

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE DOHA AREA, QATAR

LOCATION: The nation of Qatar is located on the western shore of the Arab Gulf, bordering on Saudi Arabia. It is primarily a low, flat peninsula, surrounded by coral reefs. Doha, the national capital and primate city is situated on the peninsula's eastern shore. Elevations range from sea level to roughly one-hundred feet above it. There is very little natural vegetation, but where water is available the desert has been made to bloom. Qatar was a major pearling center, but the trade has completely disappeared. Cultivated pearls from the Orient have displaced the less-perfect natural gems. At any rate, it was an extremely hazardous profession, and the divers had remarkably short lives.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:46	11:18	12:00	12:45	13:22	13:41	13:33	13:02	12:20	11:36	10:57	10:36
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	7:54	8:00	7:48	9:06	10:30	11:24	10:30	10:36	10:12	9:48	9:12	7:48
AREA OF BLUE SKY	72%	71%	67%	69%	83%	96%	89%	89%	95%	91%	81%	71%
LOW FOR MONTH	47 °	49 °	53 °	60 °	70 °	77 °	80 °	80 °	75 °	70 °	60 °	52 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	56 °	57 °	63 °	70 °	78 °	83 °	85 °	85 °	81 °	75 °	68 °	60 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	70 °	73 °	79 °	89 °	100 °	105 °	106 °	104 °	101 °	94 °	84 °	75 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	81 °	81 °	93 °	102 °	110 °	114 °	114 °	111 °	109 °	103 °	93 °	84 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	7%	42%	93%	99%	98%	99%	98%	80%	13%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	50%	49%	42%	32%	26%	24%	30%	35%	39%	40%	45%	51%
NEARBY WATERS	71 °	69 °	71 °	74 °	80 °	85 °	88 °	90 °	88 °	86 °	80 °	73 °
DRY DAYS	91%	88%	89%	95%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%	92%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	96%	94%	95%	98%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.09	0.13	0.10	0.07	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.08
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	2%	4%	5%	5%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	2%	2%	2%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	11%	10%	4%	1%	1%	2%	3%	2%	6%	8%	5%	9%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 77% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a “low” of 71% in pleasant February, to a high of 85% in October. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 46 on some calm and clear January sunrise, and the highest should be near 116 on some sunny and windless July afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty close to actual ones, the low afternoon humidity not really doing much to reduce the effects of the heat and the sun. Below-freezing temperatures have occurred, but several decades usually pass between events. Similarly, light snow flurries have also been documented, but I wouldn't count on ever seeing one. All rainfall is seen as a blessing from God. If you stay here long enough, you will share in the joyous feeling.