

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO NICOSIA AND THE MESAORIA PLAIN, CYPRUS

LOCATION: Nicosia is located in north-central Cyprus, and is the capital of the island nation. The city is situated in the fertile central plain of the island, and has an elevation of about 700 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:05	10:54	11:57	13:04	14:00	14:29	14:17	13:29	12:26	11:20	10:22	9:51
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	5:28	6:26	7:37	6:48	10:34	12:17	12:41	12:06	10:48	8:49	6:42	5:28
AREA OF BLUE SKY	44%	49%	53%	47%	66%	80%	84%	85%	83%	71%	59%	47%
LOW FOR MONTH	32 °	33 °	35 °	41 °	48 °	57 °	62 °	62 °	58 °	49 °	40 °	35 °
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	42 °	42 °	44 °	50 °	59 °	65 °	69 °	69 °	65 °	58 °	51 °	45 °
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	58 °	60 °	65 °	75 °	84 °	92 °	97 °	97 °	91 °	82 °	72 °	63 °
HIGH FOR MONTH	65 °	68 °	76 °	87 °	96 °	101 °	105 °	104 °	100 °	93 °	82 °	70 °
FROSTY MORNINGS	3%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90 °	0%	0%	0%	1%	17%	59%	93%	94%	54%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	66%	61%	54%	45%	40%	36%	33%	34%	37%	45%	53%	63%
DRY DAYS	55%	64%	74%	87%	90%	97%	99%	99%	97%	87%	80%	65%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	78%	84%	88%	93%	95%	98%	99%	99%	99%	94%	89%	82%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.47	0.34	0.22	0.13	0.17	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.15	0.26	0.47
SNOWY DAYS	1%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	9%	8%	9%	7%	12%	4%	1%	1%	5%	14%	11%	12%
FOGGY DAYS	7%	6%	6%	8%	6%	7%	6%	5%	4%	2%	3%	7%

COMMENTS: The region has a typical Mediterranean Subtropical climate, with its three-season year. Summer is very sunny, very hot, and very dry. Most summer days are clear and sunny, nine out of ten in July and August. Winter starts with the first heavy rains of November. It is moderately sunny, with mild to cool afternoons and cool to chilly nights. Rainfall is generally light, with the odd snow flurry. Snow on the ground at this elevation is rare. Both crops and natural vegetation continue to grow during the winter, since only a handful of nights will drop below freezing, and then just barely in most years. Indeed, winter wheat is an important local crop. Winter grades gradually into summer as the rains slowly become both less frequent and less intense. This transition season corresponds to renewed vegetative vigor, with many blossoming plants and is recognized by the people of the island as spring. Local perceptions do not recognize a “fall” or autumn season, since the natural vegetation as well as most of the tree crops (olives, citrus) are evergreen. The low afternoon humidities mean that sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are usually a couple of degrees *lower* than those shown in the above table or on local thermometers.