

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE GABORONE AREA, BOTSWANA

LOCATION: Gaborone, the capital of Botswana, is located in the southeastern part of the country, near the border with South Africa. The city is situated on an intermittent branch of the Limpopo River, which carries appreciable amounts of water only during the rains. Elevations are in the 3,200-foot range. Gaborone is a rapidly-growing city--without much (if anything) in the way of city planning. It's where you go for major shopping expeditions, transportation, and to deal with the government.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:29	12:57	12:15	11:32	10:57	10:39	10:46	11:16	11:56	12:40	13:18	13:39
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:03	9:01	8:32	8:41	9:10	8:40	9:26	10:07	10:17	9:32	8:51	9:12
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	57%	60%	67%	81%	82%	87%	86%	81%	65%	56%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	60 °	60 °	54 °	45 °	37 °	31 °	31 °	35 °	42 °	49 °	54 °	56 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	68 °	67 °	63 °	57 °	47 °	40 °	40 °	45 °	53 °	60 °	64 °	66 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	90 °	88 °	85 °	81 °	76 °	71 °	72 °	77 °	83 °	87 °	88 °	89 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	100 °	97 °	95 °	91 °	86 °	80 °	81 °	88 °	95 °	99 °	97 °	100 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	54%	40%	27%	9%	1%	0%	0%	1%	22%	34%	43%	44%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	40%	41%	40%	40%	34%	31%	28%	25%	24%	29%	34%	39%
DRY DAYS	67%	71%	76%	83%	94%	96%	97%	97%	93%	80%	72%	69%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	79%	81%	85%	91%	98%	99%	99%	99%	97%	89%	84%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.59	0.58	0.45	0.27	0.08	0.04	0.02	0.03	0.09	0.27	0.41	0.56
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	22%	19%	15%	9%	2%	1%	0%	2%	4%	13%	20%	25%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	1%	1%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has an upland version of the tropical two-season year. The rainy season normally lasts from late October through early April, and is rainy only by comparison with the dry season. The dry season runs from late April through early October, and is truly dry in most years. Being more than 3,000 feet above sea level, Gaborone is cooler than places at lower elevations and the same latitude. Summers are not quite so hot, and the cooler months will usually get a couple of frosty mornings. Afternoons usually warm up considerably. Smart visitors will come prepared for these nippy early morning temperatures. During the warmer months, mornings are clearer and sunnier than afternoons, due to the increase in size and number of cumulus clouds as the day warms. During the cooler months, time of day doesn't make much difference--it's almost always sunny.