

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO SHIRAZ AND PERSEPOLIS, IRAN

LOCATION: Shiraz is located in south-central Iran. It is the capital and glory of the province of Fars, the ancestral home of the Persian people. Its history is the history of Persian art, science, and poetry. It is situated on the banks of the River Khoshk (usually dry), in a fertile valley renowned for its vineyards. This is the home of the Shiraz or Syrah grape. Elevations are about 5,000 feet above sea level. The ruins of Persepolis, the capital under Darius the Great, is some thirty-five miles northeast of Shiraz.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:29	11:08	11:59	12:52	13:38	14:01	13:51	13:13	12:23	11:29	10:43	10:18
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:03	7:45	7:51	8:06	10:31	11:59	11:14	10:38	10:36	9:33	7:57	7:07
AREA OF BLUE SKY	64%	66%	63%	62%	78%	94%	84%	88%	95%	87%	77%	67%
LOW FOR MONTH	21 °	26 °	32 °	39 °	49 °	61 °	64 °	62 °	51 °	42 °	32 °	29 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	31 °	34 °	40 °	47 °	55 °	62 °	67 °	65 °	57 °	48 °	39 °	33 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54 °	58 °	66 °	75 °	86 °	96 °	100 °	98 °	92 °	82 °	69 °	58 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	61 °	67 °	74 °	85 °	94 °	102 °	104 °	102 °	97 °	88 °	79 °	68 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	60%	38%	8%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	12%	42%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	32%	90%	94%	95%	73%	3%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	42%	35%	30%	26%	18%	12%	13%	13%	13%	18%	27%	38%
DRY DAYS	72%	72%	75%	79%	93%	99%	97%	99%	99%	96%	88%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	85%	86%	89%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	93%	86%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.51	0.40	0.35	0.20	0.05	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.17	0.42
LIKELY SNOWFALL	8.1"	2.5"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.3"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	3%	6%	6%	3%	0%	1%	1%	0%	2%	2%	4%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	6%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 76% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 63% in April, to a high of 86% in June and again in September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 106° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 10° cooler than actual ones, due to the low humidity. This is true throughout the year, but is particularly strong in the hotter months. Dust storms are a fact of life in Shiraz. They occur in every season, but are particularly common in the summer months. At that time, you might expect one on two days out of five. Snowfalls are very irregular—some years get none at all. It rarely stays on the ground past noon of the succeeding day.