

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF NAXOS, GREECE

LOCATION: The island of Naxos is the largest and most attractive of the Cyclades Islands, and is located in the southern portion of the Aegean Sea. Elevations range from sea level to some 3,307 feet above it at the summit of Mount Zeus (also known as Oxia and Drios). The mountain chain which runs down the island is steepest to the east, but slopes gently to the west. Naxos is a fertile island, producing grapes, olives, citrus and speciality crops. It also produces marble and emery. In classical times, it was the center of the cult of Dionysos. Tourism is of increasing importance.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:56	10:49	11:56	13:08	14:09	14:40	14:27	13:36	12:28	11:17	10:14	9:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:28	4:36	5:27	7:35	9:52	11:51	12:46	12:12	9:44	6:45	4:54	3:32
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	39%	46%	54%	64%	82%	94%	94%	82%	61%	45%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	41°	40°	44°	50°	55°	61°	66°	68°	62°	56°	50°	44°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	49°	49°	51°	55°	60°	67°	71°	71°	68°	63°	57°	52°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	58°	58°	61°	66°	72°	78°	80°	80°	77°	72°	66°	61°
HIGH FOR MONTH	66°	67°	71°	78°	83°	87°	89°	88°	86°	82°	75°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	68%	68%	64%	66%	64%	66%	68%	68%	70%	69%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	59°	58°	58°	60°	64°	70°	74°	75°	72°	68°	65°	61°
DRY DAYS	63%	64%	78%	82%	87%	95%	99%	98%	95%	87%	74%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	82%	88%	92%	95%	99%	99%	99%	99%	93%	86%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.50	0.42	0.27	0.14	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.21	0.34	0.48
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	11%	11%	8%	6%	4%	2%	1%	1%	2%	9%	10%	11%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	1%	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 35% in January, to a high of 90% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 92° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty close to actual ones. The coastal areas enjoy a moderate climate—neither too hot nor too cold. Here, frost is rare but not unknown. Inland is a different matter, and the higher mountains are snow-capped much of the winter. The best weather comes from May through September.