

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TEHRAN AREA, IRAN

LOCATION: Tehran, the capital of Iran, is located in the north-central part of the country. The city is situated on the lower slopes of the Elburz Mountains, which lie between it and the Caspian Sea. South of the city, the land slopes down to a number of salt basins. Most of the city center is around 4,000 feet above sea level, but some of the northern suburbs may be as much as 2,000 feet higher. Above these, the mountains rise to well over 10,000 feet in elevation, peaking at the summit of nearby Damavand (18,606').

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:03	10:52	11:57	13:05	14:02	14:32	14:20	13:31	12:27	11:19	10:20	9:48
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:34	6:30	6:47	7:22	9:06	11:33	11:10	10:49	10:06	7:57	6:48	5:40
AREA OF BLUE SKY	53%	53%	53%	52%	62%	84%	76%	85%	87%	74%	65%	54%
LOW FOR MONTH	18 °	20 °	28 °	38 °	47 °	57 °	65 °	64 °	56 °	44 °	33 °	24 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29 °	33 °	41 °	51 °	60 °	68 °	74 °	73 °	66 °	54 °	43 °	34 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	45 °	50 °	59 °	71 °	82 °	93 °	98 °	96 °	89 °	75 °	62 °	50 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	55 °	61 °	74 °	82 °	92 °	100 °	105 °	102 °	96 °	85 °	72 °	60 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	71%	52%	15%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	47%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	12%	74%	95%	92%	46%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	50%	35%	28%	26%	21%	20%	20%	22%	28%	37%	56%
DRY DAYS	72%	73%	70%	75%	78%	94%	96%	98%	98%	88%	86%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	86%	84%	90%	94%	97%	99%	99%	99%	97%	91%	87%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.27	0.27	0.24	0.22	0.10	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.02	0.06	0.17	0.19
LIKELY SNOWFALL	7.9"	3.0"	0.9"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.0"
SNOWY DAYS	18%	9%	4%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	1%	4%	8%	8%	3%	2%	1%	0%	2%	0%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	2%	1%	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	4%

COMMENTS: The area enjoys a mid-latitude desert climate. There is no real wet season, although most of the precipitation that falls comes between November and April. Much of that comes as snow. Given the bright sunshine and frequent thaws, however, this snow rarely stays on the ground for long, especially in the city. In the city, summer afternoons are very sunny, very dry, and very hot. The low humidities at that time of day, however, means that sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are about five degrees cooler than those shown in the table or on the thermometers. Summer nights are warm, dry, and clear. Winter afternoons are quite sunny, moderately humid, and cool to chilly--occasionally cold. The mountains to the north of the city protect it from the worst of the arctic outbreaks that plague most of the Eurasian landmass.