

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BENGHAZI AND THE CYRENAICAN COAST, LIBYA

LOCATION: Cyrenaica is the eastern of Libyas three traditional regions. It lies east of the Gulf of Sirt, and extends south to the oasis of Kufra and beyond. Its capital and primate city is Benghazi, second only to Tripoli in Libya. Its history dates to antiquity, and was known as Berenice in classical times. Benghazi is situated on the eastern shore of the Gulf of Sirt, at the western foot of the Jebal Akhdar (Green Mountains). Elevations are less than a hundred feet above sea level. It is the logical base for explorations of both the mountains and the “five cities” of antiquity.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:19	11:02	11:58	12:57	13:47	14:13	14:02	13:20	12:24	11:25	10:34	10:06
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:39	6:09	7:12	8:32	9:52	11:24	11:44	10:45	9:36	8:11	6:24	5:17
AREA OF BLUE SKY	48%	49%	54%	60%	62%	80%	85%	82%	79%	67%	55%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	41 °	41 °	43 °	47 °	52 °	59 °	64 °	66 °	62 °	56 °	50 °	43 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	49 °	50 °	53 °	58 °	63 °	68 °	71 °	72 °	69 °	66 °	59 °	52 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	62 °	64 °	69 °	75 °	80 °	85 °	85 °	86 °	84 °	81 °	73 °	65 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	69 °	74 °	86 °	95 °	100 °	104 °	97 °	96 °	98 °	94 °	84 °	74 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	1%	10%	26%	42%	35%	33%	26%	17%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	60%	53%	47%	45%	45%	52%	54%	53%	53%	58%	63%
NEARBY WATERS	61 °	60 °	60 °	61 °	66 °	72 °	77 °	79 °	77 °	74 °	69 °	64 °
DRY DAYS	69%	73%	85%	95%	96%	99%	99%	99%	98%	88%	82%	66%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	87%	93%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	94%	90%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.40	0.27	0.14	0.04	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.12	0.26	0.43
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	12%	9%	6%	5%	3%	3%	3%	3%	4%	5%	6%	9%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	4%	4%	4%	4%	4%	5%	8%	7%	5%	6%	6%	5%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 68% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 52% in December, to a high of 84% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 106° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be within a couple of degrees of actual ones. The sea breeze helps to moderate summer temperatures, and the highest temperatures are recorded when these breezes fail. Benghazi shares the same three-season year as most of the Mediterranean. Climatically, there are only two seasons: summer (April through September) and winter (October through March). Spring is a season of transition made visible by resurgent vegetative growth and widespread blossoming of vegetation. Since the local woody plants are evergreen, and crop growth continues unhindered all year long, there is no “fall”.