

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TIRANA AREA, ALBANIA

LOCATION: Tirana, the capital of Albania, is located in the west-central part of the country. The city is situated on the banks of the Ishm River, in a low and broad valley opening to the northwest. Elevations are about 300 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:34	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:29	15:07	14:51	13:51	12:32	11:09	9:56	9:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:21	4:02	4:12	6:31	7:19	9:22	10:54	10:20	8:04	5:29	3:36	3:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	35%	38%	44%	44%	59%	75%	77%	64%	45%	35%	34%
LOW FOR MONTH	25 °	25 °	30 °	37 °	44 °	51 °	54 °	53 °	50 °	40 °	32 °	27 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36 °	37 °	40 °	46 °	54 °	60 °	63 °	63 °	58 °	51 °	44 °	38 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53 °	55 °	60 °	66 °	75 °	82 °	87 °	88 °	82 °	72 °	58 °	56 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	63 °	66 °	72 °	78 °	85 °	93 °	97 °	98 °	90 °	83 °	73 °	67 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	34%	24%	12%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	22%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	11%	42%	45%	9%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	52%	51%	50%	52%	46%	40%	39%	44%	49%	62%	57%
DRY DAYS	61%	62%	62%	63%	68%	78%	87%	87%	80%	68%	56%	59%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	73%	76%	78%	80%	86%	93%	91%	87%	77%	69%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.86	0.85	0.70	0.63	0.64	0.43	0.23	0.29	0.49	0.88	1.07	0.94
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.3"	3.3"	1.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.3"
SNOWY DAYS	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	4%	5%	6%	7%	9%	6%	9%	8%	7%	5%	6%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	5%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Tirana has a climate that is intermediate between the standard mid-latitude four-season climate and the Mediterranean three-season climate. Summers run from late June through early September. They are sunny, hot, and moderately dry. Bright, clear days are common. Tirana gets more summer rain than is typical of the true Mediterranean climate. Winters are cloudy, mild, and rainy. Snowfalls occur in most years, but only on a few days. Since rain is far more common than snow, and since both often fall on the same day, snow on the ground past noon of the next day is rare in the city itself. Autumn is not a well-defined season in the local folklore. Most residents see summer abruptly becoming winter with the first heavy rains of October or November. October and November are seen as months where winter develops its strength, rather than as a separate season.