

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO INTERLAKEN AND THE BERNESE OBERLAND, SWITZERLAND

LOCATION: Interlaken is located on the banks of the River Aare on a narrow neck of land between Lake Thun and Lake Brienz. It is the capital of the Bernese Oberland, and the point of departure for a good many mountain resort towns. The town itself lies at an elevation of 1,870 feet above mean sea level, but the environs rise steeply to the Heimwehfluh (2,218 feet) to the south and the Harderkulm (4,357 feet) to the north. Easily visible from town is the massif of the Jungfrau (13,642), accessible from the town itself by cog railway.

|                       | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV  | DEC   |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT     | 9:01  | 10:17 | 11:53 | 13:33 | 15:01 | 15:47 | 15:28 | 14:13 | 12:37 | 10:57 | 9:28 | 8:39  |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE     | 1:41  | 3:05  | 4:37  | 5:33  | 6:29  | 7:11  | 7:52  | 7:16  | 5:35  | 3:38  | 1:52 | 1:21  |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY      | 25%   | 34%   | 39%   | 39%   | 40%   | 42%   | 46%   | 49%   | 45%   | 32%   | 22%  | 20%   |
| LOW FOR MONTH         | 15 °  | 16 °  | 23 °  | 30 °  | 39 °  | 45 °  | 49 °  | 49 °  | 42 °  | 33 °  | 26 ° | 18 °  |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE   | 26 °  | 27 °  | 31 °  | 37 °  | 45 °  | 50 °  | 53 °  | 52 °  | 48 °  | 40 °  | 33 ° | 28 °  |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 37 °  | 39 °  | 47 °  | 54 °  | 63 °  | 68 °  | 73 °  | 71 °  | 65 °  | 55 °  | 44 ° | 38 °  |
| HIGH FOR MONTH        | 47 °  | 50 °  | 61 °  | 69 °  | 76 °  | 81 °  | 84 °  | 83 °  | 76 °  | 66 °  | 56 ° | 49 °  |
| FROSTY MORNINGS       | 77%   | 68%   | 38%   | 6%    | 1%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 5%    | 29%  | 69%   |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °  | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 2%    | 1%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%   | 0%    |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY    | 67%   | 61%   | 54%   | 52%   | 51%   | 52%   | 51%   | 53%   | 58%   | 61%   | 66%  | 70%   |
| DRY DAYS              | 63%   | 60%   | 61%   | 54%   | 51%   | 50%   | 55%   | 57%   | 61%   | 61%   | 61%  | 62%   |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS   | 74%   | 72%   | 75%   | 70%   | 66%   | 61%   | 64%   | 66%   | 71%   | 72%   | 73%  | 75%   |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION   | 0.53  | 0.52  | 0.50  | 0.58  | 0.68  | 0.92  | 0.95  | 0.85  | 0.69  | 0.58  | 0.54 | 0.53  |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL       | 17.6" | 14.5" | 14.9" | 5.9"  | 1.5"  | 0.0"  | 0.0"  | 0.0"  | 0.0"  | 2.5"  | 6.9" | 15.5" |
| SNOWY DAYS            | 20%   | 20%   | 19%   | 8%    | 2%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 3%    | 8%   | 18%   |
| THUNDER DAYS          | 0%    | 0%    | 1%    | 2%    | 10%   | 15%   | 18%   | 13%   | 6%    | 1%    | 0%   | 0%    |
| FOGGY DAYS            | 29%   | 30%   | 23%   | 22%   | 21%   | 19%   | 18%   | 23%   | 27%   | 32%   | 31%  | 32%   |

COMMENTS: The region has a four-season year much influenced by elevation. At the lower elevations, summer afternoons are sunny early but cloudy as the day warms. Humidities are moderate, and the temperatures mild to warm--rarely hot. Summer nights are distinctly cool, and the early mornings are often foggy. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, damp and cold. Only one winter afternoon in five, however, will fail to rise above freezing. Winter nights are long and fairly cold, but below-zero temperatures are very rare. Morning fog often fills the valleys while the upper slopes are clear. Snowfalls are a winter feature, but so are winter rains. The frequent thaws plus the rains keep the ground from being snow-covered all winter. At the higher elevations, conditions are much colder and snowier. You can ski in mid-summer in the Jungfrauoch area, and it drops below freezing every night.