

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE KISINEV AREA, MOLDOVA

LOCATION: Moldova (once known as Moldavia, and before that as Bessarabia) is an eastern European nation located between the Ukraine and Romania. The Ukraine surrounds it on three sides, with Romania making up the western fourth side. Geographically, the nation consists largely of the gently rolling uplands between the Danube River (which makes up the Romanian border) and the Dnister River (which follows the Ukrainian border in some places, but not in others). Moldova is land-locked, and has no port on the Black Sea. The nation's capital is Kisinev (also spelled Kishinev and Chisinau), on the Bac River, a tributary of the Danube. Elevations are close to 300 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:59	10:16	11:53	13:34	15:03	15:50	15:30	14:15	12:38	10:57	9:26	8:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:20	2:50	4:22	6:28	8:15	9:40	10:08	9:43	7:38	5:26	2:29	1:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	26%	29%	33%	34%	40%	50%	53%	52%	42%	25%	25%
LOW FOR MONTH	4 °	8 °	17 °	31 °	41 °	48 °	52 °	50 °	41 °	29 °	21 °	10 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	20 °	23 °	30 °	40 °	51 °	57 °	60 °	59 °	51 °	42 °	34 °	26 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32 °	34 °	44 °	59 °	71 °	77 °	80 °	80 °	72 °	60 °	46 °	36 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	47 °	50 °	65 °	74 °	83 °	87 °	90 °	89 °	85 °	74 °	61 °	51 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	82%	82%	54%	6%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	10%	43%	70%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	71%	69%	60%	47%	43%	46%	47%	44%	46%	53%	68%	74%
DRY DAYS	62%	55%	63%	68%	65%	60%	67%	75%	78%	76%	66%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	84%	88%	83%	82%	78%	83%	86%	88%	88%	84%	85%
DRY HOURS	81%	78%	82%	85%	89%	89%	91%	94%	94%	91%	84%	82%
LIKELY SNOWFALL	13.6"	12.9"	4.7"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	4.8"	10.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	34%	37%	23%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	12%	28%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	3%	16%	25%	20%	11%	4%	1%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	28%	26%	21%	9%	5%	4%	5%	6%	10%	23%	29%	30%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on about half of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 21% in December, to a high of 68% in August. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 1°, and the highest should be near 92°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be up to 4° cooler than actual ones during the drier warmer months, and pretty much the same as actual ones during the cooler weather. The area has a mid-latitude steppe climate, with warm to hot summers and cold winters. Precipitation is light, and comes mostly as brief but intense showers during the warmer months.