

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE ISLAND OF RHODES, GREECE

LOCATION: The Greek island of Rhodes (Rodos) is located in the Aegean Sea just off the coast of Turkey. It is one of the Dodecanese (“twelve”) Islands, and is extremely popular with visitors on package tours—mostly from the U.K., Germany, and the Scandinavian countries. They come for the sunshine, the magnificent beaches, and the lively night-life. Elevations range from sea level to some 3,986 feet above it at the summit of Mount Atabyros.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:59	10:50	11:57	13:06	14:06	14:37	14:24	13:34	12:27	11:18	10:17	9:44
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	4:42	5:30	6:41	8:32	10:13	12:29	13:42	12:55	11:06	7:58	5:55	4:27
AREA OF BLUE SKY	47%	46%	52%	57%	66%	84%	96%	95%	90%	71%	58%	49%
LOW FOR MONTH	41°	41°	44°	50°	57°	63°	69°	71°	66°	58°	50°	44°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	48°	49°	51°	56°	62°	68°	72°	74°	70°	64°	55°	51°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	59°	59°	63°	68°	75°	82°	86°	86°	82°	76°	68°	62°
HIGH FOR MONTH	64°	65°	70°	76°	84°	89°	92°	91°	89°	83°	74°	67°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	5%	15%	9%	3%	1%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	63%	61%	61%	60%	57%	52%	52%	55%	56%	61%	64%	67%
NEARBY WATERS	62°	61°	62°	62°	67°	71°	76°	79°	78°	74°	69°	63°
DRY DAYS	56%	60%	73%	82%	90%	97%	99%	99%	96%	83%	74%	58%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	70%	74%	83%	91%	96%	99%	99%	99%	99%	89%	82%	72%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.94	0.81	0.47	0.18	0.09	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.39	0.63	0.95
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	15%	17%	11%	7%	6%	2%	0%	0%	2%	12%	13%	16%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	1%	1%	1%	4%	3%	3%	6%	4%	5%	1%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 70% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 46% in December, to a high of 95% in July and August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 38° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 94° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be pretty much the same as actual ones. Below-freezing temperatures do occur, but they are rare along the coast and not all that common inland—except in the mountains. The mountains may be snow-capped for weeks at a time. The island gets the typical three-season Mediterranean climate, with winter rains and summer drought. Winters are moderately sunny, wet, and cool rather than cold. Summers are very sunny, hot and dry. Spring is a transitional season, and is delightful. Since most of the vegetation is evergreen and continues growing throughout the winter, there is not “fall”. Late May through September brings the best weather. The island is windy, and ferry crossings can be rough.