

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE AMALFI COAST, ITALY

LOCATION: The Amalfi Coast is located in southern Italy, just south of the Bay of Naples. The area is essentially the southward-facing slopes of the Sorrentine Peninsula, facing on the Gulf of Salerno. The Amalfi Coast is usually thought of as stretching from Sorrento around the tip of the peninsula to Salerno. This coast is extremely rocky and precipitous. Elevations range from sea level to more than 4,000 feet above it along the peninsula's rock spine.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:38	10:38	11:55	13:16	14:26	15:02	14:47	13:48	12:31	11:10	9:59	9:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:45	4:24	5:10	6:25	7:59	9:14	10:11	9:38	7:53	6:10	4:10	3:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	51%	50%	49%	51%	59%	68%	79%	77%	70%	59%	54%	52%
LOW FOR MONTH	39°	38°	43°	47°	54°	62°	65°	66°	62°	52°	46°	39°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	47°	46°	51°	55°	62°	68°	72°	72°	69°	63°	57°	50°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56°	55°	61°	66°	74°	80°	85°	84°	81°	73°	67°	59°
HIGH FOR MONTH	64°	65°	71°	77°	86°	90°	94°	92°	90°	83°	76°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	14%	19%	2%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	68%	68%	67%	66%	64%	61%	62%	66%	69%	71%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	59°	58°	58°	60°	64°	71°	74°	77°	76°	72°	66°	61°
DRY DAYS	68%	65%	69%	67%	79%	85%	92%	87%	81%	68%	64%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	73%	71%	76%	78%	88%	90%	97%	93%	85%	76%	67%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.90	1.02	0.84	0.81	0.39	0.31	0.10	0.15	0.70	1.00	1.42	1.04
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	8%	10%	8%	10%	6%	9%	6%	11%	15%	20%	18%	10%
FOGGY DAYS	17%	20%	18%	16%	17%	17%	17%	15%	20%	20%	18%	19%

COMMENTS: The Amalfi Coast enjoys a marine version of the typical Mediterranean three-season year. Its southward face keeps temperatures warmer than normal for the area, and the onshore breezes throughout the year lead to abundant rainfall. Summers are long, very sunny, and hot--but rarely uncomfortably so. They are also quite dry. Winters are short, moderately sunny, and quite mild. Snow flurries are not uncommon, but snow on the ground is virtually unknown at sea level, although fairly common higher up the mountains. Spring is characterized by blossoming and renewed vigor of the local vegetation--although some growth continues all through the winter. Since the native vegetation is evergreen, there is no "fall" and hence no autumn. Winter is presumed to start with the first heavy rains of September, and grades imperceptibly into Spring.