

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAMABAD - RAWALPINDI AREA, PAKISTAN

LOCATION: Islamabad, the capital of Pakistan, is located in the Punjab region of the northeastern part of that country. Along with its older sibling, Rawalpindi (less than ten miles away), it is situated in the foothills of the Himalayan Mountains. Elevations are around 1,700 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:12	10:58	11:58	13:00	13:54	14:21	14:10	13:25	12:25	11:23	10:28	9:59
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:25	7:05	6:42	8:37	9:56	10:00	8:39	8:21	8:35	8:59	8:19	6:33
AREA OF BLUE SKY	56%	56%	47%	58%	64%	65%	51%	52%	65%	77%	76%	59%
LOW FOR MONTH	32 °	35 °	40 °	51 °	58 °	64 °	68 °	69 °	62 °	51 °	36 °	34 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	38 °	43 °	51 °	60 °	70 °	76 °	77 °	76 °	70 °	58 °	46 °	39 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	61 °	65 °	74 °	86 °	98 °	103 °	97 °	93 °	93 °	88 °	78 °	67 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	74 °	78 °	86 °	97 °	107 °	111 °	105 °	100 °	98 °	95 °	86 °	76 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	7%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	1%	36%	75%	90%	69%	61%	66%	22%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	50%	42%	33%	26%	28%	56%	66%	50%	37%	37%	46%
DRY DAYS	87%	83%	73%	79%	83%	85%	60%	59%	81%	91%	95%	86%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	90%	88%	82%	87%	91%	90%	67%	67%	86%	95%	97%	93%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.39	0.43	0.48	0.33	0.19	0.37	1.35	1.53	0.62	0.12	0.06	0.19
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	7%	13%	16%	16%	20%	37%	36%	19%	11%	4%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	12%	5%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	3%	12%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 67% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a "low" of 61% in rainy July, to a high of 72% in broiling July. The expected low temperature for the year will be around 24° at some windless winter sunrise, and the high will be near 114° on some sunny hot-season afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be about 3° cooler than actual ones from October through May, and up to 15° hotter from June through September. Islamabad has a typical monsoon-tropics four-season climate. October through December is the dry season, and is by far the nicest time of year. This is followed by the cool season of January through March. This season is still fairly dry. The hot and dry season starts in April, and runs until the end of June, when the southwest monsoon usually starts. The season of the southwest monsoon is the wettest time of year, and lasts from June through September. Although the English terms of spring, summer, autumn, and winter are commonly used--they don't really apply. The abrupt onset of the southwest monsoon in July can cause severe and extremely rapid flooding in the normally-dry stream and river beds in the area. Do not ever camp in them. Travelers may find themselves stranded for several days at a time on the high ground between rivers vastly over their banks.