

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF MILOS, GREECE

LOCATION: The island of Milos is located in the Cyclades group in the southern Aegean Sea. The island is volcanic, with elevations ranging from sea level to some 2,464 feet above it at the summit of Mount Paximadhi. It has been mined for millennia for obsidian (volcanic glass), sulfur, and other minerals. The island capital is Plaka, and the major port is Adamas. Milos gets no mass-market tourists, and relatively few other visitors. It has scenic views, good beaches, and interesting hot springs. Camping is not permitted on the island.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:58	10:50	11:57	13:07	14:07	14:38	14:25	13:34	12:28	11:18	10:16	9:43
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:49	4:37	6:03	8:24	10:48	12:25	12:57	12:21	10:13	6:58	5:30	3:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	35%	36%	45%	56%	69%	85%	95%	95%	84%	59%	47%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	37 °	38 °	41 °	48 °	52 °	60 °	66 °	66 °	62 °	52 °	48 °	42 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	47 °	47 °	49 °	54 °	60 °	68 °	71 °	71 °	67 °	61 °	55 °	50 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	55 °	55 °	59 °	65 °	73 °	81 °	83 °	82 °	78 °	70 °	64 °	58 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	64 °	66 °	69 °	76 °	85 °	94 °	98 °	92 °	89 °	82 °	72 °	68 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	9%	10%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	64%	61%	57%	51%	48%	51%	52%	57%	62%	64%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	59 °	58 °	58 °	61 °	65 °	71 °	75 °	77 °	75 °	71 °	67 °	62 °
DRY DAYS	67%	68%	78%	85%	93%	98%	99%	99%	96%	85%	76%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	84%	88%	93%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	91%	85%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.47	0.35	0.30	0.16	0.07	0.01	0.00	0.01	0.04	0.25	0.41	0.58
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	8%	7%	5%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	2%	7%	8%	10%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	2%	1%	4%	3%	3%	1%	2%	5%	7%	3%	2%	2%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 65% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 38% in January, to a high of 91% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 35° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 100° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty close to actual ones. The island has the typical Mediterranean three-season year. Winter starts with the first heavy rains of October. It is chilly and raw, rather than cold; and also cloudy and wet. Spring starts with the first blooming of local vegetation, and continues on into summer. Summer starts in May; and is very sunny, moderately hot, and very dry. Since both crops and local vegetation continue to grow all year around and since the local woody plants are evergreen, there is no “fall”. The best weather comes from May through early October.