SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LUCERNE AND LAKE LUCERNE, SWITZERLAND

LOCATION: Lucerne (Luzern in German) is located in the canton of Lucerne in central Switzerland. The city is situated on both sides of the Reuss River as it empties into the western end of Lake Lucerne. Lucerne's elevation is around 1,650 feet above sea level, but Mt. Pilatus—just to the south of town—rises to almost 7,000 feet in elevations. The landscape is scenic, and the old town (on the north bank) is interesting. Lucerne is one of Switzerland's most popular tourist sites.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	8:59	10:16	11:53	13:35	15:03	15:50	15:30	14:15	12:38	10:56	9:26	8:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	1:16	2:34	4:31	5:26	6:03	6:31	7:08	6:24	4:57	3:03	1:31	1:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	23%	35%	42%	41%	41%	43%	47%	51%	44%	34%	23%	19%
LOW FOR MONTH	15°	17°	23°	32°	40°	48°	52°	50°	42°	34°	28°	19°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	27°	32°	38°	46°	52°	55°	54°	49°	41°	34°	28°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	35°	39°	47°	56°	65°	70°	74°	72°	65°	54°	44°	36°
HIGH FOR MONTH	48 °	51°	61°	69°	77°	82°	84°	82°	76°	66°	55°	49°
FROSTY MORNINGS	75%	65%	33%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	20%	66%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0 %	0%	0%	0 %
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	78%	71%	63%	59%	60%	61%	61%	62%	67%	73%	79%	81%
DRY DAYS	62%	57%	60%	55%	50%	45%	50%	53%	59%	59%	61%	61%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	81%	80%	75%	71%	65%	67%	70%	74%	76%	80%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.35	0.38	0.41	0.57	0.76	1.00	1.01	0.92	0.75	0.53	0.41	0.36
LIKELY SNOWFALL	16.8"	15.3"	18.6"	8.4"	2.7"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	4.2"	7.0"	16.4"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	20%	21%	19%	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4 %	7%	19%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	8 %	16%	20%	15%	8%	1%	0%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	26%	25%	17%	15%	14%	12%	11%	15%	21%	28%	28%	28%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 34% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 13% in December, to a high of 46% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 11 on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 86 on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be pretty close to actual ones. During midwinter, more than half the days see no direct sunshine at all, and over the course of the year one out of four days are without direct sunshine. However, in all fairness, it must be said that one day in four is clear over the course of the year—one day in three during the July through September period. Snowfalls are extremely variable, both from year to year and from place to place in the Lucerne vicinity.