

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KIRKENES AND COASTAL FINNMARK, NORWAY

LOCATION: The year-around port of Kirkenes is located in extreme northeastern Norway, only a few miles from the Russian border. The town is situated in a fjord off of the Barents Sea at the head of the Pasvikelv River. It is the northern terminus of the Norwegian coastal steamer line. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	1:35	7:11	11:36	16:06	22:01	24:00	23:46	18:17	13:30	9:08	3:53	0:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	0:05	1:37	5:25	9:31	10:25	11:05	10:00	7:26	4:33	2:22	0:15	0:00
AREA OF BLUE SKY	29%	29%	41%	47%	38%	36%	35%	33%	29%	27%	25%	28%
LOW FOR MONTH	-22°	-14°	-8°	6°	23°	33°	41°	37°	29°	16°	-4°	-13°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	7°	8°	14°	24°	34°	42°	48°	46°	40°	29°	18°	10°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	18°	18°	25°	34°	43°	53°	59°	56°	48°	36°	26°	20°
HIGH FOR MONTH	36°	36°	38°	44°	60°	75°	77°	71°	60°	49°	39°	36°
FROSTY MORNINGS	100%	97%	97%	86%	41%	4%	0%	0%	10%	63%	93%	99%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	79%	79%	74%	67%	61%	58%	60%	64%	70%	79%	82%	81%
NEARBY WATERS	38°	36°	36°	38°	39°	42°	45°	48°	46°	43°	42°	39°
DRY DAYS	44%	52%	63%	58%	65%	61%	66%	59%	55%	49%	47%	44%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	89%	89%	89%	90%	86%	84%	84%	82%	84%	81%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.14	0.16	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.25	0.36	0.31	0.31	0.25	0.22	0.17
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.1"	7.9"	6.2"	5.0"	3.9"	2.4"	0.1"	0.0"	1.6"	7.0"	10.2"	8.0"
SNOWY DAYS	44%	41%	34%	29%	16%	6%	0%	0%	4%	23%	41%	43%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	6%	8%	3%	4%	5%	9%	9%	6%	6%	8%	8%

COMMENTS: The tiny current that is all that remains of the once-mighty Gulf Stream is still sufficient to keep the harbor largely unfrozen throughout the long Arctic winters. The area therefore has a maritime version of the sub-polar climate. Summer afternoons feature continuous daylight, with sunshine on somewhat less than half the hours. Humidities are high, and temperatures are generally cool, occasionally mild, and only rarely warm. No month is completely free of flurries, but serious snowfalls usually start in early October and continue on into late May. The sun remains below the horizon from late November through late January. Most winter days never get above freezing, and about one in three will record below-zero temperatures.