

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO HEIDELBERG AND THE NECKAR VALLEY, GERMANY

LOCATION: Heidelberg, the seat of Germany's oldest university and the setting for The Student Prince, is located in the state of Baden-Wurttemberg in west-central Germany. The historic town, with its romantically-ruined castle, is situated on the Neckar River, some 400 feet above sea level. It is immensely popular with tourists during the summer and early autumn months.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:42	10:06	11:52	13:43	15:19	16:12	15:50	14:26	12:40	10:50	9:11	8:16
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:30	2:32	4:01	5:16	6:42	7:26	7:41	6:55	5:22	3:22	1:39	1:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	31%	38%	41%	42%	39%	43%	43%	43%	35%	22%	21%
LOW FOR MONTH	15 °	13 °	25 °	32 °	40 °	45 °	48 °	49 °	42 °	35 °	24 °	16 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30 °	31 °	36 °	42 °	49 °	55 °	57 °	56 °	51 °	43 °	37 °	32 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38 °	42 °	51 °	59 °	68 °	73 °	76 °	74 °	69 °	58 °	47 °	40 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	54 °	64 °	74 °	80 °	86 °	88 °	86 °	80 °	70 °	60 °	51 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	52%	54%	32%	7%	3%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	23%	52%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	83%	74%	62%	53%	52%	53%	54%	55%	59%	68%	77%	80%
DRY DAYS	52%	54%	61%	57%	55%	57%	58%	58%	63%	65%	53%	55%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	81%	82%	78%	77%	77%	77%	77%	80%	81%	77%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.30	0.30	0.27	0.32	0.38	0.49	0.52	0.49	0.41	0.35	0.36	0.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.5 "	3.8 "	2.0 "	0.3 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	1.1 "	3.3 "
SNOWY DAYS	15%	13%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	3%	7%	16%	23%	19%	16%	7%	3%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	71%	64%	48%	47%	42%	47%	42%	48%	63%	74%	67%	71%

COMMENTS: The area gets the standard four-season year that characterizes all of Germany. Precipitation is fairly well distributed over the year, with a summer maximum during the thunderstorm season. Snow is common enough during the winter months, but rain is even more common. Hence, you will see snow on the ground only following snowfalls and during cold spells. The Neckar valley is quite foggy, and mornings that don't have dew or hoarfrost are likely to have fogs or mist. Summer afternoons are long, moderately sunny, moderately humid, and warm to hot. Summer nights are short, quite damp, and cool to mild. You're more likely to want an extra blanket than air conditioning. Winter afternoons are short, cloudy, cold and raw. Winter nights are long, quite damp, and probably foggy. A crackling fire in the fireplace hits the spot.