

+SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HELSINKI AREA, FINLAND

LOCATION: Helsinki is located in the extreme south of Finland, on the shores of the Gulf of Finland, an arm of the Baltic Sea. The city is situated on a maze of lakes, peninsulas, bays, and islands. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:46	9:05	11:45	14:33	17:10	18:47	18:05	15:42	12:59	10:13	7:37	6:01
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:09	2:25	4:28	6:16	8:45	9:50	9:21	7:52	4:55	2:36	1:06	0:41
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	25%	32%	32%	39%	41%	39%	36%	30%	24%	16%	16%
LOW FOR MONTH	-6°	-5°	2°	19°	30°	39°	47°	44°	33°	23°	14°	2°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	15°	14°	21°	30°	40°	49°	54°	53°	45°	37°	29°	21°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	26°	25°	32°	44°	57°	66°	70°	67°	57°	46°	37°	30°
HIGH FOR MONTH	37°	37°	45°	58°	72°	78°	81°	77°	67°	56°	47°	39°
FROSTY MORNINGS	87%	89%	91%	74%	14%	1%	0%	0%	9%	31%	67%	83%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	87%	82%	72%	65%	58%	58%	62%	67%	72%	79%	86%	88%
NEARBY WATERS	34°	33°	32°	35°	42°	51°	60°	60°	55°	49°	43°	37°
DRY DAYS	35%	39%	52%	54%	63%	57%	55%	53%	49%	46%	36%	35%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	82%	82%	78%	82%	79%	78%	75%	73%	71%	69%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.33	0.27	0.24	0.27	0.26	0.32	0.42	0.49	0.47	0.46	0.44	0.39
LIKELY SNOWFALL	24.6"	20.1"	16.5"	9.4"	2.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	4.6"	15.9"	24.4"
SNOWY DAYS	60%	60%	47%	26%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	9%	38%	56%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	9%	13%	10%	5%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	16%	20%	19%	14%	11%	8%	13%	18%	19%	19%	16%	15%

COMMENTS: The area has a mid-latitude, four-season climate. Winter is the dominant season, and runs from late October through April. Winter days are short, and the sun never makes an appearance more often than not. When it does, it barely rises above the horizon, even at noon. At midwinter, it only appears 8° above the horizon at local noon, its highest point in the sky. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, and very cold, often bitterly cold. On most winter days, the temperature will never rise above the freezing point. Winter nights are colder yet. During midwinter, about one night in five will drop below zero. Snowfalls are heavy, and the ground is snow-covered most of the winter. Lakes and streams freeze over to a considerable depth. Summer is short, usually running from June through August. Days are long, and at midsummer there is almost 3.5 hours of twilight (half at dawn, half at dusk). Afternoon temperatures are usually mild, occasionally warm, but rarely ever hot. The brief summer nights are cool to chilly.