

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SALZBURG AREA, AUSTRIA

LOCATION: Salzburg, the capital of the state of the same name, is located in north-central Austria. The city is situated on the banks of the Salzach River, about three miles from the German border. Elevations are around 1,400 feet above sea level near the city center, with the castle some 400 feet higher.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:54	10:13	11:52	13:37	15:08	15:57	15:36	14:18	12:38	10:55	9:21	8:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:21	3:19	4:23	5:12	6:16	6:43	7:03	6:48	5:50	4:26	2:28	2:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	32%	35%	33%	35%	36%	40%	44%	44%	39%	27%	26%
LOW FOR MONTH	5 °	5 °	17 °	27 °	34 °	42 °	47 °	46 °	38 °	28 °	20 °	8 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	23 °	24 °	31 °	39 °	46 °	51 °	55 °	55 °	50 °	41 °	33 °	26 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	35 °	38 °	49 °	56 °	66 °	71 °	74 °	73 °	68 °	57 °	45 °	36 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	50 °	53 °	66 °	75 °	81 °	85 °	89 °	88 °	83 °	73 °	62 °	52 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	80%	79%	51%	18%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	49%	70%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	74%	67%	59%	57%	57%	57%	58%	59%	61%	66%	74%	78%
DRY DAYS	50%	52%	57%	49%	47%	40%	44%	47%	56%	60%	55%	53%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	78%	78%	72%	69%	62%	60%	65%	72%	77%	76%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.46	0.42	0.60	0.82	1.12	1.25	1.08	0.81	0.55	0.48	0.44
LIKELY SNOWFALL	18.6"	15.0"	9.2"	7.8"	1.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	10.0"	15.6"
SNOWY DAYS	31%	27%	15%	11%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	26%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	1%	4%	15%	19%	21%	15%	7%	1%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	23%	21%	11%	5%	3%	2%	3%	5%	14%	24%	28%	33%

COMMENTS: The region has a mid-latitude four-season climate. Precipitation is abundant in all months, with a distinct summer maximum. Summer afternoons are mild to warm, only occasionally hot. Summer nights are generally cool, and occasionally chilly. Winter afternoons are usually cold, and will remain below freezing about one day in five. Winter nights are almost always below freezing. Snow is a bit more common than rain during the winter months, but the rains of the thaws keep the snow from remaining all winter at this elevation. The surrounding mountains, of course, will be snow-covered most of the winter. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, featuring an alternation of warm spells and cold spells. Both the Alps themselves and many of their major valley run more or less east-west. This creates a contrast in the climates of the two sides of the valleys. The north side of the valley usually faces south, and is called the "sunny side" in most of the Alpine languages. The south side of the valley usually faces north, and is called the "shady side". The sunny side is warmer and has more pastures than the shady side, which is cooler and has more forests.