

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BULAWAYO AND MATOBO NATIONAL PARK, ZIMBABWE

LOCATION: Bulawayo, Zimbabwe's second-largest city after Harare, is located in the southwestern part of that country. The city is situated in the drainage of the Zambezi River, at an elevation of around 4,400 feet above sea level. The other-worldly landscape of Matobo National Park is a short distance south of the city. The wildlife includes both white and black rhinos.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:12	12:47	12:14	11:39	11:11	10:57	11:03	11:26	11:58	12:33	13:04	13:20
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:25	7:37	7:55	8:32	9:04	9:00	9:14	9:46	9:26	8:47	7:42	7:15
AREA OF BLUE SKY	42%	43%	60%	61%	74%	75%	78%	86%	83%	68%	50%	39%
LOW FOR MONTH	56°	56°	53°	49°	43°	39°	39°	41°	46°	52°	54°	56°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	62°	61°	59°	56°	50°	45°	45°	49°	54°	59°	61°	61°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	82°	81°	80°	79°	74°	70°	70°	75°	82°	85°	84°	82°
HIGH FOR MONTH	89°	88°	87°	86°	82°	78°	79°	84°	91°	94°	93°	91°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	10%	8%	9%	3%	0%	0%	0%	1%	17%	23%	19%	12%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	49%	51%	46%	42%	35%	34%	31%	28%	25%	30%	41%	49%
DRY DAYS	57%	59%	72%	86%	94%	96%	98%	98%	96%	86%	67%	60%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	72%	74%	84%	93%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	93%	80%	75%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.83	0.75	0.42	0.16	0.05	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.18	0.56	0.77
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	31%	27%	16%	9%	2%	2%	0%	1%	5%	17%	36%	34%
FOGGY DAYS	1%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has an upland version of the tropical wet-and-dry two-season climate. The rainy season runs from November through the middle of March in most years, and isn't really all that rainy. The dry season takes up the rest of the year, and is very dry indeed. The elevation keeps temperatures from getting as hot as it gets in the lowlands at the same latitude. It also brings the rare frost during the cooler months, although most years pass without one. Most of the rainy season precipitation comes along with thunderstorms, and these can be extremely impressive out on the open grasslands. A typical January afternoon will be moderately sunny, moderately humid, and warm to hot. January nights are mild. The showers are most common in the afternoons. A typical July afternoon will be very sunny, have quite low humidities, and be mild to warm. July nights are definitely chilly. The month is normally rainless. As in most open plains country, the winds are fairly strong and fairly steady. On cold mornings, the wind-chill factor can make a warm jacket a very desirable thing to have.