

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO PARMA AND THE VIA EMILIA, ITALY

LOCATION: Parma is the capital and chief city of the province of the same name, and an important university town. The city is located astride the Via Emilia, the old main Roman highway running up the Po Valley along its southwestern margin. It is situated on the banks of the Parma River, a tributary of the Po. The city itself is close to sea level, but the Apennine Mountains rise steeply just behind the town.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:14 | 10:24 | 11:54 | 13:28 | 14:49 | 15:32 | 15:13 | 14:04 | 12:35 | 11:02 | 9:39 | 8:53 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 2:27 | 4:34 | 4:34 | 6:31 | 8:19 | 9:55 | 10:40 | 9:27 | 8:04 | 5:06 | 1:53 | 1:42 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 39% | 44% | 42% | 41% | 44% | 49% | 57% | 59% | 52% | 41% | 35% | 35% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 16° | 22° | 29° | 35° | 42° | 50° | 56° | 54° | 49° | 39° | 29° | 21° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 29° | 32° | 39° | 45° | 52° | 59° | 64° | 63° | 58° | 50° | 40° | 32° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 40° | 45° | 57° | 64° | 73° | 80° | 86° | 85° | 78° | 65° | 51° | 43° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 53° | 58° | 69° | 75° | 83° | 91° | 95° | 93° | 87° | 76° | 63° | 55° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 69% | 55% | 16% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 21% | 57% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 23% | 20% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 78% | 70% | 62% | 56% | 58% | 53% | 52% | 52% | 59% | 68% | 76% | 82% |
| DRY DAYS | 77% | 75% | 69% | 62% | 67% | 71% | 84% | 85% | 82% | 71% | 74% | 76% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 89% | 88% | 83% | 78% | 81% | 85% | 90% | 92% | 89% | 82% | 85% | 88% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.32 | 0.39 | 0.49 | 0.58 | 0.42 | 0.39 | 0.27 | 0.27 | 0.46 | 0.50 | 0.65 | 0.47 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 6.5" | 5.3" | 0.9" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 2.3" | 5.2" |
| SNOWY DAYS | 8% | 8% | 2% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 3% | 6% |
| THUNDER DAYS | 1% | 0% | 3% | 5% | 9% | 11% | 10% | 9% | 8% | 4% | 1% | 1% |
| FOGGY DAYS | 43% | 41% | 26% | 21% | 14% | 14% | 15% | 17% | 21% | 33% | 42% | 44% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 48% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 19% in cloudy and foggy December, to a high of 70% in clear and sunny July. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 14° at some windless January sunrise, and the high will be near 96° on some sunny July afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. The Po Valley is synonymous with fog throughout Italy, and Parma comes in for its share. These fogs often burn off before noon during the summer months, but can hang around for days during the winter—or, indeed, at any time of year. Snowfalls are common enough during the winter months, but winter rain is even more common. Hence, snow rarely stays on the ground past noon of the next day.