

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SAN SEBASTIAN AND THE *PAIS VASCO*, SPAIN

LOCATION: The *Pais Vasco* ("Land of the Basques") includes the three provinces of Guipuzcoa, Alava, and Vizcaya. They are located in the north-central part of Spain, up against the French Border. San Sebastian, the most essentially Basque of Spain's major cities, is the capital of the region. The city is situated surrounding the beautiful La Concha Bay, at the mouth of the Urumea River. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:23	10:29	11:54	13:23	14:40	15:21	15:04	13:58	12:34	11:05	9:46	9:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:55	3:38	4:29	4:41	5:51	6:26	6:36	6:25	5:23	4:31	3:26	2:38
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	32%	34%	30%	34%	33%	41%	44%	43%	37%	34%	31%
LOW FOR MONTH	30 °	31 °	34 °	38 °	44 °	50 °	55 °	54 °	50 °	43 °	34 °	31 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	43 °	46 °	48 °	52 °	58 °	61 °	62 °	60 °	54 °	47 °	43 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	52 °	53 °	57 °	59 °	64 °	69 °	72 °	73 °	71 °	65 °	57 °	52 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	64 °	68 °	72 °	75 °	83 °	85 °	91 °	89 °	87 °	80 °	72 °	68 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	10%	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	62%	59%	62%	63%	65%	68%	67%	64%	65%	65%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	54 °	52 °	52 °	54 °	58 °	62 °	66 °	68 °	66 °	63 °	58 °	55 °
DRY DAYS	52%	52%	54%	49%	53%	54%	61%	58%	59%	56%	50%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	69%	72%	73%	69%	72%	74%	78%	76%	73%	71%	67%	67%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.90	0.78	0.72	0.83	0.76	0.57	0.51	0.63	0.85	0.95	1.04	1.06
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.1 "	2.1 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	1.0 "
SNOWY DAYS	5%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	3%	4%	6%	6%	7%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	9%	7%	10%	11%	14%	17%	18%	18%	19%	13%	8%	8%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year. Precipitation is abundant in all seasons, with a winter maximum. Most of it is frontal in nature, with major systems moving into the area from off the North Atlantic Ocean. Summer afternoons are moderately sunny, humid, and usually mild to warm. One afternoon in five or six will be hot. Summer nights are mild to cool, and quite damp. Summer morning fogs and mists are fairly common. Winter afternoons are cloudy, humid, and cool to chilly. They will almost always be above freezing, except when one of those brutal Arctic outbreaks grips all of Europe. Winter nights are chilly to cold, but only about a dozen nights each winter will drop below freezing. Winter snows are not unusual, but are far less common than winter rains. Consequently, snow does not remain on the ground for long, especially in the city. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition.