

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO GENOA AND THE ITALIAN RIVIERA

LOCATION: The Italian Riviera is located in extreme northwestern Italy. It stretches along the shores of the Ligurian Sea from the French border at Monaco to La Spezia. Genoa is its largest city and service center. West of Genoa is the Riviera di Ponente, with its generally better beaches and milder climate. East of Genoa is the Riviera di Levante, with its narrower coastal strip and pine-clad hills. Elevations are close to sea level along the Riviera proper, but rise to more than 3,000 above it in the bordering mountains. It is these mountains that protect the Riviera from the worst of northern European winters.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:16	10:25	11:54	13:27	14:47	15:29	15:11	14:03	12:35	11:03	9:40	8:56
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:57	4:29	5:16	6:22	7:20	8:19	9:34	8:38	6:44	5:35	3:36	3:37
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	51%	45%	42%	45%	50%	61%	64%	56%	47%	46%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	32 °	33 °	37 °	44 °	50 °	56 °	62 °	62 °	57 °	48 °	40 °	35 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	43 °	47 °	52 °	58 °	65 °	69 °	70 °	65 °	58 °	50 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	51 °	52 °	57 °	62 °	69 °	75 °	80 °	81 °	76 °	68 °	58 °	53 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	62 °	62 °	66 °	73 °	80 °	85 °	89 °	89 °	84 °	77 °	68 °	63 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	7%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	62%	62%	64%	65%	69%	68%	65%	65%	65%	64%	61%	63%
NEARBY WATERS	56 °	55 °	56 °	58 °	62 °	67 °	72 °	75 °	71 °	68 °	63 °	56 °
DRY DAYS	66%	66%	65%	59%	61%	70%	81%	79%	70%	59%	62%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	76%	76%	76%	78%	83%	89%	88%	79%	70%	70%	76%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.75	0.77	0.64	0.51	0.42	0.28	0.34	0.76	1.14	1.18	0.82
SNOWY DAYS	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	3%	4%	7%	8%	12%	11%	15%	12%	12%	6%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	10%	6%	6%	5%	8%	10%	10%	11%	8%	8%	5%

COMMENTS: With a latitude farther north than that of Boston, the area has remarkably mild winters--but they do get a winter. However, only three or four days each year will drop below freezing. Snow flurries are common enough, but snow on the ground is rare. Spring brings lengthening days and more frequent spells of warm weather. Summers are warm to hot and sunny. Really hot days are rare. Autumn brings falling leaves to the deciduous trees, and shortening days. Cold spells begin to outnumber warm ones. The *maestrale* is a shallow, very cold wind of gale force that blows from the mountains down to the sea. Winter and spring are the most common seasons for this unpleasant wind. It is most violent near the shore in the early morning.