

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE FES AREA, MOROCCO

LOCATION: Fes is located in the foothills of the Middle Atlas Mountains in northern Morocco. The city is situated on the banks of the river of the same name, just about where it broadens into a rich agricultural area. Elevations are about 1,400 feet above sea level. Fes is the spiritual and cultural heart of Morocco. Along with Marrakech, it is the most magnificent and picturesque of Morocco's cities. Architecture and ambience lead the attractions, with Old Fes (Fes el-Bali) alone worth a week's stay.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:10	10:57	11:57	13:01	13:55	14:23	14:12	13:26	12:26	11:22	10:26	9:57
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:11	6:31	7:09	7:50	9:20	9:57	11:15	10:28	8:38	7:17	5:38	4:58
AREA OF BLUE SKY	60%	55%	54%	48%	53%	62%	78%	75%	66%	58%	57%	55%
LOW FOR MONTH	31 °	32 °	36 °	39 °	43 °	49 °	55 °	55 °	51 °	44 °	37 °	31 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	39 °	41 °	45 °	48 °	53 °	59 °	64 °	65 °	61 °	54 °	47 °	42 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	59 °	63 °	68 °	72 °	78 °	87 °	96 °	96 °	89 °	78 °	69 °	61 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	70 °	75 °	81 °	86 °	93 °	102 °	109 °	108 °	102 °	92 °	80 °	71 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	9%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	17%	57%	54%	35%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	64%	63%	60%	59%	52%	47%	40%	38%	44%	52%	59%	64%
DRY DAYS	72%	69%	68%	69%	80%	91%	97%	97%	91%	78%	72%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	83%	82%	83%	90%	96%	99%	99%	96%	88%	83%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.43	0.43	0.42	0.23	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.09	0.30	0.45	0.48
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	1%	3%	4%	8%	7%	7%	6%	7%	9%	8%	3%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	5%	5%	4%	6%	10%	2%	1%	2%	2%	2%	3%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 64% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 50% in December, to a high of 79% in July. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 28 ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 111 ° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3 ° cooler than actual ones during the cooler months, and up to 3 ° warmer than actual ones during the heat of summer. Along with most of coastal Morocco, Fes enjoys the three-season Mediterranean type of climate. Spring (March through May) is the season of blossoms and burgeoning new growth. Summer is sunny, hot, and dry. Winter is the season of light rains and rare frosts. Since crop growth continues the year around and almost all of the woody growth is evergreen, there is no "fall" in reality. Hot, dry winds off the Sahara bring misery at odd times throughout the year. The general term for such winds is the Sirocco, but each area has their own local terms. In much of Morocco, they are called *chili* in general, and *simoon* when laden with dust. Visitors who normally wear contact lenses should carry a pair of regular glasses for such occasions. Serious eye damage can result by trying to wear contacts during a *simoon*.