

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO WALVIS BAY & NAMIB NAUKLUFT NATIONAL PARK, NAMIBIA

LOCATION: The Walvis Bay/Swakopmund area is located in west-central Namibia. The two towns are situated on the coast of the South Atlantic Ocean, and are strongly influenced by the relatively cold Benguela Current that flows from the southeast along the coast. Swakopmund, a resort town, is less than twenty miles north of Walvis Bay, Namibia's major port. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. The area east and south of the Bay makes up Namib Naukluft National Park, and is also part of the great Namib Desert.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:23	12:53	12:15	11:35	11:02	10:46	10:53	11:20	11:57	12:37	13:12	13:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:05	6:00	5:35	6:25	6:47	6:58	6:31	6:13	5:22	6:16	6:19	6:01
AREA OF BLUE SKY	32%	31%	36%	43%	54%	61%	57%	45%	40%	36%	34%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	54 °	55 °	54 °	51 °	46 °	43 °	42 °	43 °	44 °	47 °	49 °	53 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	60 °	61 °	59 °	56 °	53 °	52 °	50 °	49 °	51 °	52 °	55 °	58 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	69 °	70 °	69 °	68 °	68 °	68 °	65 °	63 °	62 °	63 °	66 °	68 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	79 °	79 °	80 °	85 °	89 °	88 °	86 °	82 °	76 °	73 °	76 °	76 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	82%	82%	83%	82%	78%	73%	74%	80%	82%	81%	82%	82%
NEARBY WATERS	62 °	64 °	63 °	60 °	59 °	58 °	56 °	55 °	55 °	57 °	58 °	62 °
DRY DAYS	98%	97%	96%	98%	98%	98%	99%	96%	96%	98%	97%	99%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.01	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	19%	23%	28%	43%	37%	32%	36%	36%	29%	23%	19%	24%

COMMENTS: The prevailing winds are out of the southwest and south, and have such an overwhelming effect on the climate that the two seasons characteristic of places farther inland are here very much muted. Rainfall is almost entirely absent, here in the heart of the coastal Namib Desert. When it does occur, it is most likely between January and April. Overall, the climate is rainless the year around, with moderately sunny days that are quite often foggy and almost always humid. Afternoon temperatures are usually mild to warm, occasionally chilly and damp when the fog rolls in. Nights are generally cool to mild, and can be quite chilly when it's foggy as well. Fog and low cloud usually roll inland in the late afternoon, persist all night, and finally burn off in the late morning. They frequently produce a light drizzly mist that leaves the ground damp in the morning but doesn't amount to anything in the rain-gauge. The coast is largely without any native vegetation.