

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CIUDAD REAL AND THE *LA MANCHA* AREA, SPAIN

LOCATION: Ciudad Real is located in south-central Spain, about halfway between Madrid and Granada. It is the chief city of the *La Mancha* region, the birthplace of the fictional *Don Quixote de la Mancha*. This relatively barren region was the setting for many of the so-called "Spaghetti Westerns" that haunt late-night television. Elevations in town are around 2,000 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:47	10:43	11:56	13:12	14:18	14:52	14:37	13:42	12:30	11:14	10:06	9:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:21	5:33	5:55	7:13	9:07	10:40	12:06	11:04	8:21	6:19	5:02	4:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	44%	47%	43%	48%	57%	73%	72%	58%	48%	46%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	23°	25°	31°	35°	40°	47°	53°	54°	46°	38°	30°	25°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	34°	34°	39°	43°	49°	56°	62°	61°	55°	47°	39°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51°	56°	61°	67°	73°	85°	93°	92°	83°	71°	58°	51°
HIGH FOR MONTH	60°	66°	73°	79°	86°	96°	103°	101°	95°	83°	69°	61°
FROSTY MORNINGS	49%	28%	10%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	34%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	33%	74%	69%	26%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	62%	56%	53%	52%	47%	44%	45%	51%	56%	64%	67%
DRY DAYS	73%	70%	73%	71%	77%	85%	95%	95%	85%	78%	73%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	88%	86%	86%	85%	88%	92%	99%	98%	93%	88%	86%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.22	0.31	0.29	0.29	0.25	0.18	0.03	0.04	0.17	0.27	0.32	0.28
SNOWY DAYS	1%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	4%	7%	8%	5%	4%	8%	2%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	18%	12%	4%	2%	4%	1%	1%	1%	4%	8%	15%	20%

COMMENTS: The area has a semi-arid version of the mid-latitude four-season year. Precipitation is sparse, unreliable, and varies considerably from one year to the next. Bright sunshine occurs on 62% of the year's daylight hours, ranging from a low of 45% in January to a high of 83% in July. The low temperature for the year will be near 21° some windless winter sunrise, while the high will be around 104° some sunny summer afternoon. A typical summer afternoon will be very sunny, a bit arid, and very hot. Sensible temperatures are about the same as actual ones. Summer nights start out hot and gradually become mild to cool by morning. Nevertheless, air conditioning would be considered a necessity by most summer visitors. A typical winter afternoon will be moderately cloudy, fairly humid, and cool to chilly. Almost never, however, will the afternoon fail to warm to above freezing, no matter how frosty the night before. Snow flurries are common enough, but snow on the ground rarely lasts for more than a few hours.