

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ISFAHAN AND THE ZAYANDE RIVER, IRAN

LOCATION: The gracious city of Isfahan is located in west-central Iran. The city is situated most attractively in an oasis on the banks of the Zayande River, whose many multi-purpose bridges form one of the city's major attractions. The surrounding area is part of the foothills of the mighty Zagros Mountains, to the west. Elevations are some 5,800 feet above sea level. Isfahan is noted for its ubiquitous public gardens and its striking and magnificent architecture. Persians have a saying, "Isfahan is half the world!"

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:17	11:01	11:58	12:58	13:49	14:16	14:05	13:22	12:25	11:25	10:32	10:04
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:37	7:37	7:49	8:09	9:43	11:31	11:13	10:41	10:23	8:55	7:32	6:42
AREA OF BLUE SKY	65%	68%	64%	62%	72%	90%	84%	90%	94%	83%	76%	67%
LOW FOR MONTH	16°	19°	27°	38°	47°	56°	62°	59°	51°	40°	29°	21°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	26°	31°	39°	48°	56°	65°	69°	66°	58°	48°	38°	30°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	47°	53°	62°	72°	83°	93°	98°	96°	89°	76°	63°	52°
HIGH FOR MONTH	57°	64°	73°	81°	91°	100°	103°	101°	96°	86°	73°	62°
FROSTY MORNINGS	80%	57%	15%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	65%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	8%	71%	91%	84%	39%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	41%	32%	25%	22%	20%	14%	14%	14%	16%	21%	29%	37%
DRY DAYS	80%	80%	78%	77%	85%	98%	97%	98%	99%	93%	87%	81%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	93%	93%	91%	92%	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	94%	94%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.11	0.09	0.13	0.11	0.05	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.00	0.02	0.09	0.13
LIKELY SNOWFALL	5.0"	2.3"	1.2"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	3.9"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	10%	6%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	1%	1%	4%	5%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	7%	7%	2%	0%	1%	0%	1%	0%	0%	0%	3%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 73% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a "low" of 63% in April, to a high of 84% in September. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 13° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 103° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 8° cooler than actual ones, due to the low humidity. Isfahan's climate is that of a continental desert, with large daily and seasonal ranges of temperature. Dust storms occur throughout the year, reaching a peak in the heat of summer. Most of what precipitation does fall comes as light frontal rains (and snows) during the winter months. Snowfalls rarely last past noon of the next day.