

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BARCELONA AND THE COSTA DORADA, SPAIN

LOCATION: Barcelona, the capital of the autonomous region of Catalonia, is located in northeast Spain. The city is situated on the shores of the Mediterranean, between the Besos and Llobregat Rivers. Elevations are generally close to sea level, but rise to more than 1,700 feet above it at the summits of the Molins de Rei, in the northern suburbs. This stretch of coast is known as the Costa Dorada, the “Golden Coast”.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:34	10:36	11:55	13:18	14:30	15:07	14:51	13:51	12:32	11:09	9:55	9:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:43	5:44	5:46	7:01	8:05	9:06	10:00	8:29	6:39	5:40	4:54	4:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	54%	51%	48%	50%	52%	66%	61%	53%	50%	52%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	34 °	36 °	40 °	45 °	49 °	57 °	63 °	62 °	56 °	48 °	41 °	36 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43 °	44 °	47 °	51 °	57 °	64 °	69 °	69 °	65 °	58 °	50 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55 °	57 °	61 °	64 °	71 °	77 °	82 °	82 °	78 °	70 °	62 °	56 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	65 °	66 °	70 °	74 °	80 °	86 °	89 °	90 °	84 °	77 °	71 °	65 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	4%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	59%	61%	60%	60%	60%	60%	63%	65%	65%	63%	61%
NEARBY WATERS	56 °	55 °	55 °	57 °	61 °	67 °	72 °	74 °	71 °	67 °	62 °	57 °
DRY DAYS	84%	80%	75%	72%	74%	81%	87%	82%	75%	72%	80%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	89%	87%	85%	86%	90%	94%	89%	85%	82%	88%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.23	0.29	0.30	0.32	0.33	0.26	0.17	0.30	0.48	0.56	0.38	0.30
SNOWY DAYS	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	4%	5%	4%	6%	7%	6%	11%	11%	7%	3%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	11%	13%	11%	7%	7%	7%	5%	6%	7%	8%	11%	8%

COMMENTS: The region has a four-season year. Spring (late March through late May) is the season of lengthening days, rising temperatures, and some spring rains. Summer (June through early September) enjoys warm sunny days and fairly dry weather. Autumn (late September through November) is the rainy season, with shortening days and dropping temperatures. Winter (December through the middle of March) is the cool season, with occasional frosts. Most of the vegetation continues to grow throughout the year. Most of the woody plants are evergreen, both broadleaf and needleleaf. Throughout the year, the nights are clearer than the days. Early morning (if you avoid the fogs and mists) are the clearest times of day. Clouds will build up steadily as the day progresses, reaching a peak in the mid-afternoon. They then start to dissipate, and by midnight the skies are as clear as they're going to get.