

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LARISA AND THESSALY, GREECE

LOCATION: Larisa, the capital of Thessaly, is located in east-central Greece. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the River Pinios, which drains much of Thessaly and finally flows through the magnificent Vale of Tembi northeastward to the Gulf of Thermaikos and the Aegean Sea. Inhabited for more than 8,000 years, Larisa serves administrative, educational, and military needs. Elevations are some 250 feet above sea level. Larisa is a good base of operations for visits to the Pelion Peninsula, to Meteora, and to the Vale of Tembi.

	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	10:03	9:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:23	4:12	5:05	7:08	8:35	10:14	10:52	10:20	8:15	5:33	4:12	3:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	38%	40%	46%	50%	61%	74%	75%	68%	52%	45%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	22 °	24 °	29 °	35 °	43 °	52 °	58 °	58 °	49 °	40 °	30 °	25 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	35 °	39 °	45 °	53 °	61 °	65 °	64 °	59 °	51 °	43 °	36 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50 °	54 °	60 °	69 °	79 °	87 °	93 °	92 °	84 °	73 °	61 °	53 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	62 °	67 °	74 °	82 °	90 °	99 °	104 °	102 °	96 °	86 °	72 °	64 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	47%	36%	14%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	14%	36%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	36%	57%	47%	15%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	64%	59%	53%	48%	38%	34%	35%	42%	56%	70%	75%
DRY DAYS	71%	70%	72%	74%	72%	82%	90%	91%	87%	73%	68%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	87%	87%	87%	86%	91%	95%	95%	94%	85%	82%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.27	0.28	0.25	0.22	0.29	0.19	0.13	0.10	0.18	0.39	0.41	0.38
LIKELY SNOWFALL	4.3"	3.5"	1.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.8"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	5%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	2%	4%	10%	10%	10%	7%	6%	3%	4%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	16%	14%	13%	8%	4%	5%	9%	12%	13%	24%	23%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 55% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 35% in December and January, to a high of 75% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 18° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 106° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones—particularly during the summer months. Larisa has a standard mid-latitude four season year. Precipitation is generally light, with a maximum from October through December. Summers are sunny, very hot and relatively dry. Winters are cloudy, cold, and wet. Winter sunrise temperatures are frequently below freezing, but the afternoons almost always warm to above that point. Even during the middle of winter, rain is more common than snow. Hence, snow rarely stays on the ground at this elevation past noon of the next day.