

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO TANGIER AND THE STRAITS OF GIBRALTAR, MOROCCO

LOCATION: Tangier is located on the northwest tip of Africa, across the Straits of Gibraltar from the southernmost tip of Spain. On the Atlantic side of the Straits, the coast at Tangier is washed by the relatively cool waters of the Canaries Current, which helps to moderate the climate of the city. Elevations within the hilly city are generally only a few hundred feet above sea level, but rise to more than 2,700 feet in elevation in the low mountains to the east.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:02	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:03	14:33	14:20	13:31	12:27	11:19	10:20	9:48
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:14	5:58	7:12	8:35	9:47	10:32	11:27	10:55	9:20	7:40	5:49	5:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	55%	52%	54%	53%	57%	64%	79%	77%	68%	60%	55%	53%
LOW FOR MONTH	38 °	41 °	43 °	45 °	49 °	54 °	58 °	59 °	56 °	50 °	45 °	41 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	48 °	49 °	51 °	52 °	57 °	61 °	65 °	66 °	64 °	60 °	54 °	49 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	60 °	61 °	64 °	66 °	71 °	76 °	81 °	82 °	79 °	73 °	66 °	62 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	67 °	68 °	71 °	74 °	80 °	85 °	91 °	91 °	87 °	81 °	73 °	69 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	16%	14%	7%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	70%	69%	67%	65%	64%	62%	63%	64%	67%	69%	71%
NEARBY WATERS	60 °	59 °	59 °	61 °	63 °	66 °	69 °	71 °	70 °	67 °	64 °	61 °
DRY DAYS	67%	61%	68%	67%	81%	89%	97%	96%	90%	75%	66%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	76%	75%	78%	81%	90%	95%	99%	99%	96%	84%	75%	73%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.75	0.75	0.67	0.48	0.25	0.09	0.00	0.01	0.13	0.49	0.91	0.88
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	5%	5%	5%	8%	3%	3%	1%	1%	4%	6%	6%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	4%	4%	1%	2%	4%	6%	6%	5%	3%	5%	4%

COMMENTS: Tangier has the typical Mediterranean rainfall pattern of winter rains and summer drought. The winter rains start abruptly about the middle of October, reach a peak in December, and then gradually taper off through early May. Spring (the middle of March through the middle of May) is a season of vegetative rebirth, but is not climatically distinct. There is no Autumn. The sunshine pattern is typical of the Mediterranean, with very sunny summers in which the skies are virtually cloudless. The winter months are still pretty sunny, with frontal storms bringing an alternation of dry clear periods and wet cloudy ones. Summer afternoons are extremely sunny, fairly humid (the wind off the sea), and warm to hot. Really hot days, such as you frequently get farther inland, will be found only when the winds come from the south off the desert (the *chili* and the *simoon*). Summer nights are mild more often than warm. Winter afternoons are moderately sunny, fairly humid (same winds), and cool to mild. Winter nights are chilly, but frost does not occur in most years.