

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ROME AREA, ITALY

LOCATION: LOCATION: Rome, Italy's capital, is located in west-central Italy, some twelve miles from the Tyrrhenian Sea. The city is situated on the Tiber River, which enters the sea at Ostia, Rome's seaport. The modern city has more than the seven hills of the ancient one, and elevations range from almost sea level to some 456 feet above it.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:31	10:34	11:55	13:20	14:32	15:11	14:55	13:53	12:32	11:08	9:53	9:12
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:30	5:09	5:53	6:48	8:37	10:15	12:05	11:15	8:30	6:23	4:37	4:00
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	47%	47%	46%	51%	62%	77%	79%	64%	51%	47%	45%
LOW FOR MONTH	28 °	30 °	33 °	38 °	44 °	54 °	59 °	59 °	54 °	43 °	35 °	31 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	39 °	40 °	44 °	48 °	55 °	62 °	66 °	66 °	62 °	55 °	47 °	42 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	53 °	55 °	60 °	65 °	73 °	80 °	86 °	86 °	80 °	71 °	61 °	55 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	61 °	64 °	68 °	73 °	83 °	89 °	93 °	93 °	87 °	80 °	71 °	64 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	19%	15%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	10%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	23%	21%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	63%	57%	55%	54%	48%	42%	43%	50%	58%	66%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	57 °	57 °	57 °	58 °	63 °	70 °	74 °	76 °	73 °	68 °	64 °	58 °
DRY DAYS	66%	65%	67%	62%	74%	81%	94%	90%	80%	64%	61%	64%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	81%	82%	79%	86%	90%	97%	94%	88%	76%	75%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.52	0.48	0.44	0.41	0.34	0.24	0.10	0.16	0.43	0.79	0.74	0.63
LIKELY SNOWFALL	1.3"	1.9"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.4"	0.9"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	5%	7%	6%	9%	6%	6%	6%	7%	11%	14%	12%	8%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	14%	16%	13%	17%	12%	11%	11%	10%	13%	14%	11%	13%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 60% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 44% in December, to a high of 81% in July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 95° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty close to actual ones. In summer, the late afternoons are made more bearable by the westerly *ponentino* which usually blows in from the Tyrrhenian Sea about that time. This fresh breeze has the effect of dropping temperatures and bringing a delightful freshness to the otherwise hot and oppressive summer air. Romans consider early October (**before** the heavy rains start) as the most romantic time of year. Picnics and country excursions are popular, a continuation of the ancient celebration of “*ottobrate*”. Once the heavy rains start, these outdoor excursions cease, and Rome concentrates on it “city life”.