

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TUNIS AREA, TUNISIA

LOCATION: Tunis, the national capital, is located on the Mediterranean coast of northern Tunisia. The city is situated on the shores of a shallow lagoon (the Lake of Tunis), and connected to the Gulf of Tunis by a ship canal. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:58	10:49	11:57	13:07	14:07	14:39	14:25	13:35	12:28	11:18	10:16	9:42
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:57	5:49	6:27	7:44	9:22	10:28	11:52	10:58	8:37	6:48	5:48	4:52
AREA OF BLUE SKY	44%	49%	49%	53%	59%	69%	82%	79%	66%	56%	52%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	37 °	37 °	39 °	42 °	48 °	55 °	61 °	63 °	58 °	50 °	43 °	38 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	44 °	44 °	47 °	51 °	56 °	63 °	68 °	69 °	66 °	59 °	52 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	59 °	61 °	65 °	70 °	76 °	84 °	90 °	91 °	86 °	77 °	68 °	61 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	68 °	71 °	78 °	83 °	90 °	99 °	105 °	105 °	99 °	90 °	79 °	70 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	4%	17%	50%	54%	22%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	68%	64%	62%	60%	54%	49%	45%	48%	55%	61%	65%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	59 °	58 °	58 °	60 °	63 °	69 °	75 °	77 °	75 °	72 °	67 °	61 °
DRY DAYS	59%	59%	65%	71%	82%	87%	95%	91%	79%	72%	65%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	81%	82%	84%	85%	92%	96%	99%	96%	89%	85%	82%	80%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.36	0.27	0.24	0.13	0.06	0.01	0.06	0.22	0.33	0.35	0.44
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	6%	7%	6%	7%	6%	8%	3%	8%	12%	12%	9%	7%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	8%	5%	3%	4%	3%	5%	4%	4%	6%	7%	6%

COMMENTS: The area has a drier version of the same three-season climate as most of the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Summer is considered to end and winter to start quite abruptly with the first heavy rains of October. It is a rainy season, not a cold one. Winter afternoons are moderately sunny, fairly humid, and cool to mild. Winter nights are chilly, but frost does not occur in most years. The winter rains usually appear as a series of showers with plenty of dry weather and sunshine in between. Unlike its start, winter slides seamlessly into spring, as the days lengthen in March, the temperatures begin to climb, and the frequency and intensity of the rains to diminish. In a similar fashion, spring grades easily into summer as the days get longer, the temperatures hotter, and the rains virtually disappear. Summer afternoons are extremely sunny, moderately dry, and hot to very hot. Summer nights are mild to warm. The *sirocco* is the hot, dry, and frequently dusty wind out of the Sahara. Here in Tunisia, it is often called the *chili* or the *chebili*. Even without the dust, the wind is often so dry as to damage vegetation. Found throughout the year, it is most common in the spring.