

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NIAGARA FALLS RESORT AREA, ONTARIO

LOCATION: The Niagara Falls are located on the Niagara River, about three-quarters of the way downstream from Lake Erie to Lake Ontario. Falling some 184 feet, the falls are split between the United States and Canada, with Canada getting the best chunk. Similarly, the twin cities of Niagara Falls in Ontario and Niagara Falls in New York, share a rivalry. Again, Canada comes off best, with a superior park system and a more pleasant town—even if it does have some overtones of Las Vegas. Elevations are some 575 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:24	10:30	11:54	13:23	14:39	15:19	15:02	13:58	12:33	11:05	9:47	9:04
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:00	4:04	5:41	6:52	8:34	10:05	10:15	8:58	7:21	5:28	3:00	2:22
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	24%	30%	35%	38%	44%	46%	45%	43%	36%	21%	17%
LOW FOR MONTH	0°	1°	8°	23°	33°	44°	51°	48°	38°	30°	19°	4°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	18°	18°	25°	35°	46°	57°	63°	61°	54°	44°	34°	24°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	31°	32°	40°	52°	64°	72°	78°	77°	70°	59°	46°	35°
HIGH FOR MONTH	52°	54°	66°	77°	84°	89°	90°	89°	86°	79°	69°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	89%	90%	75%	36%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	40%	80%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	70%	65%	57%	55%	55%	54%	57%	59%	60%	70%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	36°	36°	35°	37°	42°	56°	63°	67°	63°	54°	47°	45°
DRY DAYS	38%	39%	48%	55%	59%	64%	66%	67%	63%	62%	48%	41%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	68%	71%	71%	75%	76%	80%	76%	76%	76%	68%	65%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.50	0.48	0.43	0.45	0.49	0.50	0.49	0.50	0.53	0.50	0.55	0.53
LIKELY SNOWFALL	20.9"	16.6"	10.3"	3.0"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	7.6"	18.1"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	55%	54%	34%	13%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	23%	47%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	4%	7%	11%	18%	20%	19%	11%	6%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	7%	7%	7%	7%	4%	2%	2%	2%	4%	4%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 51% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 26% in December, to a high of 68% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -4° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 92° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones most of the year, but a few degrees cooler than actual ones in the spring and autumn. Winter is the dominant season, and runs from the middle of November through the middle of April. During that time, about one day in three will remain below the freezing point all day long,, and three or four sunrises will start below zero. The ground is usually frozen and snow-covered most of the winter. The best weather comes from the last week in May through the end of September.