

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE BAGHDAD METROPOLITAN AREA, IRAQ

LOCATION: Baghdad, the capital and major city of Iraq, is located in the east-central part of that country. The city is situated on the Tigris River, within the Mesopotamian Plain. The gradient of the river in this part of its course is quite slight, and the river meanders considerably. The landscape is one of agricultural lands where irrigation is possible, and desert where either irrigation is not feasible or where the soils have become too saline to grow crops. Nearby points of interest include the ruins of Babylon and Ctesiphon (not much remains). For Muslims, the holy cites of Kerbala and Najaf attract large number of pilgrims, especially Shiites.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:13	10:59	11:58	13:00	13:52	14:20	14:08	13:24	12:25	11:23	10:29	10:00
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:16	7:21	8:02	8:33	9:41	11:38	11:33	11:42	10:50	8:57	7:44	6:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	60%	63%	62%	60%	70%	95%	97%	96%	95%	78%	72%	60%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	33°	39°	49°	57°	68°	71°	70°	62°	52°	38°	32°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	39°	42°	49°	58°	68°	74°	77°	76°	70°	61°	50°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	59°	66°	78°	89°	98°	102°	101°	95°	83°	69°	57°
HIGH FOR MONTH	68°	74°	84°	94°	105°	113°	117°	117°	112°	102°	85°	71°
FROSTY MORNINGS	21%	7%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	10%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	29%	88%	100%	100%	100%	95%	71%	1%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	52%	42%	35%	31%	18%	12%	11%	13%	14%	22%	37%	53%
DRY DAYS	83%	83%	86%	95%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	89%	84%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	92%	91%	94%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	93%	92%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.18	0.20	0.18	0.12	0.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.13	0.17
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	3%	7%	8%	7%	1%	0%	0%	1%	3%	5%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	13%	10%	4%	2%	1%	2%	3%	1%	0%	1%	4%	15%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 74% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 61% in January, to a high of 87% in August and September. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 27°, and the highest should be near 118°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be from 3° to 10° cooler than actual ones throughout the year, but especially during the summer. This is due to the low humidity. Blowing dust or sand is noticeable about one day in four overall, rising to about half the days during the summer. It reaches a peak with the thermally-induced winds of late afternoon. This dust penetrates cameras and other fine equipment (even inside of refrigerators), and can be very irritating to wearers of contact lenses. Snow flurries are common enough in winter, but snow on the ground in the city is quite rare.