

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE VADUZ AREA, LIECHTENSTEIN

LOCATION: The small (population about 35,000) Principality of Liechtenstein is tucked away along the valley of the Rhine River between western Austria and eastern Switzerland. Although Switzerland handles its foreign policy (after consultation) and Liechtenstein uses Swiss currency, nevertheless the Principality is an independent nation, with a seat at the United Nations. Vaduz (population about 5,500) is the national capital, and is situated on the east bank of the Rhine River, at an elevation of some 1,500 feet above sea level. The countries chief economic activities are tourism and the issuance of postage stamps.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:58	10:15	11:53	13:35	15:04	15:51	15:31	14:15	12:38	10:56	9:25	8:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:04	3:06	4:52	5:41	6:21	6:32	6:53	6:30	5:42	4:13	2:31	1:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	26%	31%	40%	39%	41%	39%	41%	44%	44%	37%	27%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	12°	13°	24°	30°	35°	43°	48°	45°	41°	33°	32°	16°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	27°	28°	36°	40°	47°	53°	57°	56°	52°	45°	35°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	37°	41°	51°	57°	65°	70°	75°	73°	68°	59°	46°	40°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	56°	67°	72°	79°	85°	87°	87°	80°	76°	65°	60°
FROSTY MORNINGS	69%	63%	28%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	36%	57%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	67%	55%	53%	55%	57%	57%	58%	61%	66%	72%	76%
DRY DAYS	62%	66%	58%	53%	50%	44%	49%	55%	60%	68%	64%	62%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	85%	79%	77%	72%	66%	69%	72%	75%	82%	82%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.31	0.37	0.34	0.55	0.85	0.80	0.77	0.72	0.39	0.32	0.33
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.7"	7.2"	3.4"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.3"	6.9"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	20%	16%	11%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	15%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	7%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	20%	18%	8%	9%	7%	6%	8%	9%	12%	17%	18%	20%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 38% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 21% in December, to a high of 46% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 7°, and the highest should be near 90°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Winters are long and cold. From mid-November through mid-March, more than half the days will not warm to above freezing during the afternoons. Summer afternoons are long and warm, only occasionally hot. Summer rainfall is both heavier and more frequent than winter precipitation. Snowfall varies substantially from one year to the next, and from one part of this small country to another.