

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GERONA AND CATALONIA, SPAIN

LOCATION: The university town of Gerona is located in the historical province of Catalonia in northeastern Spain, halfway between Barcelona and the French border. The town is situated on the Rio Onar, as the valley of that river opens up toward the Costa Brava. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:31	10:34	11:55	13:20	14:33	15:11	14:55	13:53	12:32	11:08	9:53	9:12
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:42	5:36	5:44	6:31	7:35	8:18	9:29	8:21	6:39	5:42	5:07	4:24
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	41%	35%	36%	40%	43%	54%	50%	41%	39%	40%	35%
LOW FOR MONTH	22 °	25 °	33 °	37 °	42 °	50 °	54 °	56 °	50 °	40 °	29 °	27 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	37 °	41 °	45 °	51 °	58 °	63 °	63 °	60 °	51 °	43 °	37 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55 °	57 °	62 °	66 °	72 °	79 °	85 °	84 °	79 °	70 °	62 °	55 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	66 °	67 °	73 °	77 °	82 °	91 °	94 °	93 °	89 °	79 °	74 °	64 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	38%	28%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	34%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	20%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	61%	60%	60%	60%	59%	58%	60%	65%	67%	68%	69%
DRY DAYS	83%	79%	74%	70%	68%	73%	84%	78%	74%	74%	77%	78%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	87%	84%	83%	82%	84%	91%	87%	84%	83%	85%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.39	0.42	0.47	0.51	0.42	0.25	0.36	0.48	0.57	0.46	0.36
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	2%	3%	6%	6%	6%	7%	7%	4%	2%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	35%	43%	36%	36%	37%	37%	35%	33%	44%	40%	43%	35%

COMMENTS: Despite its proximity to the Mediterranean, the region does not have the typical Mediterranean climate of “winter rain, summer drought”. Precipitation is fairly evenly distributed throughout the year with two maxima, one in October (common in the area) and another in May (rather strange). It does, however, share the three-season year of the region, with autumn being neglected by the residents as not meriting the status of a true season. Instead, winter (which is rainy by not particularly cold) is thought to start with the first heavy rains of October, and to gradually merge with Spring as the warmer days outnumber the cooler ones. Summer afternoons are sunny, moderately humid, and hot--often very hot. The nights are usually mild and clear, with some fog along towards morning. Indeed, fog comes off the river and merges with coastal fog swept inland from the Mediterranean more than one day in three, all year around. Winter afternoons are still fairly sunny, still humid, and cool rather than cold. About one night in three (usually a clear one) will drop below freezing. Snow flurries will occur in some years and not in others.