

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KALAMATA AND THE GULF OF MESSINIA, GREECE

LOCATION: Kalamata (Kalamai) is located in ancient Messinia in the southwestern Peloponnesus in southwestern Greece. The city is the capital of Messinia, faces south to the Gulf of Messinia. The ruins of classical Messinia are located some fifteen miles up the valley to the northwest. Elevations in Kalamata are close to sea level, with the Taygetos Mountains rising to almost 8,000 feet in elevation just east of town. The area of Messinia is less-visited by foreign tourists, and deserves better. Magnificent fortresses can be found at Methoni and Moroni, and an excellent string of beaches between the two at Finikountas.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:56	10:49	11:57	13:08	14:08	14:40	14:27	13:36	12:28	11:17	10:15	9:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:38	5:02	6:00	7:04	9:14	7:56	11:32	10:51	9:00	6:38	5:01	4:14
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	43%	46%	50%	61%	78%	88%	86%	76%	60%	50%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	29°	32°	38°	44°	53°	58°	58°	52°	44°	34°	30°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42°	43°	45°	50°	55°	62°	67°	67°	63°	56°	50°	45°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60°	61°	64°	70°	77°	86°	90°	90°	85°	77°	69°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	72°	74°	77°	82°	90°	97°	101°	100°	97°	91°	84°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	6%	11%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	19%	38%	41%	11%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	51%	50%	50%	48%	41%	42%	43%	44%	48%	53%	55%
NEARBY WATERS	61°	59°	60°	61°	65°	72°	76°	78°	76°	73°	68°	62°
DRY DAYS	55%	57%	67%	72%	85%	92%	97%	94%	87%	72%	62%	53%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	71%	74%	81%	85%	92%	96%	99%	97%	94%	82%	74%	69%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.82	0.71	0.48	0.33	0.22	0.07	0.02	0.06	0.18	0.60	0.88	1.00
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	13%	17%	11%	10%	9%	8%	5%	6%	11%	16%	20%	18%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	2%	5%	7%	6%	6%	7%	9%	6%	3%	3%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 44% in December, to a high of 80% in July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 26° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 103° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be about 2° cooler than actual ones. The area gets the standard Mediterranean three-season year. Winter starts with the first serious rains of October, and runs through February. Spring is a vegetative season, with renewed vegetative growth—although both native plants and crops grow throughout the winter. Summer starts in earnest in June. Since the native vegetation is evergreen and crops grow throughout the year, there is no “fall”.