

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CORNWALL PENINSULA, ENGLAND

LOCATION: The County of Cornwall occupies the extreme southwestern peninsula of Great Britain, stretching roughly from (but not including) Plymouth, westward to Land's End and the Scilly Isles. Elevations are everywhere within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:34	10:02	11:51	13:46	15:27	16:22	15:59	14:32	12:42	10:48	9:05	8:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:56	2:47	4:10	6:07	7:04	7:27	6:27	6:24	5:00	3:31	2:21	1:44
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	28%	31%	38%	38%	35%	35%	38%	37%	33%	32%	28%
LOW FOR MONTH	28°	28°	31°	35°	38°	45°	48°	48°	44°	38°	34°	31°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40°	39°	41°	43°	47°	53°	55°	56°	53°	49°	44°	41°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	48°	47°	51°	54°	59°	64°	66°	67°	64°	58°	53°	49°
HIGH FOR MONTH	52°	54°	58°	62°	68°	73°	74°	75°	71°	64°	59°	55°
FROSTY MORNINGS	9%	11%	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	6%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	81%	79%	76%	70%	70%	70%	71%	72%	75%	78%	79%	82%
NEARBY WATERS	50°	49°	49°	50°	52°	57°	60°	61°	60°	57°	54°	52°
DRY DAYS	33%	46%	52%	58%	61%	61%	57%	55%	52%	45%	41%	36%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	68%	74%	76%	78%	79%	80%	78%	76%	74%	70%	67%	68%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.69	0.56	0.46	0.36	0.41	0.34	0.46	0.47	0.52	0.60	0.74	0.73
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.2"	2.0"	0.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"
SNOWY DAYS	3%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	1%	2%	1%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	9%	7%	8%	10%	13%	14%	12%	15%	11%	7%	5%

COMMENTS: The peninsula has a moderate four-season year. The offshore waters keep the summers from getting as warm and the winters from getting as cold as they otherwise would. Precipitation is abundant, with the winds off the North Atlantic. There is a peak in mid-winter, and a minimum in mid-June. Most of the precipitation is frontal, and days that are rainy tend to be rainy on and off all day long. Summer afternoons are long, have almost as much sunshine as cloud, are humid, and mild rather than warm. Temperatures in the 70's will be about as warm as summer ever gets. Summer nights are short and cool. Look for one clear bright day in five. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, very humid, and distinctly chilly. Winter nights are short and chillier, but only one winter morning in ten will start out below freezing, and most years do not get a day when the afternoons fail to warm above freezing. Snow flurries occur almost every winter, but snowfalls are rare here.