

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO OLBIA AND THE *COSTA SMERALDA* (SARDINIA), ITALY

LOCATION: Olbia is located on the northeast coast (the “Emerald Coast”) of the Italian island of Sardinia. The city is situated at the head of the narrow Gulf of Olbia, with mountains rising to over 2,000 feet in elevation immediately behind the city. The city itself, of course, is close to sea level. The *Costa Smeralda* proper lies to the north of Olbia. It was developed by the Aga Khan in the 1960's, and remains strictly “high-rent”. Olbia is connected by air and by ferry with the European mainland.

	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	14:49	13:49	12:31	11:10	9:58	9:19
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:09	4:52	6:05	7:14	9:13	10:26	11:41	10:16	8:20	6:20	4:35	3:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	47%	48%	50%	56%	67%	80%	77%	65%	54%	50%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	37 °	37 °	39 °	42 °	48 °	55 °	61 °	62 °	57 °	49 °	42 °	38 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44 °	44 °	46 °	49 °	54 °	61 °	66 °	67 °	63 °	56 °	49 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	57 °	58 °	59 °	63 °	70 °	78 °	83 °	84 °	78 °	70 °	63 °	58 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	63 °	63 °	67 °	70 °	78 °	88 °	91 °	92 °	87 °	80 °	72 °	66 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	15%	14%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	68%	66%	64%	62%	56%	54%	57%	63%	68%	70%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	57 °	56 °	56 °	58 °	62 °	69 °	73 °	75 °	72 °	68 °	63 °	59 °
DRY DAYS	71%	63%	64%	65%	79%	82%	91%	89%	80%	77%	67%	62%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	83%	83%	82%	90%	92%	99%	95%	90%	87%	82%	82%
DRY HOURS	90%	89%	90%	89%	94%	98%	99%	99%	96%	93%	90%	90%
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	3%	4%	4%	4%	7%	5%	8%	9%	10%	7%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	17%	14%	21%	19%	20%	23%	19%	21%	21%	19%	16%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 59% of the year’s daylight hours. This might range from a low of 41% in December, to a high of 79% in July. The year’s lowest temperature should be close to 34°, and the highest should be near 95°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be fairly close to actual ones. The area’s climate is typically Mediterranean, with its high percentage of sunshine the year around, and its winter rains and summer drought. Like many Mediterranean coasts, the area gets its share of early morning and late evening fogs. About one day in five is fairly foggy throughout. Residents claim that this simply lends an air of enchantment to an already beautiful coast.