SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MALAGA AND THE COSTA DEL SOL, SPAIN

LOCATION: Malaga is located on the Mediterranean Coast of southern Spain. The city is the capital of the province of the same name, and is part of the region of historic Andalucia. Malaga is situated between the Bay of Malaga and the Mountains of Malaga, in an area famous for its sub-tropical vegetation and climate. It is generally considered the center of the "Costa del Sol" tourist area. Elevations within the city are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:58	10:50	11:57	13:07	14:07	14:38	14:25	13:34	12:28	11:18	10:16	9:43
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:44	6:12	6:33	7:36	9:34	11:00	11:19	10:28	8:14	6:48	5:47	5:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	60%	58%	55%	56%	64%	78%	88%	84%	70%	61%	58%	57%
LOW FOR MONTH	38°	40°	43°	47°	51°	59°	64°	65°	60°	51°	45°	40°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	48°	50°	54°	59°	65°	69°	71°	67°	60°	53°	48°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	61°	62°	65°	69°	74°	80°	84°	85°	81°	74°	67°	63°
HIGH FOR MONTH	70°	72°	76°	80°	85°	92°	99°	98°	92°	83°	77°	71°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	9%	20%	20%	9%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	63%	62%	60%	58%	58%	60%	59%	63%	65%	66%	65%
NEARBY WATERS	59°	58°	59°	60°	63°	66°	70°	72°	70°	67°	63°	60°
DRY DAYS	81%	80%	76%	81%	88%	97%	99%	97%	93%	85%	77%	79%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	87%	85%	89%	94%	99%	99%	99%	97%	90%	83%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.39	0.40	0.42	0.27	0.14	0.06	0.01	0.02	0.17	0.41	0.59	0.47
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	1%	3%	5%	4%	3%	1%	3%	5%	5%	4%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	4%	3%	3%	3%	3%	6%	3%	3%	3%	3%	0%

COMMENTS: Malaga has the three-season year characteristic of the Mediterranean Lands. Summer runs from late May through late September. It is very sunny, very dry, and quite warm--occasionally hot. Winters extend from late September through the middle of March. They are moderately sunny (more sunny than not), rainy one day in four or five, and generally mild. Winter afternoons are occasionally cool and rarely cold. Below-freezing temperatures do not occur in most years. Spring is quite variable in its start and duration, but usually begins in mid-March and grades into summer about the middle of May. It is a season of blossoming and renewed vigor in plant growth. Most of the native plants and local crops continue to grow throughout the year. Although frosts do not occur in most years, below-freezing temperatures have occurred in each of the four months from November through February. In the hills behind the city, below-freezing temperatures will occur in almost every winter.