

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE AMMAN AREA, JORDAN

LOCATION: Amman is located in northwestern Jordan. The city is situated on seven rather steep major hills, called *jebels*--and a dozen more lesser ones. These are separated by *wadis* (dry valleys) that are tributaries of the larger Wadi Ain Ghazal (Valley of the Spring of the Gazelles). Elevations are around 2,500 feet above sea level, giving the city milder temperatures than the desert lowlands. Amman is the capital of Jordan, and is several thousand year old.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:19	11:02	11:58	12:57	13:47	14:13	14:02	13:20	12:24	11:26	10:34	10:07
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:19	7:02	7:57	9:30	11:03	12:49	12:55	12:17	11:00	9:28	7:46	6:13
AREA OF BLUE SKY	52%	54%	58%	61%	74%	92%	94%	94%	92%	78%	68%	56%
LOW FOR MONTH	32°	33°	34°	39°	46°	52°	58°	59°	55°	48°	41°	34°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	39°	40°	43°	49°	57°	62°	66°	65°	62°	57°	49°	42°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	54°	56°	61°	72°	82°	87°	89°	90°	87°	80°	69°	58°
HIGH FOR MONTH	65°	71°	79°	89°	96°	98°	99°	99°	97°	91°	81°	69°
FROSTY MORNINGS	13%	8%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	6%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	2%	14%	26%	36%	32%	25%	6%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	58%	54%	46%	36%	30%	30%	32%	33%	34%	34%	43%	56%
DRY DAYS	70%	67%	79%	89%	96%	99%	99%	99%	99%	95%	84%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	84%	83%	89%	94%	99%	99%	99%	99%	99%	98%	92%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.42	0.43	0.28	0.12	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.04	0.19	0.34
SNOWY DAYS	3%	4%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
THUNDER DAYS	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	0%	0%	0%	1%	3%	3%	2%
FOGGY DAYS	5%	3%	2%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	1%	1%	1%	4%

COMMENTS: Amman has a semi-desert version of the Mediterranean Sub-Tropics. This latter climate is characterized by sunny, hot, and dry summers with fairly sunny, mild, and rainy winters. Vegetative and crop growth continues throughout the year. Amman has that climate--but with less rain. The year is a three-season one. Spring (March and April) is characterized by lengthening days, warming temperatures, diminishing rain, and the blossoming of many plants. Summer (May through October) has long, hot, sunny, rainless days. It ends with the first major rains of the winter season, usually in late October or early November. Since almost all of the native woody plants are evergreen, and since crops continue to grow throughout the year, there is no autumn or "fall". Winter (December through February) has shorter, cooler days, and gets most of the rain that falls during the year. It is still a fairly sunny season, and most of the days remain above freezing both day and night.