

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ALEXANDRIA AREA, EGYPT

LOCATION: Alexandria, Egypt's second city, is located on the Mediterranean coast of northern Egypt. The city is situated on a sandy barrier island at the western edge of the Nile delta. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. As Cairo is indisputably a desert city, Alexandria is just as clearly a Mediterranean city. It has always looked to the sea, and it looks to the sea today. That same sea, which in the past swallowed some of Alexandria's glorious creations, is now giving them back, as divers bring underwater antiquities back to the surface.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:23	11:04	11:58	12:55	13:44	14:09	13:58	13:18	12:24	11:27	10:37	10:10
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:38	7:43	8:29	9:41	10:35	11:51	11:52	11:32	10:26	9:24	7:54	6:30
AREA OF BLUE SKY	63%	66%	69%	74%	77%	85%	83%	80%	77%	74%	68%	63%
LOW FOR MONTH	6°	7°	9°	11°	14°	18°	21°	21°	19°	16°	12°	8°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	10°	10°	12°	14°	17°	20°	23°	23°	22°	18°	15°	12°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	18°	19°	21°	24°	26°	29°	30°	31°	30°	28°	24°	20°
HIGH FOR MONTH	23°	26°	30°	35°	37°	36°	33°	33°	34°	33°	30°	25°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 32°C	0%	1%	2%	5%	11%	12%	8%	10%	9%	7%	2%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	59%	57%	56%	58%	60%	64%	67%	65%	61%	59%	59%	59%
NEARBY WATERS	17°	17°	16°	17°	20°	23°	25°	26°	25°	24°	22°	19°
DRY DAYS	64%	72%	82%	94%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	90%	80%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	89%	95%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	90%	85%
5-DAY RAINFALL (MM)	8	4	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	6	9
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	5%	4%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	9%	8%	7%	4%	4%	2%	3%	4%	10%	9%	9%

COMMENTS: Alexandria has a typical Mediterranean-type three-season year: a very sunny, very hot, and very dry summer; a sunny, mild, and slightly wet winter, and a glorious Spring that combines the best of the other two seasons. Frost does not occur, and vegetative growth continues throughout the year. Spring starts after the last substantial rain in March, and blends into Summer with the first truly hot days of May. It is a season of lengthening days and rising temperatures. Summer runs from sometime in May through the first rains in late October or early November. It is typically completely rainless. Winter starts with the first serious rain in October or early November, and ends with the last real rains in March. Despite all this talk of rain, precipitation only occurs on about 45 days per winter, with most of those only getting light showers. Since there is no period of vegetative dormancy, there is no real autumn.