

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO INVERNESS AND LOCH NESS, SCOTLAND

LOCATION: Inverness, the capital of the Northern Highlands, is located in northeastern Scotland. The town is situated on the River Ness between Loch Ness (and its monster) and the Moray Firth, an arm of the north sea. Elevations in town are all within a few hundred feet of sea level. However, the mountainous highlands rise several thousand feet higher on either side of the narrow lake.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:24	9:24	11:47	14:17	16:34	17:54	17:19	15:18	12:53	10:25	8:07	6:46
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:30	2:26	3:34	4:37	5:29	5:36	4:26	4:15	3:57	2:54	1:41	1:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	30%	33%	30%	30%	29%	28%	29%	32%	33%	33%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	23°	23°	26°	29°	33°	38°	44°	42°	37°	32°	27°	23°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35°	34°	36°	39°	43°	48°	52°	52°	48°	43°	38°	35°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43°	43°	47°	50°	55°	61°	63°	63°	59°	53°	47°	43°
HIGH FOR MONTH	52°	52°	57°	61°	68°	74°	74°	73°	69°	63°	57°	53°
FROSTY MORNINGS	33%	38%	22%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	19%	29%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	80%	74%	72%	72%	70%	74%	73%	75%	79%	83%	84%
NEARBY WATERS	45°	44°	44°	45°	47°	51°	53°	55°	54°	52°	50°	48°
DRY DAYS	44%	45%	50%	48%	52%	53%	44%	48%	44%	41%	44%	44%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	81%	82%	79%	77%	77%	74%	74%	71%	69%	73%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.34	0.29	0.24	0.26	0.30	0.32	0.43	0.46	0.39	0.43	0.40	0.35
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.6"	5.3"	4.0"	1.6"	0.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.3"	4.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	30%	26%	22%	9%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	8%	18%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	2%	0%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	4%	4%	3%	5%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	7%	5%	8%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on only 28% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 16% in December, to a high of 33% in May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 17°, and the highest should be near 77°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be a few degrees cooler than actual ones during the already cool to mild summer afternoons, due to the high humidities. Winter months are quite stormy, with gale force winds on about a quarter of the days. These same winds, coming off of relatively warm seas, keep the winter temperatures from getting anywhere near as cold as these same latitudes farther from the sea. May through September brings the best weather for a visit.