

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE HARARE AREA, ZIMBABWE

LOCATION: Harare, the capital of Zimbabwe, is what used to be known as Salisbury, Rhodesia. The city is located on the high plateau on the northeastern part of the country. Elevations are in the range of 4,800 feet above sea level. Harare is the primate city of Zimbabwe. No other city in the country even comes close to the variety of amenities and facilities. It is a thoroughly modern city, but the just as thoroughly rural countryside is only an hour's drive away.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	13:04	12:42	12:13	11:43	11:18	11:05	11:11	11:31	11:59	12:30	12:57	13:11
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:37	6:38	7:06	8:17	8:40	8:41	8:52	9:33	9:37	9:11	7:18	6:20
AREA OF BLUE SKY	34%	35%	50%	61%	66%	74%	77%	79%	83%	69%	46%	33%
LOW FOR MONTH	55 °	55 °	52 °	48 °	42 °	38 °	37 °	39 °	44 °	50 °	54 °	54 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	61 °	60 °	59 °	55 °	49 °	45 °	44 °	47 °	53 °	58 °	60 °	60 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	79 °	78 °	79 °	78 °	74 °	70 °	70 °	74 °	80 °	83 °	81 °	79 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	85 °	84 °	84 °	83 °	80 °	76 °	77 °	82 °	88 °	91 °	90 °	86 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	3%	3%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	57%	55%	51%	44%	37%	36%	33%	29%	26%	28%	43%	57%
DRY DAYS	42%	46%	60%	82%	92%	96%	98%	98%	97%	85%	64%	49%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	57%	61%	74%	91%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	92%	78%	67%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.33	1.24	0.74	0.20	0.07	0.02	0.00	0.01	0.03	0.20	0.62	1.06
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	40%	38%	21%	10%	3%	0%	0%	2%	5%	14%	33%	36%
FOGGY DAYS	4%	5%	6%	7%	9%	8%	6%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%

COMMENTS: Harare has an upland version of the typical tropical wet-and-dry two-season climate. The rainy season runs from November through March. It is warm to hot and moderately humid. The dry season takes in the rest of the year. It is usually mild to warm and quite dry. Harare is not quite 5,000 feet above sea level, and frosty temperatures can and occasionally do occur during the cooler months in some years. Afternoon temperatures above 90° will occur every year, although they are not at all common. Clear days are common only during the dry season. Over the course of the year, you can expect about two days in five will be essentially clear. September leads all months with 72% such clear days, while rainy December only gets 11%. Visitors to the area have the opportunity of seeing the sun directly overhead at local noon on two days of the year. The first of these two days will come during the last week in January, the second during the second week in November.