

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE FLANDERS AREA, FRANCE

LOCATION: French Flanders is located in the extreme northeast of France, up against the Belgian border. Part of Belgium is also known as Flanders. The language of Flanders is Flemish, a variant of Dutch. The landscape is low and flat, and cut by many canals. Elevations are within a few hundred feet of sea level. The principal city of the French part is Lille.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:33	10:01	11:51	13:47	15:28	16:24	16:00	14:33	12:42	10:47	9:04	8:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:44	2:36	3:58	5:34	6:23	6:54	6:18	5:56	5:10	3:36	1:51	1:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	23%	26%	30%	34%	33%	35%	32%	34%	36%	32%	22%	21%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	20 °	26 °	30 °	35 °	41 °	44 °	45 °	41 °	32 °	26 °	23 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	33 °	36 °	40 °	46 °	51 °	54 °	55 °	51 °	45 °	39 °	34 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	41 °	44 °	50 °	57 °	64 °	70 °	73 °	73 °	68 °	59 °	48 °	43 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	53 °	54 °	63 °	71 °	78 °	83 °	87 °	86 °	80 °	71 °	59 °	54 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	43%	46%	29%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	22%	37%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	84%	77%	71%	62%	62%	65%	63%	60%	66%	74%	83%	87%
NEARBY WATERS	45 °	44 °	44 °	46 °	51 °	56 °	59 °	62 °	61 °	58 °	53 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	43%	49%	56%	53%	56%	59%	57%	55%	55%	54%	45%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	80%	80%	77%	78%	79%	78%	78%	77%	76%	72%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.35	0.32	0.32	0.29	0.35	0.37	0.42	0.38	0.39	0.42	0.45	0.42
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.1"	8.6"	6.3"	2.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.7"	7.2"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	16%	16%	9%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	10%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	0%	2%	4%	10%	12%	12%	15%	8%	2%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	27%	32%	23%	14%	12%	14%	11%	16%	20%	29%	28%	31%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 35% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 16% in December, to a high of 42% in June. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 14 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 90 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The humidity is high throughout the year. Mornings are almost always wet with fog or mist and dew or hoarfrost. Afternoons are quite humid. Winters are cold and raw, with perhaps a dozen days failing to warm to above freezing. Summers are mild to warm, rarely ever hot. The open landscape lends itself to winds, with about one day in seven having winds of gale force, exceeding 32 miles per hour.