

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE KUFRA OASIS, LIBYA

LOCATION: The Kufra Oasis is located in the southeastern quarter of Libya. It consists of a number of loosely-associated settlements in wadi cut into a rocky plateau landscape, surrounded on almost all sides by sand seas. It is the largest population cluster in this part of Libya, and was formerly the seat of the Senussi sect. There is little here to attract tourists, and virtually no accommodations or services for them should they arrive.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:50	11:20	12:00	12:43	13:18	13:37	13:29	12:59	12:19	11:37	11:00	10:41
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:18	9:37	9:59	10:05	11:12	11:48	12:08	11:50	10:06	10:02	9:51	8:55
AREA OF BLUE SKY	90%	91%	89%	92%	91%	99%	98%	98%	98%	97%	95%	90%
LOW FOR MONTH	35 °	37 °	43 °	52 °	59 °	67 °	69 °	69 °	64 °	54 °	46 °	36 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	46 °	52 °	61 °	69 °	73 °	74 °	74 °	70 °	62 °	53 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	69 °	73 °	81 °	91 °	98 °	102 °	100 °	100 °	96 °	89 °	80 °	71 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	81 °	86 °	95 °	105 °	110 °	111 °	107 °	106 °	103 °	99 °	91 °	82 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	4%	18%	56%	81%	97%	100%	100%	90%	43%	7%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	30%	25%	21%	17%	17%	15%	17%	17%	20%	22%	27%	31%
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 86% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 79% in April, to a high of 91% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to freezing on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 113° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to five degrees cooler than actual ones, due to the relatively low humidity. Keep in mind that the direct sun can add up to 20° to that total. Sandstorms occur in every month, but are most common from late February through early June. During these storms, the wearing of contact lenses is not recommended. Campers should be aware that the desert nights can feel bitterly cold—much colder than the thermometer indicates. This is due to the low humidity and the absence of cloud cover. The Bedouin have a saying, “The stars make a thin blanket.” The “fog” in the table above is actually a bit of morning mist from the saturated soil of the oases.