

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GOTHENBURG AND GOTALAND, SWEDEN

LOCATION: Gothenburg (Goteborg) is the capital and primate city of *Gotaland* (land of the Goths), one of the three medieval kingdoms that joined together to become modern Sweden. The city is located on Sweden's west coast just opposite the tip of Denmark's Jutland peninsula. Gothenburg is situated where the Savean River empties into the Kattegat gulf. Elevations, of course, are close to sea level. The city's Liseberg amusement park is probably Sweden's top domestic tourist attraction.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:21	9:22	11:47	14:19	16:37	17:58	17:23	15:20	12:53	10:24	8:04	6:42
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:25	2:38	4:28	6:23	8:18	9:12	8:31	7:30	5:21	3:15	1:45	1:05
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	31%	38%	41%	46%	46%	40%	40%	38%	32%	24%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	11°	11°	17°	27°	35°	44°	50°	47°	38°	30°	23°	16°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	27°	26°	29°	36°	45°	52°	56°	55°	49°	43°	36°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	34°	35°	40°	49°	60°	67°	69°	67°	61°	52°	43°	38°
HIGH FOR MONTH	43°	42°	50°	62°	75°	79°	81°	77°	69°	60°	50°	46°
FROSTY MORNINGS	63%	75%	62%	22%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	14%	29%	51%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	77%	68%	59%	54%	58%	61%	63%	67%	72%	80%	83%
NEARBY WATERS	38°	36°	37°	42°	49°	58°	62°	62°	58°	52°	46°	43°
DRY DAYS	51%	54%	56%	64%	61%	62%	58%	53%	52%	48%	49%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	81%	79%	82%	81%	80%	78%	74%	74%	72%	74%	77%
DRY HOURS	72%	83%	87%	85%	88%	92%	89%	85%	83%	82%	78%	77%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.8"	11.4"	8.1"	2.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	3.6"	10.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	25%	28%	22%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	20%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	6%	9%	9%	4%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	16%	18%	14%	6%	3%	0%	0%	2%	4%	10%	13%	18%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 40% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 16% in December, to a high of 51% in June. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 6°, and the highest should be near 83°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. During midsummer, the area only gets a couple of hours of true night, but makes up for this by the short, dark days of midwinter. Scandinavian summer weather is characterized by mild afternoon temperatures—rather than hot or even warm ones—and mornings that are generally cool. Winds from the west off the open offshore waters keep the winters from getting as cold as the latitude would suggest.