

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ANTWERP AND THE FLANDERS REGION, BELGIUM

LOCATION: Antwerp, Belgium's second city, is located in the north-central part of the country, on the border with the Netherlands. The city is situated on the east bank of a bend in the Scheldt River. Antwerp's port serves the North Sea shipping. Elevations in this flat countryside are all close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:27	9:58	11:51	13:49	15:33	16:31	16:06	14:36	12:43	10:45	8:59	8:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:49	2:42	3:56	5:16	6:58	7:00	6:24	6:15	5:17	3:33	1:52	1:16
AREA OF BLUE SKY	23%	27%	29%	33%	35%	33%	32%	34%	36%	31%	24%	21%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	20 °	27 °	30 °	37 °	43 °	47 °	46 °	39 °	33 °	27 °	22 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	32 °	37 °	40 °	47 °	52 °	56 °	55 °	51 °	45 °	39 °	36 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42 °	42 °	50 °	55 °	63 °	68 °	72 °	72 °	66 °	58 °	49 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	53 °	54 °	62 °	70 °	78 °	82 °	87 °	86 °	78 °	70 °	60 °	55 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	42%	47%	26%	10%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	18%	34%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	70%	66%	59%	59%	60%	61%	59%	65%	71%	76%	79%
NEARBY WATERS	44 °	42 °	43 °	45 °	50 °	55 °	60 °	62 °	61 °	57 °	52 °	47 °
DRY DAYS	33%	45%	51%	48%	53%	53%	50%	48%	56%	44%	40%	42%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	77%	79%	77%	75%	77%	75%	75%	75%	77%	72%	71%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.35	0.32	0.36	0.33	0.35	0.44	0.47	0.46	0.41	0.40	0.44	0.45
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.2"	4.6"	3.1"	1.2"	0.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.7"	4.0"
SNOWY DAYS	16%	14%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	3%	4%	10%	11%	11%	10%	5%	3%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	16%	19%	9%	6%	5%	4%	3%	7%	13%	17%	19%	15%

COMMENTS: The region has a marine version of the standard mid-latitude four-season year. With the winds frequently off the North Sea, Antwerp's winters are milder than the latitude would suggest, and its summers distinctly cooler. Even during the coldest winter months, rain is more common than snow, and a mixture of the two is not at all unusual. Consequently, even fairly heavy snowfalls rarely stay on the ground for long. Most winter days will not drop below freezing, although they may not be very far from it. Summer days are more often mild than warm, and hot days are quite rare--many years won't have any at all. Air-conditioning is rarely (if ever) necessary to get a good night's sleep. Just open a window, and you'll have all the cool air you can use. Spring and autumn are essentially seasons of transition. At these times of year, spells of weather representative of the two major seasons chase one another across the calendar as the various frontal systems make their way from west to east across northern Europe.