

Pimm's Summer Forecast

A new way to look at the Great British Summer - May is the new August

Ready to relax outside? If you want a dry day with a temperature of 19C between April and August, then most areas will have plenty of opportunities, if this year follows the patterns of 2016 and 2017.

| Location | al fresco days (Apr-Aug) | First al fresco day |
|-------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| London | 114 | 17 th April |
| Cambridge | 104 | 17 th April |
| Southampton | 100 | 23 rd April |
| Hull | 90 | 17 th April |
| Bristol | 87 | 22 nd April |
| Brighton | 84 | 9 th May |
| Cardiff | 84 | 22 nd April |
| Cromer | 83 | 17 th April |
| Nottingham | 80 | 17 th April |
| Sheffield | 79 | 21 st Apr |
| Birmingham | 77 | 21 st April |
| Exeter | 75 | 20 th May |
| Manchester | 70 | 22 nd April |
| Dover | 63 | 9 th May |
| Jersey | 60 | 22 nd April |
| Bradford | 52 | 21 st April |
| Durham | 52 | 24 th April |
| Scarborough | 44 | 9 th May |
| Carlisle | 42 | 9 th May |
| Blackpool | 40 | 9 th May |
| Belfast | 37 | 16 th May |
| Edinburgh | 35 | 29 th May |
| Glasgow | 33 | 8 th May |
| Aviemore | 26 | 16 th April |
| Aberdeen | 25 | 4 th June |
| Inverness | 20 | 10 th May |
| IoM | 16 | 16 th May |
| Stornoway | 4 | 22 nd June |

May is often sunnier than August. This is especially true for the western side of the country. However, in August we have the higher temperatures, but this can produce more cloud and, sometimes, heavier showers. This is the time to head to the coasts where it can often stay dry and sunny when inland is wet and cloudy.

Longer term trends in the UK average comparing the 10yr average 1961-70 with 2008-17, show the number of **rain days** in **August** (>1mm rainfall) has **increased** by 11%, whereas the number of rain days in **May** has **decreased** by 12%.

Considering the UK average sunshine over the same period, August sunshine has increased by 2%, whereas May has increased by 17%.

Temperatures changes are similar for May and August showing an increase of about 1C

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