

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SONDRIO AND THE VALTELLINA, ITALY

LOCATION: The Valtellina is a long (75 miles) Alpine valley of the Adda River in far northern Italy—just south of the Alps and the Austrian border. The valley extends from the Stelvio Pass on the Austrian border downstream to Lake Como. The capital of the Valtellina is the town of Sondrio. Mount Bernina rises some 13,255 feet in elevation only a few miles northeast of Sondrio. The sunnier slopes of the valley are terraced with grapevines.

| | JAN | FEB | MAR | APR | MAY | JUN | JUL | AUG | SEP | OCT | NOV | DEC |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT | 9:05 | 10:19 | 11:53 | 13:32 | 14:57 | 15:43 | 15:24 | 14:11 | 12:37 | 10:59 | 9:31 | 8:43 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE | 3:37 | 4:35 | 5:11 | 5:45 | 5:54 | 7:12 | 8:03 | 7:21 | 6:12 | 4:51 | 3:33 | 3:22 |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY | 57% | 58% | 51% | 47% | 44% | 50% | 58% | 58% | 55% | 49% | 51% | 56% |
| LOW FOR MONTH | 18° | 21° | 27° | 34° | 40° | 47° | 51° | 50° | 44° | 34° | 26° | 19° |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE | 26° | 30° | 36° | 44° | 51° | 57° | 61° | 59° | 54° | 44° | 35° | 28° |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 41° | 46° | 55° | 63° | 71° | 77° | 82° | 79° | 73° | 61° | 50° | 42° |
| HIGH FOR MONTH | 55° | 65° | 71° | 77° | 83° | 89° | 92° | 91° | 85° | 75° | 63° | 56° |
| FROSTY MORNINGS | 75% | 59% | 23% | 4% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 5% | 29% | 62% |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90° | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 1% | 4% | 11% | 8% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY | 60% | 54% | 49% | 50% | 53% | 52% | 51% | 53% | 56% | 60% | 61% | 63% |
| DRY DAYS | 80% | 80% | 73% | 69% | 58% | 62% | 66% | 68% | 73% | 67% | 72% | 80% |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS | 89% | 89% | 85% | 83% | 76% | 79% | 80% | 81% | 83% | 79% | 82% | 89% |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION | 0.28 | 0.31 | 0.41 | 0.41 | 0.62 | 0.46 | 0.51 | 0.53 | 0.56 | 0.65 | 0.52 | 0.30 |
| LIKELY SNOWFALL | 8.8" | 8.1" | 2.6" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 0.0" | 1.7" | 7.6" |
| DAYS WITH SOME SNOW | 8% | 8% | 3% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 0% | 2% | 7% |
| DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER | 0% | 0% | 1% | 6% | 17% | 22% | 27% | 24% | 10% | 3% | 2% | 0% |
| DAYS WITH SOME FOG | 10% | 12% | 7% | 6% | 5% | 5% | 6% | 7% | 7% | 8% | 9% | 11% |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 45% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 37% in cloudy November, to a high of 52% in the summer months of July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 16° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 93° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be fairly close to actual ones. The valley between Lake Como and Tirano trends east-west, giving it a “sunny side” facing south and a “shady side” facing north. These two sides have quite different land uses that reflect this climatic division, with the sunny side more given over to agriculture and the shady side more likely to be in pasture. The best weather comes from late June through the first week or two in October.