

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BRAGANCA AREA, PORTUGAL

LOCATION: Braganca is located in extreme northeastern Portugal. It is the capital of the mountainous district of the same name. The city is situated on a hill overlooking the valley of the Rio Fervenca. The countryside is one of hills to low mountains. Elevations are between 2,000 and 2,500 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:31	10:34	11:55	13:19	14:32	15:10	14:54	13:53	12:32	11:08	9:53	9:13
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:48	5:07	6:11	7:25	8:29	10:27	12:02	11:05	8:15	6:12	4:45	3:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	39%	42%	45%	47%	55%	65%	64%	53%	45%	38%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	22 °	24 °	29 °	31 °	36 °	42 °	46 °	46 °	42 °	34 °	29 °	24 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	32 °	34 °	37 °	40 °	45 °	52 °	56 °	55 °	52 °	45 °	38 °	34 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	46 °	51 °	55 °	60 °	66 °	75 °	82 °	83 °	76 °	64 °	54 °	47 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	56 °	61 °	68 °	74 °	79 °	89 °	94 °	92 °	88 °	76 °	64 °	56 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	38%	33%	9%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	36%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	15%	21%	5%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	66%	60%	52%	52%	47%	41%	41%	47%	59%	68%	75%
DRY DAYS	52%	57%	52%	67%	65%	77%	90%	87%	77%	68%	53%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	71%	74%	73%	81%	81%	88%	96%	94%	88%	81%	73%	70%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.79	0.72	0.61	0.44	0.39	0.26	0.10	0.10	0.25	0.47	0.65	0.77
LIKELY SNOWFALL	3.2 "	4.2 "	1.8 "	0.9 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.9 "	1.4 "
SNOWY DAYS	3%	4%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	7%	8%	10%	10%	8%	8%	3%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	25%	14%	7%	7%	8%	9%	10%	10%	9%	12%	21%	21%

COMMENTS: The region has a four-season variation of the standard Mediterranean three-season climate. Its altitude and its inland location surrounded by mountains gives it a distinct autumn season. Precipitation follows the Mediterranean pattern, with heavy rains in winter and a summer that is relatively dry. Summer runs from early June through late September. Summer afternoons are very sunny, dry, and hot. Summer nights are cool and dry. Autumn is a transitions season, and runs from late September through the middle of November. It features shortening days, increasingly cloudy skies, more frequent rains, and the first frosts. Winter runs from the middle of November through late March. Winter afternoons show more cloud than blue sky, are humid, and are cool to cold. Winter nights drop below freezing about a third of the time. Snowfalls and flurries occur, but are much less common than winter rains. Spring (April through May) is also a season of transition, with cool spells alternating with warm spells as the rains diminish, the days grow longer, and temperatures increase. The higher elevations will, of course, be colder and wetter.