

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO MARGARET RIVER, WINERIES, AND WHALES, WESTERN AUSTRALIA

LOCATION: Margaret River is located in the extreme southeast corner of Australia. The town is situated near the mouth of the Margaret River in the state of Western Australia. Margaret River faces the Indian Ocean "between the capes"; i. e., between Cape Naturaliste to the north and Cape Leeuwin to the south. This coast is famous for its wineries, its beaches, and whale-watching.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	14:08	13:21	12:20	11:17	10:24	9:57	10:08	10:52	11:52	12:55	13:52	14:22
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:44	8:28	7:27	6:03	5:08	4:00	4:35	5:18	6:13	7:07	8:06	8:44
AREA OF BLUE SKY	59%	59%	56%	52%	46%	43%	44%	45%	49%	49%	54%	58%
LOW FOR MONTH	56 °	57 °	55 °	53 °	50 °	47 °	45 °	45 °	46 °	47 °	51 °	54 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	62 °	63 °	62 °	60 °	56 °	54 °	52 °	52 °	53 °	54 °	57 °	60 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	73 °	74 °	73 °	70 °	66 °	63 °	61 °	61 °	62 °	64 °	68 °	71 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	84 °	87 °	87 °	82 °	75 °	69 °	67 °	68 °	71 °	74 °	78 °	81 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	13%	13%	9%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	9%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	74%	76%	78%	79%	80%	78%	78%	78%	78%	76%	74%
NEARBY WATERS	69 °	70 °	70 °	70 °	69 °	67 °	65 °	64 °	64 °	64 °	65 °	66 °
DRY DAYS	79%	79%	73%	60%	40%	33%	28%	30%	39%	49%	65%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	91%	89%	79%	62%	53%	48%	54%	62%	73%	84%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.15	0.21	0.42	0.96	1.21	1.17	0.90	0.64	0.49	0.25	0.17
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	4%	5%	4%	4%	5%	5%	5%	4%	3%	3%	3%	4%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%	3%	3%	1%	0%	1%	1%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has a marine version of the Mediterranean Sub-Tropics, with its characteristic "winter rain and summer drought". Margaret River has the same latitude and coastal position as Los Angeles in the northern hemisphere. However, Antarctica to the south keeps the oceans at these southern latitudes substantially cooler than similar northern waters. The result is cooler summers. The area actually has a two-season year, although local usage has subdivided it into the four seasons common to Great Britain. The rainy season matches the cooler months of the year, and extends from late April through October. The dry season corresponds with the warmer months, and runs from November through early April. Below-freezing temperatures do not normally occur along the coast, and are extremely rare inland. The climate is strongly influenced by the neighboring seas and the prevailing winds that blow from them.