

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO CAEN AND THE NORMANDY COAST, FRANCE

LOCATION: The city of Caen is located in the Normandy region of northwestern France. The city is situated on the River Orne, at a place that could be bridged in the early days. Elevations are everywhere within a few hundred feet of sea level. Caen is a university town, and the reconstruction that followed World War Two was done with considerable style and success.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:44	10:07	11:52	13:42	15:18	16:10	15:48	14:25	12:40	10:51	9:13	8:18
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:20	3:14	4:44	5:58	6:56	7:11	7:20	6:53	5:42	4:09	2:47	2:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	22%	24%	28%	30%	30%	32%	34%	34%	33%	29%	24%	22%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	22 °	27 °	30 °	36 °	41 °	46 °	45 °	41 °	33 °	27 °	25 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	34 °	36 °	40 °	46 °	50 °	53 °	53 °	50 °	44 °	39 °	36 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	45 °	47 °	52 °	57 °	64 °	68 °	72 °	72 °	68 °	60 °	51 °	47 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	55 °	58 °	64 °	70 °	77 °	81 °	86 °	85 °	81 °	71 °	61 °	57 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	34%	33%	24%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	11%	26%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	80%	75%	71%	67%	68%	69%	65%	63%	67%	73%	78%	82%
NEARBY WATERS	47 °	46 °	46 °	47 °	51 °	55 °	59 °	61 °	61 °	58 °	54 °	50 °
DRY DAYS	44%	47%	53%	54%	55%	61%	61%	58%	55%	52%	43%	44%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	79%	77%	78%	80%	82%	79%	77%	74%	71%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.36	0.33	0.29	0.29	0.33	0.33	0.32	0.33	0.38	0.45	0.48	0.42
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.5"	5.0"	3.0"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.3"	3.1"
SNOWY DAYS	11%	14%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	1%	2%	3%	9%	9%	8%	7%	6%	5%	4%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	18%	12%	14%	15%	14%	13%	15%	15%	15%	14%	13%

COMMENTS: The area has a four-season year. Precipitation is light but adequate in all months. Rainfall usually peaks in October or November, then reaches a minimum in March or April. Summers are mild to warm, occasionally hot. Winters are cold and raw, but only one winter day in three or four will actually have below-freezing temperatures--and then only in the morning. Only one or two days a year will fail to rise above freezing. Snow flurries and snowfalls are common enough during the winter months, but even then most precipitation falls as rain. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, with spells of warm weather alternating with cold spells as the various fronts move in off of the North Atlantic Ocean and across Europe. Sea temperatures are for the Coast of Flowers on the English Channel, a few miles to the north. During the winter months, this coast is lashed with gales about one day out of four or five.