time) is located in northwestern Russia. The city is situated on the banks of the Neva River, at the head of the Gulf of Finland (an arm of the Baltic Sea). Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:50	9:06	11:46	14:32	17:07	18:42	18:00	15:40	12:58	10:14	7:40	6:05
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	0:37	1:38	3:49	5:42	8:15	9:04	8:46	6:57	4:21	2:12	0:47	0:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	16%	23%	34%	34%	35%	40%	38%	34%	30%	19%	14%	14%
LOW FOR MONTH	-10°	-9°	-1°	19°	30°	39°	46°	44°	34°	24°	10°	-5°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	11°	11°	19°	31°	41°	50°	55°	52°	45°	37°	27°	18°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	22°	23°	33°	46°	59°	67°	71°	67°	58°	46°	34°	26°
HIGH FOR MONTH	36°	36°	44°	63°	76°	81°	83°	80°	71°	58°	46°	39°
FROSTY MORNINGS	95%	97%	88%	67%	13%	0%	0%	0%	10%	34%	70%	93%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	84%	79%	70%	60%	53%	56%	60%	63%	69%	76%	84%	86%
NEARBY WATERS	28°	30°	29°	30°	37°	50°	61°	60°	52°	46°	37°	36°
DRY DAYS	41%	44%	57%	62%	60%	59%	57%	51%	51%	50%	42%	39%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	88%	89%	85%	81%	79%	79%	75%	75%	75%	80%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.18	0.18	0.15	0.19	0.26	0.34	0.42	0.46	0.36	0.32	0.25	0.21
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.3"	10.9"	9.2"	6.3"	2.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	5.1"	10.3"	13.0"
SNOWY DAYS	45%	44%	35%	21%	6%	0%	0%	0%	1%	13%	39%	47%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	12%	16%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	16%	15%	13%	5%	3%	3%	9%	16%	20%	18%	17%

COMMENTS: At almost 60° north of the Equator, St. Petersburg has a mid-latitude, four-season, short-summer, humid-continental climate. Precipitation is light but adequate in all months, with a summer maximum. Summers are short and mild, winters are long and very cold. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition. Clear days are rare, and most common in spring and early summer. Over the course of the year, you can expect about one day in ten will be essentially clear. June leads all months with 20% such clear days. November is likely to have only a single clear day--not even that in some years. The December sun only gets about 8° above the horizon at its highest point of the day. The river is frozen solid enough to support pedestrian traffic from November through early April. The calendar dominates the weather in this part of the world.