

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SYLT AND THE NORTH FRISIAN ISLANDS, GERMANY

LOCATION: The North Frisian Islands are located along the North Sea coast of the peninsula of Jutland, in northern Germany. Sylt is the most northerly of these, and is only a stone's throw from the border with Denmark. Elevations are everywhere close to sea lev el. The islands are a popular summer resort.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:53	9:39	11:49	14:05	16:06	17:15	16:46	14:59	12:48	10:34	8:31	7:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:06	3:00	4:38	6:52	8:08	8:30	7:45	6:41	6:11	3:46	1:58	1:23
AREA OF BLUE SKY	21%	25%	31%	38%	39%	36%	32%	31%	39%	29%	18%	16%
LOW FOR MONTH	13 °	13 °	20 °	28 °	37 °	43 °	50 °	49 °	43 °	36 °	27 °	22 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30 °	30 °	33 °	37 °	45 °	51 °	55 °	56 °	52 °	45 °	38 °	34 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	37 °	37 °	41 °	48 °	57 °	63 °	66 °	65 °	62 °	53 °	45 °	40 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	43 °	44 °	52 °	63 °	71 °	75 °	78 °	76 °	71 °	62 °	51 °	46 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	47%	61%	29%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	31%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	89%	87%	85%	74%	77%	77%	79%	77%	78%	81%	86%	89%
NEARBY WATERS	38 °	37 °	38 °	42 °	50 °	58 °	62 °	62 °	60 °	56 °	48 °	44 °
DRY DAYS	50%	53%	56%	61%	63%	61%	55%	49%	47%	44%	42%	42%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	82%	81%	81%	82%	81%	79%	73%	72%	70%	71%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.31	0.27	0.25	0.24	0.25	0.28	0.37	0.53	0.47	0.50	0.43	0.39
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.9"	5.6"	3.2"	1.6"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.8"	3.5"
SNOWY DAYS	17%	18%	11%	7%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	1%	1%	5%	5%	9%	12%	7%	4%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	23%	26%	26%	16%	9%	5%	4%	4%	7%	14%	19%	22%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 41% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 19% in gloomy December, to a high of 50% in brisk May. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 11° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 80° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be about two degrees cooler than actual ones. The prevailing winds are out of the west, but serious storms often come out of the north and northeast. The best beaches are on the western side of the island. The waters are chilly and the wind chill is considerable, even in the summer. Portable wind shelters are a common sight, and far more people come to the beach than ever go into the water. From my perspective, these sunbathers are a hardy folk indeed.