

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE VAUCLUSE UPLANDS, FRANCE

LOCATION: The Vaucluse region of France is located in that country's southeastern quadrant. It is an area of limestone hills to the east of Avignon, its historic capital. Mont Ventoux, on the northern border of the region, rises to some 6,263 feet in elevation, with most of the villages and towns pretty close to a thousand feet above sea level. This guide assumes the latter elevation. Many travelers consider the region to be the most picturesque of all Provence.

	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	3:55	4:48	6:02	7:23	8:36	9:34	10:51	9:35	7:53	5:58	4:10	3:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	39%	40%	41%	42%	43%	49%	63%	57%	53%	46%	38%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	19°	19°	25°	30°	36°	44°	49°	48°	42°	33°	27°	22°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31°	33°	36°	41°	48°	54°	58°	57°	53°	46°	38°	33°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	45°	47°	53°	59°	67°	74°	80°	78°	72°	63°	52°	46°
HIGH FOR MONTH	57°	61°	68°	74°	81°	88°	93°	92°	84°	75°	64°	58°
FROSTY MORNINGS	51%	46%	31%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	28%	45%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	14%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	56%	49%	46%	49%	48%	42%	45%	52%	58%	63%	66%
DRY DAYS	64%	64%	66%	67%	66%	70%	81%	76%	74%	70%	65%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	84%	83%	82%	81%	84%	91%	87%	85%	81%	79%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.25	0.31	0.35	0.37	0.44	0.33	0.19	0.32	0.44	0.60	0.55	0.35
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0"	5.9"	4.6"	2.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	4.7"	6.5"
SNOWY DAYS	12%	12%	7%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	2%	4%	8%	12%	10%	12%	8%	6%	3%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	9%	8%	9%	8%	6%	3%	6%	13%	12%	7%	6%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 54% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 41% in December, to a high of 72% in July. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 14° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 94° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to three degrees cooler than actual ones. Sunshine, temperatures, and rainfall all vary considerably with elevation and slope orientation. As a general rule, you can expect temperatures to drop an average of 1°F for each hundred-foot increase in elevation—and vice versa going downhill. As in all mountains, slope orientation makes a tremendous difference in how much sunshine that slope gets. This guide assumes a southerly exposure.