

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE NANKUMBA PENINSULA AND LAKE MALAWI N. P., MALAWI

LOCATION: The Nankumba Peninsula juts into Lake Malawi from the lake's southern shore. Most of it is taken up with Lake Malawi National Park. At the tip of the peninsula is Cape Maclear, but the name Cape Maclear is generally applied to the village of Chembe, the nearby beach, and everything else in the general area. Elevations are some 1,500 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:52	12:34	12:12	11:48	11:29	11:19	11:23	11:39	12:01	12:25	12:46	12:57
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:22	5:37	6:37	7:39	8:22	7:59	7:45	8:30	8:58	9:30	7:42	5:36
AREA OF BLUE SKY	20%	24%	35%	49%	60%	60%	55%	64%	66%	68%	44%	23%
LOW FOR MONTH	67°	67°	66°	65°	58°	55°	54°	55°	59°	64°	68°	67°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	71°	70°	70°	68°	64°	60°	59°	60°	64°	69°	72°	71°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	83°	83°	83°	83°	80°	78°	78°	80°	84°	89°	90°	85°
HIGH FOR MONTH	87°	87°	87°	87°	85°	82°	82°	85°	90°	94°	96°	92°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	2%	3%	2%	1%	1%	0%	0%	18%	37%	44%	13%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	74%	72%	69%	62%	59%	52%	48%	44%	37%	39%	50%	66%
DRY DAYS	43%	43%	50%	72%	90%	93%	95%	95%	98%	95%	80%	54%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	51%	50%	55%	82%	95%	97%	99%	99%	99%	98%	87%	65%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.62	1.80	1.68	0.55	0.13	0.05	0.03	0.01	0.02	0.07	0.40	1.27
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	42%	42%	31%	10%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	22%	42%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	2%	0%	3%	1%	4%	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 42% in rainy January, to a high of 77% in dry October. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 53° at some windless dry-season sunrise, and the high will be near 96° on some sunny November afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones. Although you might think that the presence of the lake would make lakeshore communities significantly more humid than upland settlements, this is not the case. The lake is narrow, and the prevailing winds are usually out of the east, descending from the highlands of Mozambique and drying as it sinks. During the dry season, you can be sitting in a boat in the middle of the lake, with your lips cracking from the aridity. Monkey Bay has a tropical three-season year. The warm dry season runs from late May through the end of August. The hot dry season takes in September through the start of the rains in November. The warm rainy season extends over the rest of the year.