

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LECH AND THE ARLBERG, AUSTRIA

LOCATION: The resort community of Lech is located in the province of Vorarlberg, in western Austria. The town is situated high (4,760') in the Arlberg,, near the head of the valley of the Lech River. Lech is situated on the northern slope of the Arlberg, with the valley opening to the north. Cable cars run up the Roflikopf, the Krigerhorn, and Zuger. The smaller resort town of Zurs sits some 900 feet higher and four miles farther south up the valley. Lech is a fairly upscale resort town, with few budget facilities.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:58	10:15	11:53	13:35	15:04	15:52	15:32	14:15	12:38	10:56	9:25	8:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	2:15	3:11	4:49	5:26	6:03	6:00	6:28	6:16	5:40	4:23	2:39	1:59
AREA OF BLUE SKY	28%	31%	39%	37%	38%	35%	38%	41%	44%	39%	29%	27%
LOW FOR MONTH	-1 °	-2 °	9 °	17 °	26 °	34 °	37 °	37 °	30 °	21 °	13 °	3 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	14 °	15 °	22 °	28 °	36 °	41 °	45 °	44 °	40 °	31 °	23 °	17 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	27 °	30 °	40 °	47 °	55 °	61 °	65 °	63 °	57 °	48 °	36 °	28 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	38 °	43 °	53 °	61 °	68 °	73 °	77 °	74 °	68 °	60 °	48 °	39 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	99%	100%	90%	69%	16%	2%	0%	0%	6%	52%	92%	97%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	62%	52%	51%	54%	58%	57%	59%	60%	61%	67%	71%
DRY DAYS	52%	49%	54%	49%	43%	35%	42%	45%	52%	55%	53%	56%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	78%	77%	72%	68%	61%	62%	66%	71%	75%	75%	79%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.48	0.42	0.44	0.57	0.74	1.01	1.08	1.00	0.77	0.51	0.45	0.47
LIKELY SNOWFALL	42.3"	33.9"	21.7"	22.9"	12.0"	4.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	15.7"	27.7"	41.6"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	45%	49%	24%	23%	10%	3%	0%	0%	0%	15%	32%	42%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	3%	11%	19%	20%	17%	5%	1%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	18%	15%	5%	4%	2%	1%	1%	3%	6%	14%	15%	17%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 37% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 23% in December, to a high of 45% in September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -4 on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 78 on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be slightly cooler than actual ones during the warmer months, due to the humidity and relatively thin air. Snowfall amounts are extremely variable from year to year and from place to place here in the high mountains. Winds tend to blow strongly down the slopes at night, and rather weakly up the slopes during the daylight hours. Elevation and--to a lesser degree--slope orientation rule local climates. You can expect daytime temperatures to drop an average of 1°F for each 300'-increase in elevation--and vice versa going downhill.