

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ROUEN AND THE LOWER SEINE VALLEY, FRANCE

LOCATION: The ancient city of Rouen is located in the Normandy district of north-central France. The city is situated on the banks of the Seine, at the farthest point downstream that early peoples could build a bridge. Rouen is noted for its cathedral, its Old City, and for being the place where Saint Joan was burned at the stake. Nearby is the village of Giverny, the home and studio of impressionist painter Claude Monet. Elevations along the river are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:41	10:06	11:52	13:43	15:20	16:12	15:50	14:27	12:40	10:50	9:11	8:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:39	2:34	4:18	5:39	6:41	6:53	6:34	6:09	5:18	3:36	1:56	1:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	24%	31%	32%	32%	33%	33%	34%	34%	30%	21%	21%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	20 °	26 °	29 °	35 °	41 °	46 °	45 °	41 °	33 °	26 °	22 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	33 °	37 °	40 °	46 °	51 °	55 °	54 °	51 °	45 °	39 °	35 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	44 °	51 °	56 °	63 °	68 °	72 °	72 °	67 °	58 °	49 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	54 °	57 °	64 °	71 °	77 °	82 °	87 °	85 °	80 °	70 °	60 °	55 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	38%	41%	25%	14%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	21%	37%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	84%	77%	69%	62%	63%	65%	63%	63%	69%	76%	84%	87%
DRY DAYS	44%	48%	55%	55%	54%	58%	61%	60%	55%	51%	47%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	79%	79%	78%	78%	79%	81%	80%	77%	74%	73%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.37	0.33	0.30	0.32	0.32	0.35	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.43	0.44	0.42
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.4 "	2.9 "	1.3 "	0.6 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.9 "	2.4 "
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	10%	11%	5%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%	7%	5%	5%	3%	1%	1%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	21%	22%	17%	17%	15%	16%	17%	19%	20%	21%	21%	20%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 36% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 16% in December, to a high of 44% in May. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 15°, and the highest should be near 89°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. As is the case with almost all of northwestern Europe, prevailing winds off of the North Atlantic keep summers from getting as hot and winters from getting as cold as places farther inland in central and eastern Europe. Summer afternoons are mild to warm, rarely hot. Winter afternoons rarely remain below freezing and winter rains are far more common than snows. Cloudy to overcast days are the rule, and humidities are generally high. But then, people don't come here for the weather.