

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HURGHADA AREA, EGYPT

LOCATION: Hurghada (Al-Ghardaka, to the locals) is Egypt's premier resort area. It is located on the Red Sea coast of eastern Egypt, some 200 miles south of Suez. The resort area is spread along the shoreline from Ad-Dahar on the north down south past New Hurgada and building farther south every year. New resorts are being built every week. Elevations along the coast, of course, are close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:38	11:14	12:00	12:48	13:29	13:50	13:41	13:07	12:21	11:33	10:51	10:28
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:41	9:56	9:06	9:47	10:30	11:54	11:41	10:46	10:22	9:10	8:57	8:07
AREA OF BLUE SKY	85%	87%	86%	86%	87%	99%	99%	99%	99%	93%	89%	83%
LOW FOR MONTH	45°	46°	49°	57°	63°	72°	73°	73°	70°	63°	56°	50°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	52°	54°	59°	66°	72°	78°	80°	80°	76°	71°	62°	56°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	69°	71°	75°	81°	87°	91°	92°	92°	89°	85°	79°	71°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	81°	85°	92°	96°	100°	99°	100°	96°	92°	86°	79°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	12%	36%	68%	82%	87%	59%	24%	2%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	39%	37%	37%	37%	36%	34%	37%	39%	41%	44%	42%	42%
NEARBY WATERS	70°	68°	69°	72°	75°	77°	80°	82°	81°	79°	76°	72°
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.01
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: The area is essentially rainless, although some years may see a sprinkle or two during the November to February period. More than eighty-percent of the daylight hours will have intense sunshine. Keep in mind that the sun's ultraviolet rays penetrate sea water quite nicely, and that you can get a nasty sunburn even twenty feet underwater. The high season runs from November through February. At that time of year, the resorts are jammed with package tourists from all over the world, primarily from Scandinavia, Germany, and eastern Europe. They come for the diving and the weather. It must be admitted that the weather at that time of year is close to perfect: sunny, dry, and pleasantly warm without being hot.