

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ALEPPO AREA, SYRIA

LOCATION: Aleppo (Halab, to the locals), is located in Syria's northwest corner, not too far from the Turkish border. The city is situated in a shallow, rocky hollow between the Orontes and Euphrates Rivers. Its own river, the Quweiq, is dry most of the year. Elevations are around 1,300 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:00	10:51	11:57	13:06	14:05	14:35	14:22	13:33	12:27	11:19	10:18	9:46
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:22	5:27	6:59	8:31	10:40	12:52	13:16	12:32	10:56	8:43	6:39	4:31
AREA OF BLUE SKY	38%	41%	47%	50%	64%	86%	95%	94%	90%	71%	57%	42%
LOW FOR MONTH	25 °	28 °	30 °	40 °	47 °	56 °	64 °	63 °	55 °	46 °	34 °	27 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	36 °	37 °	42 °	49 °	56 °	64 °	70 °	69 °	64 °	55 °	44 °	39 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	50 °	55 °	62 °	72 °	83 °	92 °	97 °	97 °	91 °	80 °	65 °	54 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	59 °	64 °	74 °	86 °	96 °	102 °	105 °	105 °	100 °	91 °	76 °	63 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	30%	22%	8%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	17%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	2%	20%	61%	89%	91%	63%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	65%	56%	50%	40%	30%	26%	27%	29%	30%	36%	50%	65%
DRY DAYS	59%	62%	65%	77%	87%	95%	99%	99%	98%	83%	71%	67%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	80%	82%	84%	88%	95%	99%	99%	99%	99%	92%	86%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.41	0.27	0.22	0.11	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.13	0.24	0.43
LIKELY SNOWFALL	2.0 "	1.5 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.0 "	0.5 "
SNOWY DAYS	4%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	3%	8%	9%	3%	0%	0%	1%	6%	2%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	21%	12%	6%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	10%	26%

COMMENTS: Aleppo has a typical Mediterranean three-season year. Most of the native woody plants are evergreen; and both the local vegetation and crops grow the year around. Consequently, there is no "fall", no autumn season. Summer ends and winter begins with the first serious rains in late October or early November. Spring (March through May) is the season of lengthening days, warming temperatures, and diminishing rains. Most of the blossoming plants bloom at this time of year. Summer (June through October) features long sunny days and little or no rain. Winter (November through February) displays short but fairly sunny days, frequent rains, and occasional frosty mornings. Snow flurries and light falls can be expected during the colder spells, but snow on the ground in the city past noon is very rare. The mountains are a different matter. Light fogs are fairly common along the valley bottoms during the cooler months.