

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LAKE COMO RESORT AREA, ITALY

LOCATION: Lake Como is located in the province of Como in the Italian Lake District of northern Italy, up against the border with Switzerland. The lake is situated in a narrow branching valley between the Bergamo Alps and the Lugano Alps. Elevations are around 650 feet above sea level for the lake, with the bordering resort towns a few tens of feet higher. The two best known of these resort towns are Bellagio, at the fork of the lake, and Cernobbio, at the end of the lake's western arm. The area is noted for its natural scenery and for the many beautiful homes and resorts along the lakeshore.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:06	10:20	11:53	13:31	14:56	15:41	15:22	14:10	12:36	10:59	9:32	8:44
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:18	4:23	5:18	6:02	6:16	7:40	8:36	7:46	6:16	4:38	3:13	3:04
AREA OF BLUE SKY	49%	52%	48%	45%	44%	51%	59%	58%	53%	44%	43%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	20 °	22 °	29 °	34 °	41 °	48 °	52 °	52 °	45 °	36 °	30 °	21 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	30 °	32 °	38 °	45 °	52 °	58 °	62 °	61 °	56 °	47 °	39 °	33 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	46 °	54 °	61 °	69 °	76 °	81 °	79 °	72 °	62 °	51 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	56 °	65 °	70 °	76 °	82 °	88 °	91 °	90 °	84 °	75 °	65 °	57 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	66%	50%	16%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	49%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	59%	54%	53%	57%	54%	52%	55%	59%	64%	67%	67%
DRY DAYS	76%	77%	70%	62%	55%	61%	67%	68%	71%	65%	67%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	85%	80%	74%	69%	71%	75%	75%	77%	74%	76%	84%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.41	0.45	0.63	0.91	1.10	1.04	0.91	1.00	0.96	1.04	0.85	0.50
LIKELY SNOWFALL	11.3"	12.7"	4.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.8"	8.6"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	11%	12%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	7%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	2%	9%	17%	22%	25%	22%	10%	4%	2%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	15%	9%	5%	3%	4%	4%	4%	8%	14%	18%	18%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 45% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 34% in November, to a high of 56% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 18 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 92 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be two to three degrees cooler than actual ones, due to the combination of temperature and humidity. The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season climate, with warm (occasionally hot) summers and cold winters. Snowfall is extremely variable, both from year to year and from place to place around the lake. Water temperatures average in the middle 50's, dropping close to freezing in the winter and warming to the high 60's in the summer. Shallow, sheltered areas with light onshore breezes may occasionally reach into the low 70's.