

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE LAKE VAN AREA, TURKEY

LOCATION: Lake Van is located in extreme eastern Turkey. The lake is situated in a mountain-rimmed basin, at an elevation of some 5,400 feet above sea level. The surrounding mountains culminate at Suphan Dag, at 14,547 feet in elevation. The lake itself has no outlet, but depends upon evaporation to balance its inflow. This has left the waters highly alkaline. It is said that you can wash your clothes in lake water without soap. The beaches around the lakeshore communities are generally polluted, but the more rural ones are still safe. Don't go in the water if you have cuts or abrasions, as the dissolved minerals will sting like crazy!

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	9:49	10:45	11:56	13:11	14:15	14:49	14:35	13:40	12:29	11:14	10:08	9:33
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	3:52	4:56	5:45	7:07	8:58	11:02	11:33	10:56	9:22	7:13	5:20	3:56
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	44%	42%	44%	54%	74%	82%	83%	80%	62%	55%	48%
LOW FOR MONTH	3°	4°	9°	24°	35°	43°	50°	50°	43°	31°	21°	9°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	17°	18°	26°	36°	44°	50°	57°	57°	50°	41°	32°	24°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	34°	36°	43°	54°	65°	74°	82°	82°	75°	62°	50°	39°
HIGH FOR MONTH	47°	49°	57°	66°	75°	84°	91°	89°	86°	75°	63°	50°
FROSTY MORNINGS	94%	94%	77%	25%	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	7%	46%	86%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	6%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	55%	55%	54%	51%	45%	41%	37%	35%	34%	42%	51%	55%
DRY DAYS	70%	70%	70%	63%	63%	80%	91%	93%	91%	76%	73%	73%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	87%	87%	85%	81%	82%	91%	99%	98%	97%	87%	85%	89%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.24	0.24	0.27	0.36	0.29	0.13	0.03	0.03	0.08	0.30	0.29	0.21
LIKELY SNOWFALL	14.2"	14.2"	13.4"	2.8"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	0.0"	1.2"	6.5"	10.0"
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	19%	21%	16%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%	7%	14%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	0%	0%	0%	3%	14%	13%	5%	5%	5%	5%	2%	1%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	11%	9%	6%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	2%	7%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 61% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 39% in January, to a high of 80% in August. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to ° on some calm and clear winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 91° on some sunny and windless summer afternoon. Sensible temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be up to 3° cooler than actual ones during the spring and autumn, and pretty much the same as actual ones the rest of the year.