

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SHARM AS-SHAYKH RESORT AREA, EGYPT

LOCATION: The Sharm as-Shaykh resort area is located on the shores of the Sinai Peninsula in northeastern Egypt. The area is situated on the eastern side of the southern tip of the Peninsula. There are two small bays off of the Red Sea, Sharm as-Shaykh and Na'ama. They are less than four miles apart, that form the nucleus of the resort development, with the area in between rapidly filling up with a string of resort hotels. The mountains behind the area rise to about 4,800 feet in elevation, but the resort area itself is very close to sea level. The area features world-class reefs of an unbelievable richness and variety.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:36	11:12	11:59	12:49	13:31	13:53	13:44	13:08	12:21	11:32	10:49	10:26
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:42	10:00	9:20	10:02	10:49	11:57	11:43	10:47	10:23	9:15	8:52	8:03
AREA OF BLUE SKY	86%	88%	88%	88%	89%	99%	99%	99%	99%	94%	88%	83%
LOW FOR MONTH	45°	44°	49°	55°	62°	69°	71°	72°	68°	61°	53°	45°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	52°	53°	58°	64°	71°	76°	79°	79°	76°	69°	62°	55°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70°	72°	77°	84°	91°	95°	96°	97°	93°	86°	80°	73°
HIGH FOR MONTH	78°	82°	87°	96°	100°	104°	104°	103°	101°	94°	87°	80°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	2%	15%	42%	72%	84%	87%	66%	35%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	42%	40%	41%	38%	34%	34%	35%	37%	42%	46%	43%	44%
NEARBY WATERS	69°	67°	68°	71°	74°	76°	79°	81°	79°	78°	75°	71°
DRY DAYS	98%	96%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.01	0.01	0.01	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%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: This part of the Sinai has a tropical desert climate with two seasons based on the length of the daylight period and temperature. There is no significant rainfall. The hot season runs from the middle of April through the middle of October. The warm season takes up the rest of the year. Bright sunshine occurs on 82% of the daylight hours. This can range from a high of 89% in February, to a "low" of 77% in December. The lowest temperature of the year will be about 42° on some still and windless February morning, while the highest temperature of the year will be around 106° on some June afternoon when the *khamseen* is blowing out of the deserts of the southwest.