

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO IZMIR AND THE AEGEAN COAST, TURKEY

LOCATION: Izmir (the ancient Smyrna) is located on the middle of Turkey's Aegean coast. The city is situated at the head of the rather stagnant Gulf of Izmir. Both the city and the Gulf are surrounded by low mountains. These mountains generally rise to less than 5,000 feet in elevation, but the city itself will be close to sea level.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:49 | 10:45 | 11:56 | 13:11 | 14:15 | 14:48 | 14:34 | 13:40 | 12:29 | 11:15 | 10:09 | 9:33 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 4:03 | 5:32 | 6:18 | 8:25 | 9:56 | 11:46 | 12:31 | 12:21 | 10:23 | 7:41 | 5:11 | 4:15 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 45% | 46% | 53% | 55% | 66% | 82% | 91% | 91% | 87% | 69% | 60% | 52% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 28° | 28° | 31° | 38° | 47° | 55° | 61° | 60° | 53° | 44° | 36° | 30° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 40° | 41° | 43° | 49° | 57° | 64° | 69° | 69° | 62° | 55° | 49° | 43° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 54° | 56° | 62° | 70° | 79° | 87° | 92° | 91° | 85° | 75° | 66° | 57° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 65° | 67° | 75° | 81° | 91° | 97° | 101° | 100° | 95° | 87° | 76° | 68° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 28% | 22% | 9% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 11% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 4% | 39% | 73% | 60% | 16% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 63% | 57% | 55% | 51% | 47% | 40% | 35% | 39% | 43% | 51% | 59% | 65% |
| NEARBY WATERS | 57° | 56° | 56° | 58° | 63° | 69° | 73° | 75° | 71° | 67° | 62° | 60° |
| DRY DAYS | 57% | 62% | 69% | 68% | 82% | 93% | 97% | 98% | 95% | 83% | 70% | 61% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 73% | 77% | 82% | 83% | 91% | 96% | 99% | 99% | 98% | 90% | 81% | 75% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.75 | 0.64 | 0.47 | 0.29 | 0.21 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 0.03 | 0.12 | 0.34 | 0.56 | 0.79 |
| SNOWY DAYS | 1% | 1% | 1% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 10% | 9% | 7% | 7% | 8% | 5% | 2% | 1% | 4% | 6% | 9% | 10% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 4% | 3% | 4% | 2% | 2% | 1% | 1% | 1% | 3% | 3% | 4% | 4% |

COMMENTS: Izmir has a typical Mediterranean three-season year. Summer (late May through early October) is the dominant season. Summer days are long, very sunny, very hot, and very dry. There is little "weather" as such, under extremely stable conditions. Winter (late October through March) is rainy and cool, and is presumed to start with the first heavy rains of October. Frosty mornings do occur in winter, but snow is a rarity since the days that are cold enough to snow are generally clear ones. Spring (April through the middle of May) is the season of blooming vegetative resurgence, as the rains taper down and gradually diminish. Since the native woody plants are evergreen, there is no "fall" of leaves, hence no autumn. Both natural vegetation and crops continue to grow throughout the year. Gales (winds 35 mph and higher) occur on almost half the days from December through March.