

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF LESBOS, GREECE

LOCATION: The mountainous island of Lesbos (Lesvos, Mitilini) is located in the central Aegean Sea, just off the coast of Turkey. It is the third largest of the Greek islands, after Crete and Euboea. The city of Mitilini is the island's capital and major city. It is situated on the southeast coast, facing Turkey across the Sound of Mitilini, some ten miles away. Elevations on the island range from sea level to some 3,176 feet above it, both at the summit of Mount Lepetimos in the north and Mount Olympus in the south. Lesbos was the home of the Greek poet Sappho.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:46	10:43	11:56	13:13	14:18	14:52	14:38	13:43	12:30	11:13	10:06	9:29
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:56	5:11	5:53	8:18	9:50	11:44	13:01	12:37	10:14	7:39	4:53	3:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	43%	48%	54%	64%	80%	94%	94%	85%	68%	52%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	33 °	32 °	36 °	43 °	51 °	59 °	65 °	66 °	58 °	50 °	41 °	35 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44 °	44 °	46 °	52 °	59 °	67 °	71 °	70 °	65 °	58 °	52 °	47 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54 °	55 °	59 °	67 °	76 °	84 °	88 °	87 °	81 °	72 °	63 °	57 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	63 °	65 °	71 °	78 °	85 °	94 °	97 °	95 °	91 °	82 °	72 °	65 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	11%	21%	17%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	72%	69%	63%	59%	57%	51%	48%	50%	54%	62%	70%	73%
NEARBY WATERS	52 °	52 °	53 °	56 °	62 °	69 °	73 °	74 °	71 °	67 °	61 °	58 °
DRY DAYS	62%	66%	74%	78%	84%	94%	97%	99%	95%	84%	68%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	74%	78%	84%	87%	93%	98%	99%	99%	98%	91%	79%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.76	0.70	0.46	0.36	0.16	0.04	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.30	0.67	0.85
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	9%	12%	9%	8%	7%	6%	2%	2%	4%	6%	10%	13%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 38% in December, to a high of 92% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 30° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 98° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The best weather comes from May through September. This guide covers the coastal areas. Temperatures will be much more extreme inland (days and summers hotter, nights and winters colder), and the mountains of the interior are often snow-capped much of the winter.