

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ASMARA AND THE ERITREAN HIGHLANDS, ERITREA

LOCATION: Asmara, the capital of Eritrea, is located in the north-central part of the country. The city is situated in the Eritrean Highlands, at an elevation of some 7,600 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	11:20	11:39	12:03	12:29	12:50	13:02	12:57	12:39	12:14	11:49	11:27	11:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	9:50	9:58	9:42	10:01	9:38	9:03	7:02	7:06	8:41	9:43	9:45	9:39
AREA OF BLUE SKY	78%	73%	67%	66%	61%	57%	37%	40%	59%	70%	75%	71%
LOW FOR MONTH	36°	38°	41°	43°	47°	48°	49°	49°	45°	43°	40°	36°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	47°	48°	51°	53°	55°	55°	55°	55°	54°	52°	50°	48°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	72°	74°	76°	76°	76°	76°	68°	68°	74°	70°	71°	70°
HIGH FOR MONTH	79°	80°	82°	82°	83°	81°	78°	76°	78°	76°	75°	76°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	35%	31%	32%	36%	37%	35%	61%	64%	41%	47%	46%	40%
DRY DAYS	97%	96%	86%	82%	82%	82%	50%	54%	85%	91%	89%	93%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	99%	99%	96%	90%	91%	90%	66%	72%	92%	97%	95%	99%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.00	0.01	0.07	0.22	0.25	0.22	1.05	0.83	0.20	0.05	0.08	0.01
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	0%	12%	30%	23%	17%	47%	47%	16%	21%	13%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	10%	4%	1%	2%	0%	1%	8%	10%	3%	2%	5%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine occurs on 75% of the year's daylight hours. This ranges from a low of 54% during the July rains, to a high of 87% in clear and dry January. The expected low temperature for the year will be right around freezing on some clear and windless dry-season sunrise, and the high will be near 85° on some sunny early summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to four degrees cooler than actual ones. The rain falls primarily as thundershowers of remarkable duration--some lasting eight hours or more. The late afternoon and early evening are the most popular times for these storms. Snow flurries are rare, but not unknown. The year is divided into three seasons, based primarily on rainfall, and to a lesser degree on temperature. The dry season is the longest season, and extends from the end of the heavy rains in September through the start of the light rains in late March. The season of the light rains covers the period of April through June. The season of the heavy rains runs from July through some time in early September. Both the amount of precipitation and the starts and ends of the individual seasons varies tremendously from one year to another.