

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PARIS AND THE *ILE DE FRANCE*, FRANCE

LOCATION: The "Ile de France" refers to the area of north-central France surrounded by the Seine, Marne, Oise, and Aube Rivers. Paris is its capital and its glory. The city is situated on both banks and an island in the River Seine. Elevations are everywhere within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:46	10:08	11:52	13:40	15:15	16:06	15:45	14:23	12:40	10:52	9:15	8:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:53	3:01	4:43	5:59	7:25	7:50	7:47	7:08	5:36	3:46	2:04	1:34
AREA OF BLUE SKY	26%	31%	37%	40%	38%	41%	44%	45%	44%	37%	27%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	22 °	22 °	27 °	34 °	38 °	45 °	49 °	48 °	42 °	33 °	27 °	23 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	34 °	37 °	42 °	48 °	53 °	56 °	56 °	51 °	45 °	39 °	34 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42 °	45 °	52 °	60 °	67 °	72 °	76 °	75 °	69 °	59 °	49 °	43 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	55 °	58 °	68 °	75 °	82 °	87 °	91 °	89 °	84 °	87 °	61 °	56 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	42%	39%	25%	5%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	3%	17%	35%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	5%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	71%	61%	52%	53%	56%	56%	57%	62%	69%	77%	81%
DRY DAYS	49%	52%	56%	55%	59%	62%	61%	60%	60%	56%	50%	47%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	83%	77%	82%	79%	81%	83%	87%	82%	80%	82%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.26	0.25	0.25	0.28	0.32	0.35	0.33	0.33	0.34	0.35	0.35	0.31
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.7"	4.1"	3.5"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.5"	2.8"
SNOWY DAYS	15%	14%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	8%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	3%	4%	11%	12%	13%	11%	6%	2%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	26%	18%	11%	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	7%	21%	26%	26%

COMMENTS: Paris has a four-season year. Spring (mid-March through mid-May) brings blossoms in the parks and along the boulevards, and an alternation between mild spells and wintry weather. Summer (mid-May through mid-September) features full foliage on the trees and long mild to warm days that are only occasionally hot. Autumn (mid-September through mid-November) finds the leaves turning color and eventually dropping from the trees, and the first frosts. Winter (mid-November through mid-March) brings short cold days, snow, fog, and bare branches on the trees. The city will often have a distinct "urban heat island" effect. Under windless and rainless conditions (or near), the city center will be many degrees warmer than the outlying suburbs. This is especially noticeable at night and in the winter. Precipitation of any kind diminishes this effect, and a strong wind will eliminate it completely. Consequently, snow rarely stays on the ground for long in the city center. Even during the coldest months, rain is more likely than snow in the city proper. The suburbs and countryside are both colder and snowier during the winter, and cooler during the summer nights.