

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NAPLES AREA, ITALY

LOCATION: Naples is located in southern Italy. It is Italy's third largest city, after Rome and Milan, and is the cultural capital of the southern part of the country. The city is situated on shores of the scenic Gulf of Naples, an inlet of the Tyrennian Sea. Elevations within the city are close to sea level, but volcanic Vesuvius looms nearby, rising 4,167 feet above the bay.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:37	10:37	11:55	13:17	14:27	15:04	14:48	13:49	12:31	11:10	9:58	9:19
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:45	4:24	5:10	6:26	8:00	9:15	10:12	9:39	7:53	6:10	4:10	3:16
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	47%	48%	48%	55%	65%	77%	78%	67%	55%	48%	46%
LOW FOR MONTH	30 °	32 °	34 °	39 °	46 °	54 °	59 °	59 °	54 °	45 °	36 °	33 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41 °	42 °	45 °	49 °	56 °	62 °	67 °	67 °	62 °	56 °	49 °	44 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54 °	55 °	59 °	65 °	73 °	79 °	85 °	85 °	79 °	71 °	63 °	57 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	62 °	64 °	69 °	75 °	84 °	89 °	93 °	93 °	88 °	80 °	72 °	65 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	7%	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	21%	25%	4%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	64%	62%	60%	60%	57%	54%	54%	58%	62%	66%	68%
NEARBY WATERS	59 °	58 °	58 °	60 °	64 °	70 °	74 °	77 °	75 °	71 °	66 °	60 °
DRY DAYS	62%	58%	62%	58%	72%	81%	91%	87%	75%	61%	58%	57%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	77%	79%	77%	85%	90%	95%	93%	84%	74%	73%	74%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.61	0.57	0.48	0.50	0.32	0.25	0.15	0.19	0.52	0.84	0.83	0.76
SNOWY DAYS	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	8%	11%	7%	10%	7%	8%	6%	10%	13%	16%	13%	10%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	4%	4%	4%	4%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	2%	2%

COMMENTS: Naples has a Mediterranean three-season climate, although the summers are not completely dry as they would be in the classical case. Spring runs from March through May, and brings spells of cloudy, wet, cold weather alternating with spells of sunny, warm, and dry weather. Summer includes the months of June through the first heavy rains of late September. It is sunny, hot (sometimes very hot), and fairly dry. Winter is the rainy season, and cool to chilly rather than cold. It starts with the first heavy rains in September and merges gradually into spring sometime in early March. Naples is large enough to have a distinct "urban heat island" effect. Under dry and windless conditions (or near), the city center will be significantly warmer than the surrounding suburbs. This is particularly noticeable at night and during the cooler months. Any kind of breeze diminishes the effect and any kind of precipitation will wash it away.