

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BORDEAUX AND THE BORDEAUX WINE COUNTRY, FRANCE

LOCATION: Bordeaux, the major port and largest city of the Bordeaux Wine Country, lies on the estuary of the Garonne River in south-western France. Elevations within the city and its environs are all within a couple of hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:13	10:24	11:54	13:28	14:49	15:32	15:14	14:05	12:35	11:02	9:38	8:52
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:41	3:45	5:23	6:33	7:01	8:13	8:32	7:51	6:37	5:03	3:07	2:22
AREA OF BLUE SKY	30%	35%	37%	39%	37%	41%	48%	47%	45%	41%	34%	29%
LOW FOR MONTH	22 °	24 °	28 °	33 °	39 °	45 °	49 °	48 °	43 °	34 °	27 °	24 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	36 °	40 °	44 °	49 °	54 °	58 °	57 °	54 °	47 °	41 °	37 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	48 °	52 °	58 °	63 °	68 °	75 °	79 °	79 °	75 °	66 °	55 °	49 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	60 °	63 °	71 °	76 °	84 °	89 °	93 °	93 °	88 °	78 °	68 °	61 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	35%	28%	17%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	14%	30%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	12%	9%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	77%	70%	63%	58%	59%	59%	58%	56%	61%	69%	76%	80%
DRY DAYS	47%	50%	56%	52%	51%	60%	65%	63%	58%	57%	49%	46%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	77%	78%	75%	75%	79%	83%	81%	77%	75%	72%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.51	0.47	0.43	0.44	0.46	0.42	0.33	0.37	0.47	0.55	0.59	0.56
SNOWY DAYS	4%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	3%	7%	15%	16%	15%	13%	11%	4%	3%	3%
FOGGY DAYS	24%	19%	14%	8%	12%	9%	9%	9%	22%	29%	31%	28%

COMMENTS: The region has a standard mid-latitude four-season year--somewhat moderated by its coastal position. Precipitation is more than adequate, and is fairly well distributed throughout the year. There is a slight winter maximum. Rain falls on just under half of the year's days. Summer afternoons are usually warm, sometimes hot, occasionally cool. Summer nights are cool. Winter afternoons are usually chilly to cool, depending upon the bite of the wind off the North Atlantic. Winter nights are generally raw. Some forty times a winter, the mornings will start out below freezing, and on about a dozen times they won't rise above that point all day. Snow flurries and snow falls are characteristic of the cooler months, but snow on the ground rarely lasts past noon of the next day. Spring and fall are seasons of transition. The month of April is viewed fondly by the residents of the area, since it usually brings several weeks of clear, fine weather after the dreariness of winter. Although May is a bit warmer, it is usually not as clear or dry. The frequency and persistence of fog increases as you approach the coast, and decreases as you move inland from Bordeaux. Similarly, the waters offshore will tend to moderate the temperatures as you approach the coast, making the high temperatures lower and the low temperatures higher.