

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE TBILISI AREA, GEORGIA

LOCATION: Once part of the Soviet Union, the independent nation of Georgia is located at the eastern end of the Black Sea. Essentially, the nation consists of the southern slopes of the Caucasus Mountain, the northern slopes of the Lesser Caucasus, and the valleys in-between. Tbilisi is situated at the eastern end of the country, not too far from the borders with Azerbaijan and Armenia. Tbilisi lies in the valley of the River Kura, which drains into the Caspian. Elevations are about 1,600 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:32	10:35	11:55	13:19	14:31	15:09	14:53	13:52	12:32	11:08	9:54	9:14
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:14	3:48	4:41	5:39	6:49	8:24	8:33	8:15	6:51	5:24	3:32	2:58
AREA OF BLUE SKY	37%	32%	31%	32%	34%	44%	49%	51%	49%	43%	34%	37%
LOW FOR MONTH	17°	20°	26°	36°	44°	52°	59°	58°	48°	37°	28°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	29°	30°	36°	45°	54°	61°	66°	66°	59°	49°	40°	32°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	42°	45°	52°	62°	72°	79°	85°	84°	76°	65°	53°	45°
HIGH FOR MONTH	54°	59°	69°	77°	83°	90°	95°	94°	89°	78°	67°	58°
FROSTY MORNINGS	71%	65%	27%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	16%	50%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	31%	27%	3%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	50%	48%	43%	40%	40%	36%	40%	40%	38%	43%	50%	52%
DRY DAYS	80%	74%	73%	59%	52%	62%	69%	74%	70%	73%	70%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	91%	90%	87%	75%	73%	78%	82%	84%	83%	84%	85%	90%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.15	0.20	0.32	0.53	0.48	0.31	0.26	0.29	0.25	0.21	0.13
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0"	6.4"	4.5"	0.4"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.5"	1.8"	3.6"
SNOWY DAYS	15%	20%	10%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	4%	10%
THUNDER DAYS	0%	0%	1%	7%	25%	32%	22%	17%	13%	5%	0%	0%
FOGGY DAYS	6%	4%	3%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	1%	6%	9%

COMMENTS: The area has a standard mid-latitude four-season year. Precipitation is light, and peaks in late spring and early summer. Summer afternoons are moderately sunny, moderately dry, and moderately hot. Better than one day in three is clear. Summer nights are mild. Much of the summer rain comes from thundershowers. Winter afternoons are fairly cloudy, moderately humid, and chilly. About one winter afternoon in ten will fail to warm above the freezing point. Winter nights are cold, with two-thirds of them dropping below freezing. Most, but not all, of the precipitation that falls during the winter is snow, but frequent thaws mean that snow on the ground rarely lasts for more than a few days. As is usually the case in the mid-latitudes, spring and autumn are seasons of transition in terms of weather, with cool spells and warm spells alternating as the frontal systems pass over the area.