The upcoming winter across Europe will feature damaging windstorms, flooding rainfall and unseasonable warmth. October 18, 2018.


Share: Share this article: An unsettled winter season will be dominated by powerful windstorms and wet weather from the British Isles into northern Europe. Meanwhile, areas from southern Portugal and Spain through Italy and the Balkan Peninsula can expect bouts of mild to warm weather throughout the winter. Windstorms to batter British Isles, northern Europe throughout the season. Weather conditions that drive this bizarre temperature surge

Tourist weather preferences in Europe’s Arctic

Jens Kr. Steen Jacobsen¹,*, Jon Martin Denstadli², Martin Lohmann³, Eirik J. Førland⁴

¹Institute of Transport Economics, Gaustadalléen 21, 0349 Oslo, Norway
²Institut für Tourismus- und Bäderforschung in Nordeuropa, Fleethörn 23, 24103 Kiel, Germany
³Climate Department, Norwegian Meteorological Institute, PO Box 43 Blindern, 0313 Oslo, Norway

*Email: jsj@toi.no

ABSTRACT: Numerous high-latitude locations in northern Scandinavia receive many summer vacationers, even though cool weather conditions there are at odds with some expert-based literature on tourist weather preferences. Surveys in 2 climatically different Arctic archipelagos demonstrate that most tourists perceive the summer weather as better than expected. However, weather preferences and tolerances deviate between high and low Arctic destinations, illuminating diverging and subjective ideas of what constitutes ‘good’, ‘bad’, and ‘acceptable’ weather. The study shows an overall preference for clear sky, in contrast to some earlier research emphasizing temperature as the most important tourism weather variable. Most tourists are indifferent to occasional rain, and a majority accepts frequently changing weather. Main dislikes are frequent rain and low visibility, the latter accentuating visual tourism aspects such as sightseeing.

KEY WORDS: Weather preference · Weather tolerance · Adverse weather · Tourism · Sightseeing · Outdoor recreation · Arctic

Published in CR Vol. 50, No. 1. Online publication date: December 01, 2011
Print ISSN: 0936-577X; Online ISSN: 1616-1572
Copyright © 2011 Inter-Research.