

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KERKYRA (CORFU) AND THE IONIAN ISLANDS, GREECE

LOCATION: The island of Kerkyra (Corfu) is located in the Ionian Sea off the northwestern coast of the Greek mainland. It is the northernmost of the larger Ionian Islands. The capital and chief town of the island goes by the same name. It is situated on a peninsula jutting out of the central part of the eastern shore. Elevations on the island range from sea level to some 2,970 feet above it at the summit of Mount Pantokrator.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:43	10:41	11:56	13:14	14:21	14:56	14:41	13:44	12:30	11:12	10:04	9:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:03	4:25	4:12	7:03	9:02	10:57	11:59	10:56	8:46	6:17	4:40	3:49
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	43%	48%	51%	59%	74%	88%	86%	75%	58%	49%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	33 °	33 °	37 °	42 °	49 °	56 °	61 °	62 °	56 °	49 °	40 °	35 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43 °	43 °	46 °	50 °	57 °	63 °	67 °	68 °	64 °	58 °	52 °	46 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	57 °	61 °	66 °	74 °	82 °	87 °	88 °	82 °	74 °	65 °	59 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	63 °	65 °	69 °	76 °	83 °	90 °	95 °	95 °	89 °	82 °	73 °	66 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	8%	5%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	38%	43%	7%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	66%	65%	63%	61%	56%	51%	54%	58%	65%	68%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	58 °	57 °	58 °	60 °	64 °	71 °	74 °	77 °	75 °	70 °	64 °	61 °
DRY DAYS	53%	51%	62%	65%	78%	87%	95%	93%	81%	66%	55%	50%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	65%	68%	77%	80%	88%	94%	99%	96%	87%	73%	66%	61%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.10	0.96	0.61	0.50	0.29	0.14	0.04	0.12	0.49	1.13	1.23	1.41
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	7%	9%	8%	8%	6%	5%	4%	5%	9%	15%	15%	11%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	9%	15%	17%	19%	16%	15%	21%	23%	15%	11%	8%

COMMENTS: The coasts will have a standard Mediterranean three-season year, although some of the island's higher interior villages will have something closer to the northern European four-season year. Along the coast, Spring (mid-March through early May) is the season of lengthening days. Spells of hot sunny weather gradually dominate spells of cold rainy weather as the season grades into summer. Summer (mid-May through the first heavy rains of October) is the season of long, hot, sunny, and dry days. The heat brings out the scent of herbs in the countryside. Winter is the rainy season, and extends from the first serious rains of October until the March equinox. There is no "fall" at sea level, since the shrubs and trees are all evergreen--both the needleleaf ones and the broadleaf ones. The island's hillsides and mountains abound with native herbs, and the air is often scented by their presence. Basil, bay, thyme, sage, oregano, and dill all grow wild and in abundance. Local cooks often get them from the hillsides, rather than the markets.