

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SANTIAGO DE COMPOSTELA AND THE WAY OF ST. JAMES, SPAIN

LOCATION: The pilgrimage center of Santiago de Compostela is located in northwestern Spain. The town is situated on the Galician Plateau at an elevation of 180 meters above sea level. Santiago is some 40 km east and 50 km south of the cold waters of the North Atlantic Ocean. The landscape is one of hills and low mountains. Mount Pedro rise to some 735 meters in elevation just a short distance to the northwest of the city. The “Way of St. James (Camino de Santiago)” is the historic pilgrimage route that stretches almost 500 miles from the French border across northern Spain to Santiago.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:25	10:31	11:54	13:22	14:38	15:18	15:01	13:57	12:33	11:06	9:48	9:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:19	4:13	4:34	5:53	6:37	9:37	8:40	7:58	5:39	5:18	3:46	3:41
AREA OF BLUE SKY	19%	25%	23%	30%	32%	54%	47%	46%	31%	35%	23%	26%
LOW FOR MONTH	29 °	30 °	33 °	35 °	39 °	44 °	48 °	48 °	46 °	39 °	34 °	31 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40 °	40 °	42 °	44 °	47 °	52 °	55 °	55 °	54 °	49 °	45 °	41 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	52 °	53 °	58 °	61 °	64 °	71 °	75 °	75 °	72 °	65 °	58 °	53 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	61 °	63 °	69 °	74 °	78 °	86 °	90 °	90 °	88 °	77 °	68 °	63 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	13%	13%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	8%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	64%	58%	52%	55%	55%	50%	51%	55%	61%	67%	64%
DRY DAYS	45%	44%	48%	49%	55%	69%	77%	74%	64%	53%	46%	44%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	62%	62%	65%	69%	73%	82%	87%	87%	79%	69%	63%	62%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.13	1.10	1.03	0.79	0.69	0.44	0.32	0.31	0.59	0.94	1.18	1.20
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.5"	2.1"	1.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.9"
SNOWY DAYS	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	1%	3%	3%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	17%	13%	14%	16%	17%	20%	25%	30%	31%	20%	17%	14%

COMMENTS: Santiago has the standard four seasons of the mid-latitudes, moderated somewhat by the persistent winds off the North Atlantic. These winds keep the summers and days from being as warm as they might otherwise be, and also keep the winters and nights from getting as cold as the latitude would otherwise permit. Spring runs from March through May, with summer continuing on from June through September. Autumn is relatively brief, and takes in October and November. Winter includes December through February. Most of the rain falls during the cooler months of the year.

Most mornings in Santiago are quite humid, as the relatively high frequency of foggy days testifies. The fog is most common along the valleys leading in from the coasts, and in low places around the city. Days without fog are likely to have either heavy dews or frosts, depending upon the temperatures.