

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO ANKARA AND THE ANATOLIAN PLATEAU, TURKEY

LOCATION: Ankara, Turkey's capital and administrative center, is located pretty much in the center of the country and in the center of the Great Anatolian Plateau. The city is situated on the Ankara River, at an elevation of some 2,800 feet above sea level.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:42	10:40	11:55	13:15	14:22	14:58	14:43	13:46	12:30	11:12	10:02	9:24
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:11	4:10	5:35	7:09	9:08	11:10	12:25	11:55	9:43	7:21	5:18	3:06
AREA OF BLUE SKY	36%	42%	48%	46%	53%	66%	76%	79%	79%	64%	52%	38%
LOW FOR MONTH	5°	9°	16°	27°	36°	42°	48°	47°	38°	30°	21°	14°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	24°	26°	31°	40°	48°	52°	58°	58°	51°	42°	35°	29°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	38°	42°	51°	62°	71°	78°	85°	85°	78°	68°	55°	43°
HIGH FOR MONTH	50°	56°	70°	77°	84°	90°	95°	94°	89°	81°	68°	56°
FROSTY MORNINGS	80%	74%	57%	18%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	18%	50%	72%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	26%	27%	5%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	73%	65%	53%	45%	43%	37%	32%	30%	34%	42%	56%	72%
DRY DAYS	63%	66%	71%	61%	63%	73%	88%	92%	92%	79%	72%	68%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	82%	85%	88%	80%	83%	89%	94%	96%	96%	90%	86%	83%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.26	0.26	0.23	0.27	0.33	0.22	0.08	0.06	0.13	0.15	0.19	0.30
LIKELY SNOWFALL	12.9"	10.5"	6.2"	0.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	2.3"	10.3"
SNOWY DAYS	29%	24%	13%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	5%	18%
THUNDER DAYS	1%	1%	2%	8%	21%	18%	9%	6%	5%	2%	1%	1%
FOGGY DAYS	22%	16%	10%	6%	3%	2%	1%	1%	2%	8%	20%	23%

COMMENTS: Ankara has a standard mid-latitude four-season year, with hot summers and cold winters. Precipitation is light, with most of it coming during the winter and spring--particularly the latter. Spring (mid-March through mid-May) is a transitional season, with spells of cold weather chasing spells of warm weather at intervals of three to five days. Summer (mid-May through the end of September) is very sunny, hot, and fairly dry--showing some Mediterranean influence. Autumn (October and early November) sees the first frosts, and the leaf-fall from the deciduous trees. Winter is the dominant season on the Plateau, and runs from the middle of November through early March. It is cloudy, cold, windy, and snowy. The snow can remain on the ground for days at a time. The ground is usually bare of snow, however, because of the wind and light precipitation, but it freezes to a considerable depth. Strong gales (winds of 35 mph and higher) often sweep the Ankara area. Rare during the summer months, they reach a peak in April. That month will have gale-force winds about one day in five.