

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO KRAKOW AND THE POLISH JURA, POLAND

LOCATION: Krakow, Poland's ancient capital, is located in southeastern Poland. The city is centered on its Old Town, which is situated on the north bank of the Vistula River. Elevations are some 700 feet above sea level. The Polish Jura is a common name for the Krakow-Czestochowa upland, since it is underlain by the same limestone formation that gave its name to the Jurassic era and is found in the Jura region of France. The limestone is characterized by caves and picturesque rock formations. Ojcow National Park, near Krakow, typifies the region.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:37	10:03	11:51	13:45	15:24	16:19	15:56	14:30	12:41	10:49	9:07	8:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:28	1:59	2:59	4:22	6:07	6:52	6:51	6:38	5:41	4:10	2:09	1:19
AREA OF BLUE SKY	27%	28%	33%	37%	40%	40%	42%	47%	43%	38%	26%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	5 °	7 °	18 °	27 °	36 °	43 °	48 °	46 °	38 °	28 °	19 °	8 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	21 °	24 °	30 °	38 °	47 °	53 °	56 °	55 °	48 °	40 °	33 °	26 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	32 °	35 °	45 °	55 °	66 °	71 °	75 °	73 °	66 °	56 °	44 °	35 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	47 °	50 °	63 °	71 °	79 °	84 °	87 °	85 °	81 °	72 °	59 °	50 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	84%	83%	60%	20%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	15%	49%	73%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	83%	78%	69%	59%	57%	60%	60%	62%	66%	70%	81%	85%
DRY DAYS	51%	47%	57%	51%	54%	48%	51%	53%	57%	54%	48%	48%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	85%	84%	76%	76%	71%	73%	75%	77%	76%	77%	85%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.20	0.23	0.22	0.30	0.45	0.62	0.63	0.57	0.39	0.32	0.28	0.23
LIKELY SNOWFALL	9.6"	8.8"	8.2"	3.4"	1.1"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.0"	6.3"	8.5"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	33%	33%	26%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	19%	30%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	1%	4%	12%	17%	15%	13%	4%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	23%	16%	16%	12%	8%	8%	9%	12%	15%	24%	25%	24%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 34% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 16% in December, to a high of 46% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to -2 on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 89 on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. The region has the same four-season year that characterizes much of central Europe. Summer afternoons are long, somewhat cloudy, humid, and warm rather than hot. Summer nights are cool and damp. Add another ninety minutes of twilight to the daylight hours, half at dawn and half at dusk. Half the winter days get no direct sunshine at all. When the sun does shine, it is weak and close to the horizon. Some precipitation will fall on about half the winter days, two thirds of it will be snow and the remaining third rain. This rain, coupled with frequent thaws, leaves the ground bare of snow on one winter day out of three.