

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE RABAT AND CASABLANCA, MOROCCO

LOCATION: Rabat, Morocco's capital, is located on that country's northern Atlantic coast, a few miles northeast of the better-known Casablanca. The ancient, comparatively relaxed and hassle-free, city is situated at the mouth of the estuary of the Bou Regreg. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	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	14:11	13:26	12:26	11:22	10:27	9:57
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:35	6:34	7:18	8:37	9:29	9:48	10:30	10:05	8:49	7:31	6:15	5:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	57%	54%	55%	57%	57%	59%	70%	68%	65%	62%	56%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	38 °	39 °	42 °	45 °	48 °	53 °	57 °	58 °	54 °	50 °	45 °	40 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	46 °	47 °	49 °	51 °	55 °	60 °	63 °	64 °	62 °	58 °	53 °	48 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	63 °	64 °	67 °	70 °	73 °	77 °	81 °	82 °	80 °	76 °	70 °	64 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	72 °	74 °	81 °	84 °	88 °	91 °	97 °	96 °	93 °	90 °	82 °	73 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	2%	2%	6%	8%	7%	2%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	67%	63%	61%	62%	63%	64%	64%	64%	63%	66%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	60 °	59 °	59 °	61 °	63 °	66 °	69 °	71 °	70 °	67 °	64 °	63 °
DRY DAYS	70%	69%	69%	74%	81%	93%	99%	99%	93%	80%	68%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	82%	83%	86%	91%	97%	99%	99%	98%	89%	80%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.48	0.47	0.42	0.34	0.17	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.06	0.30	0.55	0.61
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	5%	4%	5%	9%	4%	1%	1%	2%	4%	4%	6%	6%
FOGGY DAYS	8%	11%	12%	6%	5%	5%	10%	11%	14%	11%	10%	10%

COMMENTS: The area has a desert version of the Mediterranean three-season year. Precipitation is light, but what falls comes mostly during the cooler months. The summers are typically rainless. Being inland, away from the cooling breezes of the coast, summers are extremely sunny, extremely dry, and extremely hot. Summer nights are mild to warm and crystal clear. The winter season is quite mild and quite sunny. Frosty mornings are rare, and some years don't get any. Although this is the wetter of the three seasons, it is not very wet at all. Winter grades very gradually into spring, which grades imperceptibly into summer. There is no "fall" since crop growth continues all year and the local woody vegetation is evergreen. The hot dry wind from the Sahara which is common to all the Mediterranean lands is called the "*chili*" in most of Morocco. When it is dust-laden, it is frequently called the "*simoon*". It is a feature of the entire year, but most common in the spring months.