

FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX DE MONACO

MAY 26- MAY 29, 2016

Weather Portrait for the Monaco area



GENERAL INFORMATION

A place known for its glamour, wealth and rich history, the city state of Monaco may be the second smallest country worldwide, but it is on top of the Formula 1 list in many respects.

Motorsport racing has a long history in Monaco going back to 1929, when the first Grand Prix was held and it is still considered to be one of the most prestigious races in the world. The race is also widely considered as one of the most demanding as the course leads through narrow city streets with many tight corners.

CLIMATE OF MONACO

Situated on the French Riviera, Monaco and its surroundings enjoy a typical Mediterranean climate with very

warm and dry summers, and often mild but sometimes humid winters. Due to the moderating influence of the sea as well as the sheltering effect of the nearby Maritime Alps to the north and northwest, extremely hot or cold days are rare with frost or snowfall only occurring once every five to ten years.

Summer is typically the driest season with only a few days of precipitation, mostly in the form of short, thundery downpours. The wettest conditions can be expected to occur mainly from October to February with a distinct maximum in October and November. The area is well known for its abundance of sunshine which is reflected in the average yearly amount of sunshine of almost 2,600 hours.

CLIMATE INFORMATION FOR MAY

May already belongs to the warm period of the year with often stable and sunny conditions. At least some rain can be expected on about 5 to 6 days on average, mostly in the form of showers or thunderstorms. While typical afternoon temperatures can be expected to be around 19 to 20 C, a few days can be as warm as 25 to 28 C, however 30 C and more are rare due to the regular sea breezes cooling down the immediate coastal areas. Sunshine is abundant with a total of 240 to 250 hours or 8 to 9 hours a day on average in a typical May.



DETAILED CLIMATE INFORMATION

	April	May	June	Year
Average high (deg C)	16.1	19.4	23.0	18.5
Record high* (deg C)	26.0	30.3	36.8	37.7
Average low (deg C)	11.6	14.8	18.5	15.1
Record low* (deg C)	2.9	3.7	8.1	-7.2
Average precipitation* (mm)	69	45	34	733
Average number of days with at least 1.0 mm rainfall	6	6	3	63
Average sunshine (hours)	210	248	281	2,575

Sources: Visitmonaco.com – Climatological Information

*"Données climatiques de la station de Nice", Météo France (Note: extreme highs and lows for the local Monaco area are likely to be somewhat less extreme as the Nice station is slightly more inland!)

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