

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BRATISLAVA AREA, SLOVAKIA

LOCATION: Bratislava, the capital and primate city of Slovakia, is located on the extreme southwest border of the Slovak Republic. The city is situated on the banks of the Danube River, some thirty-odd miles downstream from Vienna, and half that distance upstream from Hungary. Elevations within the urban area are between 400 and 800 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:51	10:11	11:52	13:38	15:11	16:01	15:40	14:20	12:39	10:54	9:19	8:27
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:03	3:09	4:58	6:58	8:38	9:18	9:27	8:58	7:14	4:42	2:13	1:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	33%	41%	42%	46%	47%	52%	55%	53%	40%	27%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	11°	14°	22°	31°	39°	46°	51°	49°	42°	31°	25°	15°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	24°	27°	34°	41°	49°	55°	58°	57°	51°	43°	36°	29°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	34°	39°	50°	60°	69°	75°	80°	78°	72°	59°	46°	38°
HIGH FOR MONTH	49°	53°	67°	74°	82°	87°	91°	90°	84°	74°	59°	52°
FROSTY MORNINGS	79%	72%	43%	9%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	30%	64%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%	9%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	71%	58%	49%	50%	51%	49%	51%	54%	63%	76%	80%
DRY DAYS	63%	59%	64%	61%	63%	61%	63%	68%	70%	65%	59%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	83%	84%	81%	80%	80%	80%	82%	84%	82%	78%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.26	0.28	0.25	0.30	0.39	0.39	0.43	0.40	0.29	0.31	0.41	0.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	14.9"	10.1"	6.7"	1.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	6.4"	12.4"
SNOWY DAYS	31%	26%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	11%	26%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	6%	19%	22%	23%	12%	5%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	14%	6%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	2%	9%	17%	24%

COMMENTS: The region has a standard four-season climate. Winters are the dominant season, and run from the middle of November through late March. Days are short and cloudy. Afternoons are cold, with one day in four never getting above freezing. Nights are frigid. Below-zero temperatures occur about one year in two. Snowfalls are common, the ground is frozen, and will be snow-covered more often than not in January and February--less frequently in the other winter months. Summers (late May through September) feature long, sunny days. Afternoons are warm, not very humid, and occasionally hot. Nights are quite cool. Much of the summer rain comes as thundershowers. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition in terms of weather and vegetative habit. The Little Carpathians rise just outside of town to the northwest. As you venture into these low mountains, you should expect temperatures to drop about 1°F for each 300-feet of increase in elevation. At the same time, rainfall and cloudiness increases a bit, as well.