

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LUGANO RESORT AREA, SWITZERLAND

LOCATION: Lugano, the largest city in the canton of Ticino, is located in south-central Switzerland. Lugano is situated on the northern shore of Lake Lugano, at the southern foot of the Lepontine Alps. Elevations vary somewhat, but are around 900 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:06	10:20	11:53	13:31	14:56	15:42	15:22	14:10	12:36	10:59	9:32	8:44
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:48	4:45	5:25	6:02	6:01	7:30	8:22	7:38	6:18	4:50	3:39	3:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	54%	56%	50%	47%	44%	52%	60%	58%	54%	46%	47%	52%
LOW FOR MONTH	21°	22°	28°	34°	40°	48°	51°	51°	45°	36°	29°	22°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30°	32°	37°	44°	51°	57°	61°	60°	55°	47°	38°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	46°	54°	61°	67°	75°	79°	78°	71°	61°	51°	44°
HIGH FOR MONTH	56°	67°	70°	76°	82°	88°	91°	90°	84°	75°	63°	57°
FROSTY MORNINGS	65%	49%	15%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	13%	47%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	55%	52%	52%	56%	53%	51%	54%	58%	62%	64%	63%
DRY DAYS	77%	78%	71%	63%	54%	59%	65%	66%	69%	65%	67%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	85%	79%	73%	67%	69%	71%	72%	75%	73%	75%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.46	0.70	1.04	1.27	1.22	1.07	1.18	1.10	1.15	0.90	0.50
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.5"	14.6"	5.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.4"	9.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	7%	8%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	2%	9%	18%	22%	27%	22%	10%	4%	3%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	4%	4%	3%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 46% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 38% in November, to a high of 54% in July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 19° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 92° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones; perhaps a little warmer in the direct sunshine, and a little cooler in the shade. Snowfall is extremely variable from year to year and from place to place in any given year. Even during the winter months, rain is three times as likely as snow. Consequently, snow does not remain on the ground for long. Up in the nearby mountains, of course, things are different. You can expect daytime temperatures to drop an average of 1°F for each 300'-increase in elevation—and *vice versa* going downhill. As in all mountains, the direction the slope is facing makes a difference in how much sunshine and how much rain the slope gets, and therefore in its temperature and humidity.