

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ATHENS AND THE ACROPOLIS, GREECE

LOCATION: Athens, the capital of Greece, is centrally located on the Greek mainland, facing south to the Saronic Gulf. Situated in a broad valley surrounded by both hills and mountains, the town itself is a hilly one. Elevations range from sea level at the port of Piraeus to almost a thousand feet above it at the summit of Mount Lycabettos.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:52	10:46	11:56	13:10	14:13	14:46	14:32	13:39	12:29	11:15	10:11	9:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:17	5:10	5:57	7:39	9:02	10:51	11:52	11:16	9:19	6:49	4:58	4:00
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	40%	44%	49%	56%	72%	85%	85%	77%	58%	44%	41%
LOW FOR MONTH	32 °	33 °	36 °	43 °	51 °	60 °	65 °	65 °	58 °	51 °	42 °	36 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	43 °	46 °	52 °	60 °	67 °	72 °	72 °	66 °	60 °	52 °	46 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54 °	56 °	60 °	67 °	77 °	85 °	91 °	90 °	83 °	74 °	64 °	57 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	63 °	65 °	70 °	78 °	87 °	95 °	100 °	99 °	93 °	84 °	74 °	66 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	6%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	21%	61%	59%	15%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	61%	57%	51%	48%	43%	36%	37%	42%	54%	62%	64%
NEARBY WATERS	59 °	59 °	58 °	61 °	65 °	72 °	76 °	77 °	76 °	72 °	67 °	61 °
DRY DAYS	58%	59%	66%	71%	78%	86%	94%	93%	89%	74%	64%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	84%	85%	89%	91%	95%	98%	97%	96%	87%	81%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.37	0.28	0.23	0.14	0.13	0.10	0.03	0.06	0.10	0.29	0.44	0.45
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	4%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	5%	4%	3%	6%	6%	3%	2%	3%	7%	7%	5%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	2%	2%	4%	5%	2%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	4%	2%

COMMENTS: Athens has the three-season year typical of the Mediterranean lands. Spring (March through mid-May) features lengthening days, diminishing rains, and blossoming vegetation. Summer (mid-May until the first serious rains in October) is very sunny, very hot, and very dry. Winter is more a season of rain than cold, although chilly temperatures will occur from time to time. It starts with the first major rains in October and gradually blends into Spring about the end of February. Since the native woody vegetation is largely evergreen (both needleleaf and broadleaf), and since all the major crops continue to grow throughout the year, there is no “fall” of leaves, hence no autumn. That particular Greek brilliance and lucidity of the atmosphere that artists and poets have celebrated for centuries is hard to find within the city’s polluted air. It’s still around, but you have to leave the city to find it.