

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ALICANTE AND THE COSTA BLANCA, SPAIN

LOCATION: Alicante, capital of the province of the same name, is located in southeastern Spain. The city is situated on a bay along the Mediterranean coast known as the Costa Blanca. Elevations range from sea level to some 686 feet above it at the Castillo de Santa Barbara.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:50	10:45	11:56	13:11	14:15	14:48	14:34	13:40	12:29	11:15	10:09	9:34
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:55	6:50	7:02	8:32	9:49	10:55	11:36	10:36	7:51	6:30	6:00	5:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	62%	60%	59%	58%	62%	69%	78%	74%	65%	60%	60%	60%
LOW FOR MONTH	34 °	35 °	38 °	43 °	48 °	56 °	62 °	62 °	57 °	48 °	41 °	36 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43 °	44 °	47 °	51 °	56 °	62 °	67 °	69 °	65 °	58 °	49 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60 °	63 °	66 °	70 °	75 °	81 °	87 °	87 °	83 °	76 °	68 °	63 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	72 °	74 °	78 °	80 °	85 °	90 °	96 °	96 °	92 °	85 °	78 °	72 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	17%	20%	7%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	54%	56%	56%	56%	57%	57%	58%	59%	57%	56%	56%
NEARBY WATERS	56 °	56 °	56 °	58 °	63 °	69 °	75 °	77 °	75 °	70 °	64 °	58 °
DRY DAYS	87%	86%	84%	83%	85%	91%	97%	96%	85%	83%	83%	85%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	94%	94%	93%	91%	93%	96%	99%	98%	91%	90%	90%	93%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.15	0.14	0.16	0.25	0.17	0.10	0.03	0.05	0.33	0.28	0.30	0.18
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	5%	7%	7%	3%	4%	8%	7%	3%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	13%	14%	14%	13%	16%	23%	23%	15%	8%	7%	9%

COMMENTS: Alicante has a rather unusual four-season year. The dry season (June through August) is rather typical of the Mediterranean, as is the primary rainy season (September through early December). Then, however, comes a relatively dry and sunny winter (late December through February), followed by a minor rainy spring season (March through May). Vegetation growth is continuous throughout the year.

There is a fair amount of early-morning fog and mist. As the temperatures increase during the day, cumulus clouds often form and dominate the afternoon skies. This makes late morning the clearest and sunniest time of day. As a general rule, however, the nights are clearer than any part of the day. Clear days are common, despite all this. Over the course of the year, you can expect about two days out of five will be essentially clear. July leads all months with 61% such clear days. Even the cloudiest months, however, will get at least one clear day in three.