

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DAR-ES-SALAAM AREA, TANZANIA

LOCATION: Dar-es-salaam ("The Way of God's Peace") is located on the Indian Ocean coast of southeast Tanzania. The city is situated on a number of small peninsulas facing the Zanzibar Channel and at the mouth of a number of small rivers. As Tanzania's largest city, major port, and prime tourist entrepot, it is the capital in everything but name (Dodoma is the actual capital). Elevations are all close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	12:29	12:20	12:09	11:58	11:49	11:44	11:46	11:54	12:04	12:16	12:26	12:31
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:53	8:20	7:00	5:14	6:34	7:33	7:43	8:09	8:15	8:28	8:44	8:14
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	45%	44%	35%	44%	55%	49%	55%	57%	55%	54%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	71 °	70 °	71 °	70 °	67 °	63 °	62 °	62 °	63 °	65 °	68 °	70 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	76 °	76 °	75 °	73 °	71 °	68 °	66 °	66 °	67 °	69 °	72 °	75 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	87 °	88 °	88 °	86 °	85 °	84 °	83 °	83 °	84 °	86 °	87 °	87 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	91 °	92 °	92 °	91 °	90 °	87 °	86 °	87 °	88 °	89 °	90 °	90 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	32%	51%	47%	16%	4%	0%	0%	0%	4%	14%	26%	32%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	70%	68%	71%	75%	69%	61%	59%	59%	60%	63%	67%	70%
NEARBY WATERS	81 °	82 °	83 °	83 °	80 °	78 °	77 °	76 °	77 °	78 °	80 °	80 °
DRY DAYS	78%	80%	67%	42%	58%	81%	86%	82%	84%	81%	73%	70%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	85%	86%	76%	55%	70%	90%	93%	91%	92%	89%	81%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.43	0.47	0.80	1.86	1.16	0.23	0.19	0.17	0.20	0.34	0.64	0.63
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	9%	9%	25%	20%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%	14%
FOGGY DAYS	3%	2%	2%	4%	2%	2%	5%	4%	6%	9%	8%	3%

COMMENTS: The area has a tropical wet-and-dry two-season climate. Only a few degrees south of the Equator, neither temperatures nor the length of the daylight period vary much from one month to the next. Freezing temperatures are unknown, and the lowest temperature on record is only in the low 50's. The rainy season runs from November through May, with a peak in April. Afternoon temperatures will be in the low 90's when it doesn't rain, and in the middle 80's when it does. Rainy season nights are quite warm and humid. The rain usually comes as series of intense showers, with dry spells in between--mostly in the afternoons and early evenings. Even in April, it actually only rains 12% of the time. The dry season extends from June through October, and is the nicest time of year. Afternoons are usually sunny, moderately humid, and hot. The nights will be mild to warm. It still rains on and off--especially in the mornings, but not as often, nor for as long, nor as intensely.