

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BERGEN AND THE SOUTHWESTERN FIORDS, NORWAY

LOCATION: Bergen, Norway's second city after Oslo, is located on the southwestern coast of that country. The city is situated on a peninsula surrounded by fiords and mountains, and separated from the North Sea by several protecting islands. Elevations in town are close to sea level, but nearby mountains rise to well over 2,000 feet higher.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	6:43	9:03	11:45	14:35	17:14	18:53	18:09	15:44	12:59	10:12	7:34	5:57
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	0:38	1:59	3:18	4:51	6:01	6:11	5:23	4:33	3:01	2:00	0:55	0:24
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	31%	33%	35%	38%	37%	31%	30%	29%	30%	29%	28%
LOW FOR MONTH	19 °	19 °	22 °	29 °	35 °	42 °	47 °	46 °	40 °	33 °	25 °	20 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29 °	28 °	30 °	35 °	42 °	47 °	52 °	51 °	46 °	40 °	35 °	30 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	40 °	41 °	45 °	52 °	61 °	65 °	68 °	67 °	61 °	54 °	47 °	43 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	46 °	46 °	51 °	59 °	69 °	73 °	76 °	73 °	67 °	60 °	52 °	48 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	53%	62%	49%	22%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	32%	44%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	74%	68%	66%	64%	69%	71%	73%	74%	75%	77%	79%
NEARBY WATERS	44 °	43 °	42 °	42 °	45 °	51 °	55 °	57 °	55 °	52 °	48 °	46 °
DRY DAYS	34%	35%	46%	40%	51%	45%	39%	35%	31%	29%	30%	29%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	58%	62%	68%	66%	73%	68%	65%	60%	52%	52%	54%	56%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.17	1.04	0.84	0.80	0.60	0.78	0.88	1.14	1.58	1.53	1.41	1.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	29.8"	27.5"	24.6"	9.8"	1.3"	0.1"	0.1"	0.0"	0.1"	2.7"	15.5"	21.4"
SNOWY DAYS	27%	31%	25%	12%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	13%	18%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	3%	2%	1%	3%	4%	5%	5%	4%	4%	4%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	5%	6%	6%	6%	5%	9%	8%	8%	6%	7%	7%

COMMENTS: The region has a four-season year strongly influenced by the winds off the relatively warm waters of the Norwegian Current to the west. Precipitation is heavy due to these same winds and the surrounding mountains that trap them. It peaks in September and October, and reaches a relative minimum in May. Heavy snowfalls are common from October through April, but even during the coldest part of the winter, rain is more common than snow. Summer afternoons are very long, fairly cloudy, quite humid, and mild to warm-- very rarely hot. True dark on midsummer nights lasts for only a couple of hours. Winter afternoons are very short, overcast, raw, and chilly to cold. About half of the winter mornings start out below freezing, but only one winter's day in seven fails to warm above that mark. What with warm spells and rain, the ground is not snow-covered all winter long.