

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE SIWA OASIS AREA, EGYPT

LOCATION: The Siwa Oasis is located in extreme northwestern Egypt, some 190 miles of desert highway southwest of Mersa Matruh. The oasis occupies a portion of the Siwa Depression, and is some fifty feet below sea level at the town of Siwa. The area is famed for its ruins of the Temple of Amun where Alexander was proclaimed the son of Amun by its oracle. In Egypt, it is known for its excellent dates and olives, made possible by hundreds of freshwater springs.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:31	11:09	11:59	12:52	13:36	13:59	13:50	13:12	12:22	11:30	10:44	10:19
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:53	9:08	9:12	10:09	10:46	11:50	11:56	12:01	10:53	9:49	9:05	8:26
AREA OF BLUE SKY	85%	87%	86%	89%	88%	96%	98%	98%	97%	93%	89%	88%
LOW FOR MONTH	32°	34°	38°	44°	52°	60°	63°	64°	59°	50°	41°	34°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	41°	43°	48°	55°	62°	68°	70°	69°	66°	59°	50°	43°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	67°	71°	77°	86°	94°	100°	100°	99°	95°	88°	79°	70°
HIGH FOR MONTH	77°	84°	93°	102°	109°	111°	109°	108°	104°	99°	90°	79°
FROSTY MORNINGS	5%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	1%	7%	32%	65%	95%	100%	100%	89%	46%	4%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	43%	38%	34%	30%	27%	26%	29%	30%	34%	36%	41%	45%
DRY DAYS	97%	97%	97%	99%	98%	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	0.01	0.01	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%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 83% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a "low" of 77% in March, to a high of 91% in August. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 31° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 114° on some sunny summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to ten degrees cooler than actual ones. Precipitation is almost nonexistent, and extremely irregular when it does occur. Some years are rainless, whereas others may get a downpour. A few sprinkles during the cooler months is the norm. However, the Shali fort in the center of Siwa was constructed of salt blocks covered by mud. It was largely destroyed by a three-day rain in 1926. Another heavy rain in 1930, led to its being largely abandoned.