

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SWISS RIVIERA, SWITZERLAND

LOCATION: The Swiss Riviera is that section of the northeastern shore of Lake Geneva (Lac Lemman) between Villeneuve and Lausanne. Its two most noted resort communities are Montreux and Vevey. Although its residents like to describe it as sub-tropical and many sub-tropical plants are cultivated there, its climate is a bit more rigorous than that. Nevertheless, its south-facing slopes make it a relatively warm and pleasant location. Elevations are around 1,350 feet above sea level. The area hosts world-class jazz and classical music festivals each year.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:03	10:18	11:53	13:33	14:59	15:45	15:26	14:12	12:37	10:58	9:29	8:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:49	3:40	5:41	7:11	8:08	9:18	9:55	8:52	6:46	4:18	2:08	1:27
AREA OF BLUE SKY	23%	39%	43%	45%	44%	50%	57%	56%	52%	37%	25%	21%
LOW FOR MONTH	19°	21°	26°	33°	39°	46°	50°	49°	43°	34°	27°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30°	30°	35°	40°	48°	54°	56°	55°	51°	43°	37°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	40°	42°	49°	57°	65°	72°	76°	75°	68°	58°	48°	41°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	57°	66°	74°	81°	88°	93°	91°	83°	73°	62°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	63%	55%	31%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	22%	55%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	60%	53%	47%	48%	48%	46%	48%	54%	58%	66%	68%
DRY DAYS	65%	65%	65%	59%	57%	59%	65%	64%	65%	63%	62%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	83%	80%	77%	76%	74%	75%	75%	78%	78%	79%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.38	0.40	0.51	0.55	0.58	0.79	0.83	0.86	0.65	0.57	0.49	0.53
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.9"	10.6"	10.5"	4.1"	0.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.0"	6.1"	12.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	21%	19%	15%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	8%	17%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	1%	1%	4%	11%	18%	19%	16%	8%	2%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	9%	11%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	9%	14%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 47% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 17% in cloudy December, to a high of 64% in sunny July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 15° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 94° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year, with warm to hot summers and chilly to cold winters. The presence of the lake helps to keep summers from getting quite as warm as they otherwise might, and helps to keep winters from getting quite as cold as they otherwise might. Snowfalls are extremely variable from year to year and from place to place along the lakeshore and the lands away from the lake. Rain is as common as snow during the winter months, and the ground does remain snow-covered throughout the winter.