

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE KARACHI AREA, PAKISTAN

LOCATION: Karachi, Pakistan's largest city and major port, is located on the shores of the Arabian Sea in southeastern Pakistan. The city is situated on a natural harbor just to the west of the current delta of the Indus River. Elevations in this sprawling city are everywhere close to sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:47	11:19	12:00	12:44	13:21	13:39	13:32	13:01	12:19	11:36	10:58	10:38
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	8:45	9:03	8:49	9:27	9:46	7:46	4:49	4:46	7:13	9:12	9:11	8:45
AREA OF BLUE SKY	65%	70%	69%	75%	68%	41%	16%	13%	49%	87%	83%	73%
LOW FOR MONTH	46°	49°	56°	66°	74°	79°	77°	76°	73°	64°	56°	49°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	53°	57°	66°	73°	79°	82°	81°	79°	77°	71°	63°	55°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	78°	80°	87°	92°	94°	94°	91°	88°	89°	92°	88°	81°
HIGH FOR MONTH	83°	87°	96°	99°	103°	102°	96°	93°	94°	100°	94°	86°
FROSTY MORNINGS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	1%	3%	31%	75%	93%	94%	62%	30%	46%	78%	37%	2%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	42%	46%	53%	58%	65%	67%	72%	73%	69%	54%	46%	43%
NEARBY WATERS	72°	73°	75°	79°	82°	84°	84°	81°	81°	81°	79°	75°
DRY DAYS	95%	92%	98%	98%	99%	97%	83%	90%	98%	99%	99%	96%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	97%	97%	97%	99%	99%	97%	94%	94%	97%	99%	99%	97%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.06	0.08	0.05	0.02	0.01	0.09	0.55	0.30	0.11	0.01	0.02	0.03
SNOWY DAYS	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	2%	1%	1%	0%	3%	7%	4%	2%	0%	0%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	0%	2%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	0%	1%	4%	5%	1%

COMMENTS: The area has a desert version of the four-season monsoon year. These are not the same four seasons familiar to dwellers in the mid-latitudes. The pre-monsoon hot season starts in April and continues until the "burst" of the rainy southwest monsoon in July. It is the hottest time of year, with increasing afternoon humidities as it progresses. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) are up to 15°F *hotter* than actual ones, due to the combination of temperature, humidity, and intense sunshine. The succeeding rainy monsoon season is brief, and usually comes to an end in early August. Nevertheless, it brings the bulk of the year's rain and oppressive humidities. The third season is the post-monsoon hot season from late August through early November. It is both less hot and less humid than the pre-monsoon hot season. This is followed by the "cool" season of December through March, which is quite pleasant, and by far the best weather of the year. The length of these various seasons, when they start and when they finish varies considerably from one year to another.