

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ST. ANDREWS AND THE “OLD COURSE”, SCOTLAND

LOCATION: St. Andrews, the birthplace of the game of golf and the site of the world’s oldest course (the Old Course), is located in east-central Scotland. The town is situated on the north coast of the Fife Peninsula, looking out over the North Sea. Elevations are close to sea level, but the landscape is hilly with many rocky bluffs.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	7:37	9:31	11:48	14:11	16:21	17:36	17:04	15:09	12:51	10:29	8:18	7:02
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:47	2:54	3:39	5:24	6:18	6:41	5:48	5:00	4:38	3:15	2:04	1:29
AREA OF BLUE SKY	31%	30%	31%	34%	33%	32%	32%	30%	35%	31%	32%	30%
LOW FOR MONTH	24 °	25 °	28 °	30 °	35 °	40 °	44 °	43 °	38 °	34 °	28 °	26 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	35 °	35 °	36 °	38 °	43 °	48 °	52 °	51 °	48 °	44 °	39 °	37 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42 °	43 °	47 °	50 °	54 °	60 °	64 °	64 °	60 °	54 °	48 °	44 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	52 °	52 °	56 °	60 °	66 °	73 °	74 °	74 °	69 °	62 °	57 °	53 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	33%	32%	19%	11%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	15%	26%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	75%	72%	67%	64%	68%	65%	65%	66%	66%	73%	72%	76%
NEARBY WATERS	44 °	43 °	43 °	44 °	47 °	51 °	54 °	55 °	54 °	52 °	49 °	48 °
DRY DAYS	49%	53%	56%	59%	59%	58%	53%	55%	54%	50%	49%	49%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	85%	81%	85%	81%	78%	81%	81%	77%	77%	78%	78%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.34	0.25	0.29	0.25	0.30	0.31	0.41	0.35	0.35	0.39	0.36	0.34
LIKELY SNOWFALL	6.2 "	4.3 "	3.6 "	1.4 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	1.2 "	3.4 "
SNOWY DAYS	21%	21%	14%	6%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	12%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	2%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	8%	6%	10%	14%	10%	15%	9%	7%	11%	6%	9%

COMMENTS: Although adjoining the very private, all-male Royal & Ancient Golf Club, the Old Course is a public course. Anyone who can get a tee-time and pay the hefty greens-fee can play. Getting a tee-time either requires reservations months in advance or winning the daily tee-time lottery. The weather is one of the course’s natural hazards, and it can be brutal. Gusty winds of gale force are common, and when the winds die down, the fog can move in from St. Andrews’ Bay. Summer afternoons (the most popular time) are long, cloudy, windy, humid, and mild at best. Forget about warm weather, you are unlikely to get any. “Heat Waves” consist of temperatures in the low 70’s. Winter afternoons are less crowded, but are about 20° colder and even stormier. They are also shorter (sunset comes about 4:00 PM) and cloudier. To a rabid golfer, of course, it’s all part of the game.