

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE CAGLIARI AREA (SARDINIA), ITALY

LOCATION: Cagliari is located on the south shore of the island of Sardinia. It is situated at the junction of the Mannu River with the Gulf of Cagliari. The land immediately surrounding the city is low-lying, and elevations within the general area are all within a few hundred feet of sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:45	10:42	11:56	13:13	14:19	14:53	14:39	13:43	12:30	11:13	10:05	9:29
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:26	4:46	6:03	7:08	8:47	9:34	10:46	10:03	8:14	6:22	4:44	3:57
AREA OF BLUE SKY	46%	45%	48%	51%	60%	72%	87%	90%	67%	54%	46%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	33 °	35 °	37 °	41 °	47 °	54 °	61 °	61 °	57 °	48 °	41 °	35 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44 °	44 °	46 °	49 °	55 °	61 °	65 °	67 °	64 °	57 °	50 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57 °	58 °	61 °	65 °	73 °	80 °	86 °	86 °	80 °	73 °	65 °	59 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	65 °	65 °	70 °	74 °	82 °	90 °	96 °	95 °	89 °	81 °	74 °	67 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	7%	4%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	23%	22%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	67%	65%	63%	61%	56%	55%	58%	61%	65%	68%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	58 °	57 °	58 °	59 °	63 °	69 °	75 °	77 °	74 °	70 °	65 °	61 °
DRY DAYS	70%	64%	66%	67%	78%	85%	97%	96%	85%	73%	64%	63%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	84%	84%	84%	89%	93%	99%	98%	92%	85%	80%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.29	0.32	0.29	0.24	0.17	0.10	0.02	0.05	0.19	0.37	0.46	0.39
SNOWY DAYS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	6%	5%	7%	6%	6%	4%	6%	11%	11%	8%	5%
FOGGY DAYS	14%	14%	14%	13%	12%	11%	12%	11%	12%	12%	13%	14%

COMMENTS: The area has a three-season Mediterranean year. Spring runs roughly from March through May, and is more of a vegetative season than a weather one. Although vegetative and crop growth continues throughout the year, spring brings a spurt of new growth and more blossoms than any other season. It features lengthening and warming days, as the cool spells grow less frequent and less cold, and the warm spell increase and strengthen. June through the first heavy rains of October is considered summer. Summer afternoons are generally very sunny, hot, and only moderately humid. These hot days are usually associated with the *scirocco*, a hot wind from the south that originates in the central Sahara desert of north Africa. These winds start out dry, but pick up considerable moisture over the Mediterranean and arrive very humid. They can also carry a considerable quantity of dust. The skies become yellowish-gray, the air is heavy with mists and vapors, the sun is a barely visible disk. Winter starts with the first heavy rains of October, and is more a rainy season than a cold one. Temperatures will drop below freezing on only three or four mornings during the season. Snow is limited to the odd flurry.