

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO EDINBURGH AND THE FIRTH OF FORTH, SCOTLAND

LOCATION: Edinburgh, the capital of Scotland, is located in the Lothian region of the south-eastern part of that country. The city sits on the south shore of the Firth of Forth, the drowned estuary of the River Forth, and an inlet of the North Sea. Elevations range from sea level to some 443 feet above at the Castle Rock. Edinburgh is actually three cities: the Old Town, the New Town (built in the 1700's), and the modern suburbs.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:42	9:33	11:48	14:09	16:17	17:30	16:58	15:06	12:50	10:30	8:22	7:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:36	2:37	3:30	4:38	5:37	6:01	5:17	4:43	3:57	3:02	1:59	1:21
AREA OF BLUE SKY	24%	24%	28%	29%	27%	29%	27%	26%	30%	26%	25%	24%
LOW FOR MONTH	23 °	24 °	26 °	30 °	34 °	41 °	45 °	43 °	38 °	33 °	27 °	24 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	33 °	33 °	35 °	38 °	43 °	48 °	51 °	51 °	48 °	43 °	38 °	35 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	43 °	43 °	47 °	52 °	57 °	63 °	65 °	65 °	61 °	55 °	48 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	52 °	57 °	62 °	69 °	75 °	75 °	74 °	69 °	63 °	56 °	54 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	45%	42%	34%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	26%	36%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	74%	68%	64%	63%	63%	64%	66%	70%	73%	76%	80%
NEARBY WATERS	44 °	43 °	43 °	44 °	47 °	51 °	54 °	55 °	54 °	52 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	46%	48%	50%	52%	54%	53%	51%	50%	47%	45%	44%	45%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	80%	82%	79%	78%	77%	75%	75%	73%	71%	72%	77%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.32	0.31	0.24	0.26	0.31	0.36	0.46	0.45	0.40	0.40	0.41	0.36
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.1 "	5.1 "	2.9 "	1.2 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	1.4 "	3.1 "
SNOWY DAYS	19%	20%	15%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	11%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	0%	0%	4%	4%	3%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	6%	4%	6%	7%	6%	6%	7%	5%	8%	6%	8%

COMMENTS: Edinburgh has a four-season year. Spring (mid-April through early June) is the season of lengthening days and diminishing frosts. It finds the trees leafing out, and the new annuals sprouting from the ground. Summer (early June through mid-September) is frost-free, with the vegetation in full foliage. Autumn (mid-September through mid-November) is brief, and brings shortening days and increasing frosts. Deciduous trees drop their leaves, and the annuals wither away. Winter (mid-November through mid-April) comes with short dark days, freezing temperatures, and snow. Trees stand with bare branches and vegetative growth is dormant until spring. Much of the rain that falls is light, sometimes only a drizzle. It can persist for days, however, and although the totals are not impressive, it does keep things wet. The Scots simply put on their woollens and go about their business. Visitors are encouraged to do the same.