

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TOULOUSE ANE THE *LANGUEDOC*, FRANCE

LOCATION: Toulouse, the historic capital of the languedoc region, is located in southwestern France. The city is situated on the banks of the Garonne River, just where the Canal du Midi connects with the river. The other end of the Canal is at Carcassonne on the River Aude. Elevations in the Toulouse area are some five to six hundred feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:21	10:28	11:54	13:24	14:42	15:23	15:05	13:59	12:34	11:04	9:45	9:02
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:47	3:57	5:37	6:22	6:58	7:51	8:36	7:50	6:51	5:06	3:14	2:18
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	34%	33%	34%	36%	40%	48%	50%	47%	39%	30%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	21 °	21 °	27 °	32 °	38 °	46 °	50 °	49 °	43 °	34 °	26 °	23 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	36 °	39 °	43 °	49 °	55 °	59 °	59 °	55 °	48 °	41 °	37 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47 °	51 °	57 °	62 °	69 °	76 °	81 °	81 °	76 °	66 °	55 °	49 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	60 °	64 °	70 °	74 °	81 °	90 °	93 °	95 °	87 °	79 °	68 °	61 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	40%	35%	18%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	14%	28%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	13%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	68%	63%	60%	60%	58%	54%	53%	60%	66%	75%	80%
DRY DAYS	61%	61%	65%	56%	61%	67%	73%	73%	71%	67%	61%	56%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	83%	82%	77%	79%	82%	87%	86%	84%	82%	80%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.32	0.33	0.36	0.41	0.47	0.40	0.26	0.32	0.37	0.33	0.36	0.38
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.0"	3.2"	2.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.8"	2.0"
SNOWY DAYS	8%	7%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	5%	9%	12%	11%	13%	7%	2%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	23%	12%	7%	4%	4%	2%	2%	4%	10%	18%	25%	24%

COMMENTS: The region has a four-season year, with hot summers and cold winters. Precipitation is light but adequate in all months. Summer (late May through September) features long days that are hot more often than merely warm. Thundershowers can be expected about once a week. Summer nights are cool to mild. Autumn (October and November) features shortening days and the first frosts. Winter (December through early March) brings cloudy skies and frosty mornings, but afternoons will almost always rise above freezing. Snow flurries and falls are common, but much less common than rain. Consequently, snow rarely remains on the ground past noon of the next day. Clear winter nights often bring heavy fogs along the river. Spring (late March through early May) is a season of lengthening days, and a reawakening of much of the vegetation. The city is famous for its cassoulets (a garlicky white bean and meat casserole) and its sausages.