

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GENEVA AND LAKE LEMAN, SWITZERLAND

LOCATION: Geneva is located at the far western end of both Switzerland and Lake Lemman (Lake Geneva). The city is situated where the lake drains into the Rhone River. Elevations are in the neighborhood of 1,300 feet above sea level. The city and its suburbs are virtually surrounded by France on three sides, but the atmosphere is distinctly international.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:05	10:19	11:53	13:32	14:57	15:43	15:24	14:11	12:37	10:59	9:31	8:43
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:45	3:30	5:25	6:50	7:44	8:50	9:25	8:26	6:27	4:06	2:02	1:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	37%	41%	42%	42%	48%	54%	54%	49%	36%	24%	20%
LOW FOR MONTH	17°	19°	24°	31°	37°	44°	48°	47°	41°	32°	26°	19°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	30°	35°	41°	48°	54°	58°	57°	52°	44°	37°	31°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	39°	42°	51°	58°	66°	73°	77°	76°	69°	58°	47°	40°
HIGH FOR MONTH	53°	55°	64°	72°	79°	85°	90°	88°	81°	71°	60°	54°
FROSTY MORNINGS	66%	58%	33%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	23%	57%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	70%	60%	55%	56%	55%	54%	56%	62%	69%	75%	78%
DRY DAYS	67%	67%	67%	63%	60%	63%	71%	68%	67%	64%	64%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	84%	83%	80%	78%	79%	83%	81%	80%	78%	79%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.34	0.37	0.41	0.48	0.52	0.46	0.56	0.58	0.61	0.51	0.40
LIKELY SNOWFALL	13.8"	10.7"	8.4"	3.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	5.9"	12.7"
SNOWY DAYS	22%	18%	12%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	17%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	4%	12%	19%	19%	18%	9%	3%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	13%	10%	4%	3%	2%	2%	2%	3%	6%	13%	15%	15%

COMMENTS: The region has the standard European four-season year. Summers are short, sunny, and warm. Hot days are rare. Winters are long and cold. Only one day in six or seven will fail to rise above freezing during the afternoon. Snow is a frequent visitor, but more winter rain falls than snow, and the frequent thaws keep the ground snow-free much of the time--especially in the city proper. Spring and autumn are transitional seasons in terms of weather, but are distinguished by obvious changes in the vegetation. The "bise", a northeasterly gale, often brings bright clear weather to an otherwise cloudy winter season. It also brings severely cold temperatures. These strong, cold winds off the lake may coat nearby vegetation and structures with layers of ice. Many lakeshore homes have no doors or windows on their northeast sides.