

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO METHONI AND THE MESSINIAN PENINSULA, GREECE

LOCATION: Methoni is located on the southwestern coast of the Peloponnesus in Greece. The town is dominated by a magnificent Venetian fortress, and boasts a pleasant sandy beach. This entire Messinian peninsula is well-worth exploring, and is blessed in not yet being a target of mass-market tourism. Elevations range from sea level to some 3,146 feet above it at the summit of Mount Likodhimos.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:57	10:49	11:57	13:07	14:07	14:39	14:26	13:35	12:28	11:17	10:15	9:42
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:22	4:53	6:09	7:14	9:13	7:56	11:51	11:00	9:00	6:30	5:01	4:07
AREA OF BLUE SKY	40%	41%	48%	51%	61%	78%	90%	88%	76%	59%	50%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	35°	36°	39°	45°	50°	58°	64°	65°	59°	51°	45°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46°	46°	49°	53°	59°	65°	70°	71°	67°	60°	54°	49°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	58°	58°	60°	65°	71°	77°	81°	83°	80°	74°	66°	61°
HIGH FOR MONTH	63°	65°	69°	74°	80°	87°	89°	89°	86°	82°	73°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	67%	67%	67%	66%	68%	67%	69%	66%	64%	64%	68%	69%
NEARBY WATERS	61°	59°	60°	61°	65°	71°	76°	78°	76°	73°	68°	62°
DRY DAYS	53%	55%	70%	77%	88%	96%	99%	97%	91%	72%	62%	51%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	71%	76%	82%	88%	95%	99%	99%	99%	95%	81%	74%	69%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.81	0.57	0.43	0.20	0.09	0.03	0.00	0.03	0.20	0.66	0.79	0.92
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	17%	17%	12%	10%	7%	5%	2%	5%	10%	22%	24%	22%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	1%	3%	3%	4%	4%	4%	4%	2%	1%	1%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 58% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 42% in December, to a high of 82% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 94° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be close to actual ones. The area has a typical Mediterranean three-season year. Winters start with the first heavy rains of October. They are moderately cloudy, chilly and raw rather than cold, and wet. They gradually give way to spring in late February, when the first of the woody plants start to bloom. Summer starts in May; and is sunny, hot and dry. Crops and native plants both grow all year around; and, since the native woody plants are evergreen, there is no “fall”. The best weather comes from May through September.