SUNSHINE GUIDE TO DRESDEN AND SAXONY, GERMANY

LOCATION: Dresden, the capital of Saxony, is located in eastern Germany, bordering on both Poland and the Czech Republic. The city is situated on the Elbe River, about 400 feet above sea level. The countryside is one of low, rolling hills.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:29	9:59	11:51	13:48	15:32	16:28	16:04	14:35	12:43	10:46	9:01	8:02
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:12	2:45	4:20	5:41	7:18	7:44	7:22	6:59	5:43	3:57	2:15	1:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	26%	32%	34%	36%	37%	35%	39%	40%	34%	27%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	9 °	11°	18°	28°	34°	43°	48°	47°	38°	30°	23°	14°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	27°	28°	33°	39°	47°	53°	57°	55°	50°	43°	36°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	36°	38°	47°	56°	66°	71°	75°	73°	67°	56°	45°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	50°	53°	63°	72°	82°	87°	89°	87°	81°	70°	58°	52°
FROSTY MORNINGS	66%	63%	39%	16%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	32%	52%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0 %	0 %	0 %	1%	3%	2%	0 %	0%	0 %	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	76%	72%	63%	56%	54%	55%	57%	57%	61%	68%	75%	78%
DRY DAYS	47%	49%	54%	53%	54%	55%	53%	58%	57%	60%	52%	53%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	83%	81%	77%	76%	76%	73%	78%	78%	79%	78%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.26	0.25	0.26	0.31	0.40	0.48	0.64	0.45	0.35	0.32	0.27	0.28
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.9"	7.9"	6.3"	2.4"	0.3"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.3"	3.5"	7.6"
SNOWY DAYS	26%	29%	18%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	21%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	6%	16%	17%	20%	16%	6%	2%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	17%	17%	16%	11%	8 %	6%	7%	8%	12%	16%	20%	22%

COMMENTS: Saxony has a standard, mid-latitude, four-season year. Precipitation is mostly from the same frontal systems that sweep across the rest of Europe. It is fairly-evenly distributed throughout the year, with a summer maximum from the thundershowers of that season. Summer afternoons are long, moderately sunny, warm more often than hot, and moderately humid. Summer nights are cool and damp. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, and cold. Two out of three winter afternoons will warm above the freezing point, although not necessarily very far. Winter nights are long, quite cold, and damp. Two out of three winter nights will drop below freezing. Snow and rain are equally likely during the winter months. Although the ground remains frozen from late December through early March, it is not snow-covered during all that time. Both warm spells and rain melt the snow before it can accumulate to any great depth. Because of the high nighttime humidities, dews and hoarfrosts are common in their own seasons. Clear nights with a very light breeze are likely to generate fogs instead of the ground condensation of hoarfrost or dew.