

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE COTE D'ARGENT, FRANCE

LOCATION: The Cote d'Argent (the "Silver Coast") is located on the Bay of Vizcaya section of the Atlantic Coast of France. The description is a loose one, but essentially refers to that part of Gascony between a point north of Biarritz and Cap Ferret. The landscape is essentially flat, with numerous small beach resorts catering essentially to the French family trade. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:19	10:27	11:54	13:25	14:44	15:26	15:08	14:01	12:34	11:03	9:43	8:58
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:59	3:56	4:47	5:30	6:41	7:14	7:10	7:11	5:40	4:40	3:24	2:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	37%	38%	32%	41%	39%	44%	49%	43%	38%	35%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	26 °	27 °	33 °	36 °	43 °	49 °	52 °	52 °	48 °	40 °	32 °	29 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40 °	41 °	43 °	47 °	52 °	57 °	61 °	61 °	58 °	52 °	45 °	41 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	52 °	53 °	58 °	60 °	66 °	71 °	74 °	75 °	73 °	66 °	58 °	53 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	63 °	67 °	73 °	76 °	82 °	87 °	90 °	91 °	86 °	79 °	71 °	67 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	17%	13%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	16%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	62%	61%	59%	56%	63%	61%	61%	62%	66%	70%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	52 °	51 °	51 °	54 °	58 °	63 °	66 °	67 °	66 °	62 °	57 °	54 °
DRY DAYS	51%	51%	57%	52%	51%	57%	64%	63%	59%	56%	50%	49%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	73%	73%	76%	73%	73%	76%	81%	78%	74%	70%	68%	70%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.67	0.68	0.57	0.58	0.57	0.54	0.45	0.58	0.74	0.96	0.92	0.83
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.5 "	2.6 "	0.2 "	0.1 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.8 "	0.5 "
SNOWY DAYS	2%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	3%	3%	3%	4%	8%	10%	11%	10%	9%	5%	4%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	10%	7%	9%	7%	8%	6%	7%	15%	12%	15%	12%

COMMENTS: The Coast has a marine version of the mid-latitude four-season year. The prevailing winds are off the sea, and keep the summers from getting as hot and the winters as cold as places farther inland. Some 42% of the year's daylight hours are sunny, ranging from a low of 29% in December, to a high of 51% in August. The annual range of temperatures is moderate, from the low 20's some frigid winter morning to the middle 90's some summer afternoon. Precipitation is moderate, with a distinct autumn and winter maximum. A typical summer afternoon will be moderately sunny, humid, and warm rather than hot. Summer nights are mild. Winter afternoons will be cloudy, very humid, and cool rather than cold. Winter nights will drop below freezing about one night in six. Snow flurries and light falls are common, but rarely remain on the ground past noon of the next day.