

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ST. TROPEZ AND THE FRENCH RIVIERA, FRANCE

LOCATION: The jet-set favorite of St. Tropez is located on the Mediterranean coast of southeastern France. The town sits on its own peninsula at the south end of the bay of the same name. Across the narrow bay, rises the looming bulk of the Massif de Maures. The setting is spectacular, but little of the attractive little fishing village of *And God Created Woman* remains. Elevations are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:23	10:30	11:54	13:23	14:40	15:20	15:03	13:58	12:34	11:05	9:46	9:04
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:47	5:34	6:47	8:18	9:32	10:44	12:12	10:45	8:40	6:46	5:17	4:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	42%	45%	47%	48%	55%	71%	64%	58%	51%	45%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	31 °	26 °	31 °	39 °	44 °	52 °	56 °	56 °	51 °	44 °	37 °	32 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	42 °	45 °	49 °	54 °	61 °	65 °	65 °	62 °	55 °	48 °	44 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54 °	55 °	58 °	62 °	68 °	74 °	80 °	80 °	75 °	68 °	60 °	56 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	62 °	65 °	68 °	73 °	77 °	84 °	90 °	89 °	85 °	79 °	70 °	65 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	9%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	60%	61%	63%	63%	64%	62%	61%	62%	63%	63%	63%
NEARBY WATERS	56 °	55 °	56 °	57 °	62 °	66 °	71 °	73 °	71 °	67 °	62 °	57 °
DRY DAYS	71%	70%	73%	77%	80%	87%	94%	89%	83%	76%	70%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	80%	83%	87%	90%	93%	97%	93%	88%	83%	79%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.54	0.62	0.48	0.34	0.26	0.18	0.11	0.19	0.46	0.63	0.70	0.54
SNOWY DAYS	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	2%	3%	4%	4%	3%	5%	6%	5%	4%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	2%

COMMENTS: The climate of the Riviera (both French and Italian) is distinctly Mediterranean. Summers are very sunny, hot, and relatively dry. Winters are cool, still fairly sunny, and moderately wet. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition in terms of the weather. This is when fronts systems move across Europe brings alternating spells of warm and cool weather. Spring is most noticeable for the abundance of blossoming plants, rather for any weather of its own. Autumn is a negligible season, since the dominant vegetation of the region is broadleaf evergreens. Many residents don't even recognize it as a separate season. They consider summer to stop and winter to start with the first heavy rains of October. With only a half-dozen frosty mornings in the year, vegetative growth and crop growth is continuous in all seasons. St. Tropez itself has rocky shorelines. Head south a couple of miles for the best beaches, but be warned--many of them are nudist-oriented.