

# FORMULA 1 GRAND PRIX OF EUROPE

JUNE 17 – JUNE 19, 2016

## Weather Portrait for the Baku area



### GENERAL INFORMATION

After a few years off the F1 racing schedule, the Grand Prix of Europe is back with a new home track in Azerbaijan's beautiful seaside capital city of Baku. The thrilling course, designed by renowned racing architect Hermann Tilke, is located on the southern side of the city and winds through the historic old city center and the promenade lining the scenic Bay of Baku. Tilke promises it will be the fastest street circuit in the world, with racers completing the 6-km loop in a blazing 101 seconds.

### CLIMATE OF BAKU

Baku is located in western Azerbaijan, on the south-facing side of the Absheron Peninsula jutting out into the Caspian Sea. The climate is semi-arid with only 210 mm of annual precipitation on average, most of it falling between October and March. The summer months from June to August are dry, accounting for only 16 mm of average rainfall. However, thanks to the northern latitude and proximity to the cool waters of the Caspian, temperatures even in the height of summer remain fairly comfortable, about 30° C in July and August.

Winter brings the threat of winter storms and the famous khazri, a chilly north wind that can gust well in excess of 100 kph. However, the occasional snows are light and melt within a few days. The khazri and its warmer,

gentler southerly counterpart, the gilavar breeze, occur year-round and contribute to Baku's nickname in ancient literature, the "City of Winds".

### JUNE CLIMATE SPECIFICS

June is the month of transition into the dry season. On average there are only two days in June with recorded precipitation, so rain chances are quite low for any given period. Expect plenty of sunshine, nearly 10 hours per day, with temperatures warm but usually not hot, peaking between 26 and 29° C. Water temperatures in June are still a bit cool for swimming, around 20° C, but are warming steadily towards the late summer peak around 25-26° C.



## DETAILED CLIMATE INFORMATION

	April	May	June	Year
<b>Average high</b> (deg C)	22.1	27.3	30.6	18.1
<b>Record high</b> (deg C)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Average low</b> (deg C)	14.9	19.7	22.2	12.0
<b>Record low</b> (deg C)	N/a	N/a	N/a	N/a
<b>Average precipitation</b> (mm)	18	8	2	210
<b>Average number of days with at least 0.1 mm rainfall</b>	3	2	1	49
<b>Average sunshine</b> (hours)	257	294	313	2,207

Sources: Hong Kong Observatory 20-year climatology (1971-1990) for Baku, Azerbaijan (weather station coordinates: 40.4 N, 49.9 E)

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