

OCT-APR MAY, SEPT JUN-AUG

WEATHER

JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
10°C - 32°C			12°C - 38°C		
JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
26°C - 39°C			10°C - 37°C		

PEAK DATES

DUBAI SHOPPING FESTIVAL
 RAMADHAN
 EID AL-ADHA
 RELIGIOUS FESTIVALS
 NO RUZ

MIDDLE EAST

TIPS

- Different climates. Mostly hot and dry deserts. Northern parts have harsh winters, the coast is balmy with a little rain.
- Southeast Monsoon: Hits Oman in June - September. Good time to see greenery in the deserts of Yemen.
- In summer, midday heat becomes intolerable for attractions in the desert. Best in winter months when temperatures are milder.
- In Iran, Thursday and Friday are weekends. So plan your trips accordingly.
- Sandstorms: Chance of sandstorms in Egypt between February - June. Best to avoid.
- Closures: During Ramadan, many restrictions apply - tourists included.
- Closures: Nowruz Festival, Iran. Many places and shops are closed for 2 weeks in end of March

MAR-MAY NOV-DEC JUN-OCT
 JAN-FEB

WEATHER

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN
NORTH						
SOUTH						
EAST						
16°C - 26°C			7°C - 22°C			
	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
NORTH						
SOUTH						
EAST						
7°C - 19°C			11°C - 25°C			

PEAK DATES

WILDLIFE VIEWING
 THE GREAT MIGRATION
 SUMMER

AFRICA

TIPS

- The continent of Africa is hot with mostly desert and arid drylands, but climatic range varies across its geography.
- The coasts are humid; North Africa's inland cities near the Sahara Desert are very hot and dry; East Africa gets chilly at night; the 'Horn of Africa' is mountainous; West Africa is humid; Southern Africa is lush during wet season and South Africa has 4 seasons.
- Safari: Best during dry season. Very challenging during rainy season.
- Rainy season can be very challenging for spotting wildlife, hiking and gorilla trekking. But a good time for the lush landscapes.
- The giant cruise season in Egypt reaches its peak in October - May. Best avoid tourist attractions.
- Pyramids: Overcrowded in Dec and Jan. Shoulder season is best if you visit early in the morning, to avoid sweltering heat.
- Game Viewing: Best from Jul-Oct in southern Africa.
- The Great Migration: Jul to Oct, animals journey from the plains of the Serengeti to the grasslands of Masai Mara.
- Midday heat becomes intolerable for attractions in the desert and land-locked countries.
- Some destinations can get very cold at night. Take note if camping overnight.
- Cyclones: Madagascar experiences cyclones in February. Advisable to avoid January and March too.
- Desert Storms: Expect desert storms in North Africa from February to April.
- From Apr-Jun, coastal cities are rainy and rainforests flood - best avoided.
- Closures: During Ramadan, many businesses in predominantly-Muslim countries (Morocco, Egypt) are closed or quiet in the day.