

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO NALUT AND THE JEBEL NAFUSA, LIBYA

LOCATION: The Jebel Nafusa is a range of low mountains back of the Tripolitanian coast in northwestern Libya. They stretch from Nalut on the southwest to Gharyan at the northeast, and range up to 3,176 feet in elevation. Nalut sits at an elevation of 2,100 feet above sea level. The area of the Nafusa is popular with Tripolitani-ans to escape the summer heat (somewhat) and for its interesting Berber villages. The cultural landscape here is genuine—not put on for the entertainment of tourists.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:20	11:03	11:58	12:57	13:46	14:12	14:01	13:20	12:24	11:26	10:35	10:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:16	8:20	8:48	9:36	10:34	11:22	12:44	12:05	10:02	8:32	7:34	7:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	64%	70%	68%	68%	68%	79%	94%	93%	82%	69%	67%	64%
LOW FOR MONTH	34 °	34 °	38 °	43 °	48 °	56 °	61 °	63 °	58 °	49 °	40 °	34 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	40 °	43 °	47 °	52 °	60 °	66 °	70 °	70 °	67 °	60 °	51 °	43 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	56 °	61 °	67 °	74 °	82 °	91 °	94 °	94 °	88 °	79 °	69 °	58 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	69 °	76 °	84 °	93 °	100 °	105 °	106 °	105 °	101 °	93 °	82 °	70 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	4%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	1%	7%	24%	54%	67%	69%	40%	11%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	41%	39%	36%	33%	32%	30%	32%	38%	42%	44%	53%
DRY DAYS	88%	91%	89%	92%	96%	99%	99%	99%	97%	92%	91%	90%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	95%	95%	94%	96%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	95%	95%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.15	0.15	0.10	0.04	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.08	0.10	0.12
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	2%	2%	2%	1%	0%	3%	4%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	8%	9%	11%	9%	8%	7%	5%	5%	6%	7%	11%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 79% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 69% in December, to a high of 91% in July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 108° on some afternoon when the *ghibli* is blowing. The *ghibli* is a hot, dry wind from the southern desert that can drop the humidity and raise both temperatures and tem- pers to excessive heights. It can blow at any time of year, but is most common in the spring and early summer. It frequently carries dust and sand, and lasts for days at a time. The hottest temperatures in any month will occur during a *ghibli*. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones when the wind is from the north, off the Mediterranean. When the *ghibli* blows in from the south, however, temperatures will be up to ten degrees cooler than actual ones—but conditions will be miserable just the same. Consequently, the table humidity doesn’t have much meaning, except as an average.