

Weather & Climate

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January to March 2026 will bring mostly dry, sunny, and comfortable conditions with only brief showers expected.

THE SEASON AT A GLANCE - FEBRUARY TO APRIL 2026



Rainfall

- Peak of the dry season
- More dry spells expected
- Generally sunny with occasional showers



Temperature

- Days will feel normal
- Warmer nights are expected



Drought

Short-term
Long-term

- Drought Watch in effect



Flood Risk

- Slight Flood risk this season
- Low risk of flood in February

WHAT DRIVES THIS SEASON'S CLIMATE

Climate Influences

- La Niña remains weak.
- ENSO Neutral conditions expected this season.
- Warmer seas may lead to warmer and more humid weather.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOU



Health

- UV Radiation will gradually increase this season



Tourism

- Few weather disruptions
- Suitable conditions for outdoor activities



Water & Energy

- Demand for cooling slowly increases



Agriculture

- Increased risk of bush fires during dry periods
- Implement water storage and irrigation plans



JANUARY 2026 IN SNAPSHOTS



Total Rainfall	101 mm 4 in
2025 Cumulative Rainfall	101 mm 4 in
Maximum 24-hr. Rainfall	18.1 mm 0.7 in
No. of Rain Days	17 days
No. of Heavy Rain Days	4 days
No. of Thunderstorm Days	0 days

↑ Above Normal



Average Temperature	26.6°C 80°F
Maximum Temperature	January 2nd 30.6°C 86°F
Minimum Temperature	January 12th 22.3°C 72°F
Warmest Day Average Temperature	January 23rd 28.7°C 84°F
Coollest Day Average Temperature	January 6th & 7th 25.2°C 77°F

↑ Above Normal



Sunniest Day (Most Sunshine Hours)	January 27th 10hrs:42mins
Cloudiest Day (Least Sunshine Hours)	January 6th 3hrs:36mins

↑ Above Normal



Average Wind Speed	8 kt 9 mph
Windiest Day Daily Average Wind Speed	January 21st 15 kt 17 mph
Highest Wind Gust	January 17th 35 kt 40 mph

↓ Below Normal

How January 2026 Felt

- Mostly sunny conditions with occasional showers
- Few weather-related disruptions
- Occasional breezy periods
- Generally favorable weather



Longest Dry Spell	0 days
Cool Nights ($\geq 22.7^\circ$ 73°F)	2 nights

Weather Events

No significant events.

Facts

- Wettest January since 2020

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