

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LA CORUNA AND THE RIAS ALTAS, SPAIN

LOCATION: La Coruna is located in the extreme northwestern corner of Spain, in the province of Galicia. The port city faces north, at the juncture of the North Atlantic Ocean with the Bay of Biscay, and is centered on a peninsula. *Rias* are narrow, mountain-rimmed estuaries, very similar to the fiords of Scandanavia. The northern north-facing *rias* are termed *altas* (upper) to differentiate them from the west-facing *rias bajas* of the Atlantic Coast of Galicia. Elevations range from sea level to several hundred feet above it on this rocky and mountainous coast.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:23	10:29	11:54	13:24	14:40	15:21	15:04	13:59	12:34	11:05	9:46	9:03
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:14	4:16	4:45	5:59	6:42	7:33	8:18	7:45	6:06	5:01	3:43	2:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	39%	42%	43%	43%	48%	54%	56%	52%	43%	41%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	35 °	36 °	38 °	41 °	44 °	49 °	53 °	54 °	50 °	45 °	40 °	37 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	45 °	45 °	47 °	48 °	52 °	56 °	59 °	59 °	58 °	54 °	49 °	46 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55 °	55 °	58 °	60 °	63 °	68 °	71 °	72 °	70 °	65 °	59 °	56 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	62 °	64 °	68 °	70 °	74 °	78 °	82 °	82 °	80 °	75 °	68 °	63 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	71%	69%	70%	71%	73%	72%	71%	72%	72%	74%	75%
NEARBY WATERS	54 °	52 °	52 °	54 °	58 °	62 °	66 °	68 °	66 °	63 °	58 °	55 °
DRY DAYS	49%	51%	51%	54%	60%	71%	76%	74%	66%	55%	47%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	73%	74%	75%	79%	85%	90%	87%	81%	74%	69%	70%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.69	0.71	0.57	0.55	0.41	0.30	0.17	0.22	0.39	0.62	0.76	0.78
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	3%	3%	2%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	8%	8%	6%	10%	17%	23%	20%	19%	12%	8%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 45% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 31% in December, to a high of 55% in July and August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to freezing, and the highest should be in the middle 80's. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be fairly close to actual ones, except when the wind is blowing (which is most of the time). The combinations of wind and high humidities will make sensible temperatures a few degrees cooler than actual ones. The area is strongly influenced by the nearby ocean areas and the prevailing winds that blow from these waters to the coast. These winds give the area much cooler summers and much milder winters than places at the same latitude farther inland. Most years pass without freezing temperatures—although it will come close and feel very cold and raw.