

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO LUXOR AND THE VALLEY OF THE KINGS, EGYPT

LOCATION: Luxor is located in southeastern Egypt. The city is situated on the eastern bank of the Nile River, some 410 miles south of Cairo. The Valley of the Kings is across the river on the west bank. Luxor is the ancient Thebes. The landscape is one of barren, rocky hills cut by deep, dry valleys. There is little vegetation, except along the Nile where irrigation is possible. Elevations range from less than 300 feet above sea level along the river, to several hundred feet higher on the rocky escarpments.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:44	11:17	12:00	12:45	13:23	13:43	13:35	13:03	12:20	11:35	10:56	10:35
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:08	9:45	9:49	10:25	11:06	12:15	12:07	11:49	10:30	10:12	9:35	8:45
AREA OF BLUE SKY	86%	88%	86%	89%	90%	97%	96%	97%	97%	93%	91%	86%
LOW FOR MONTH	35°	37°	42°	50°	59°	65°	69°	69°	65°	55°	46°	38°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	43°	45°	52°	61°	69°	73°	75°	74°	71°	65°	54°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	73°	77°	83°	95°	102°	106°	105°	105°	101°	95°	85°	76°
HIGH FOR MONTH	84°	90°	100°	108°	114°	114°	113°	112°	109°	105°	95°	87°
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	5%	29%	71%	95%	99%	99%	97%	96%	81%	19%	1%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	37%	30%	24%	20%	16%	17%	19%	21%	24%	29%	34%	39%
DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%

COMMENTS: Luxor has a two-season desert year based primarily on temperature. There is no significant rainfall. The summer season runs from the middle of April through the middle of October. It is very sunny, very hot, and very dry. The winter season lasts from the middle of October through the middle of April. It is very sunny, pleasantly warm, and very dry. Visitors from the mid-latitudes speak of a spring and an autumn, but the desert pays no attention to these delusions. The combination of dry air, cloudless night skies, and the desert winds can make the nights seem a great deal cooler than the thermometer or the table above might suggest. A sweater or light jacket is definitely a must during the cooler months. The Beduin have a saying, "The stars make a thin blanket!"