

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO BEIRUT AND THE PHOENICIAN COAST, LEBANON

LOCATION: Beirut is located on the Mediterranean coast of central Lebanon. It is the capital and primate city of Lebanon, and has been continuously inhabited for some 4,000 years. The city is a hilly one, and rises from sea level up the slopes of the nearby Lebanon Mountains. Before the ruinous civil war, Beirut was known as the “Paris of the Middle East”.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:11	10:57	11:58	13:01	13:55	14:23	14:11	13:26	12:26	11:22	10:27	9:57
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:22	5:12	6:08	7:58	10:00	11:44	11:41	10:57	9:36	8:00	6:40	4:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	41%	44%	49%	55%	66%	79%	80%	78%	75%	70%	60%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	43°	44°	46°	51°	57°	64°	69°	71°	68°	62°	52°	46°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	51°	51°	54°	58°	64°	69°	73°	74°	73°	69°	61°	55°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	62°	63°	66°	72°	77°	82°	86°	88°	85°	81°	73°	65°
HIGH FOR MONTH	69°	73°	81°	87°	91°	89°	91°	91°	90°	88°	82°	74°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	1%	3%	2%	3%	2%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	69%	68%	67%	66%	65%	64%	61%	60%	59%	62%	62%	69%
NEARBY WATERS	64°	62°	65°	65°	68°	74°	83°	84°	84°	80°	72°	68°
DRY DAYS	54%	57%	68%	79%	93%	97%	99%	99%	97%	87%	75%	59%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	65%	69%	79%	88%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	92%	80%	70%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	1.16	1.03	0.60	0.34	0.11	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.03	0.31	0.80	1.11
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	19%	17%	14%	7%	4%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%	14%	18%
FOGGY DAYS	2%	2%	5%	6%	8%	5%	3%	4%	5%	1%	2%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has the typical Mediterranean three-season year. Summer afternoons are extremely sunny, quite rainless, moderately humid, and hot. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are usually two to three degrees warmer than thermometer ones. Winter is a rainy season rather than a cold one, and starts with the first serious rains in November. Winter afternoons are more cloudy than sunny, fairly rainy, fairly humid, and mild to cool. Snow flurries are not unknown in the city, but are quite rare. The nearby mountains will be snow-capped each winter and well into spring. Winter gradually blends into Spring as the days lengthen and the storms become less frequent. Spring is a fairly pleasant season, except for the occasional dust storms from off the Syrian Desert to the east. Since the natural vegetation is evergreen and crops grow all year long, there is no autumn. Gales, with winds of 35 mph and higher are common during the winter and spring months.