## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO FREEPORT AND THE NORTHERN BAHAMA ISLANDS

LOCATION: Freeport is located on Grand Bahama Island, in the northern cluster of the Bahama Islands. The town is situated near the western end of the island, some ninety miles due east of Palm Beach, Florida. Elevations are close to sea level.

|                       | JAN   | FEB   | MAR   | APR   | MAY   | JUN   | JUL   | AUG   | SEP   | OCT   | NOV   | DEC   |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| HOURS OF DAYLIGHT     | 10:41 | 11:15 | 12:00 | 12:47 | 13:26 | 13:47 | 13:38 | 13:05 | 12:21 | 11:34 | 10:53 | 10:31 |
| HOURS OF SUNSHINE     | 7:09  | 7:57  | 8:33  | 10:05 | 10:11 | 9:52  | 10:57 | 10:19 | 8:32  | 8:07  | 7:30  | 7:06  |
| AREA OF BLUE SKY      | 50%   | 52%   | 51%   | 56%   | 52%   | 46%   | 51%   | 50%   | 44%   | 48%   | 52%   | 51%   |
| LOW FOR MONTH         | 51°   | 51°   | 53°   | 59°   | 64°   | 69°   | 70°   | 71°   | 70°   | 64°   | 59°   | 52°   |
| SUNRISE TEMPERATURE   | 62°   | 63°   | 65°   | 68°   | 72°   | 76°   | 78°   | 77°   | 76°   | 72°   | 68°   | 64°   |
| AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE | 74°   | 74°   | 77°   | 79°   | 83°   | 86°   | 88°   | 88°   | 87°   | 83°   | 79°   | 76°   |
| HIGH FOR MONTH        | 82°   | 82°   | 84°   | 87°   | 89°   | 91°   | 92°   | 93°   | 92°   | 89°   | 85°   | 83°   |
| FROSTY MORNINGS       | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOONS OVER 90°   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 1%    | 12%   | 27%   | 35%   | 16%   | 2%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| AFTERNOON HUMIDITY    | 65%   | 62%   | 61%   | 59%   | 63%   | 67%   | 66%   | 68%   | 68%   | 66%   | 66%   | 65%   |
| NEARBY WATERS         | 76°   | 75°   | 75°   | 77°   | 79°   | 82°   | 84°   | 85°   | 84°   | 82°   | 79°   | 75°   |
| DRY DAYS              | 75%   | 74%   | 77%   | 80%   | 68%   | 57%   | 55%   | 50%   | 45%   | 64%   | 74%   | 76%   |
| REASONABLY DRY DAYS   | 87%   | 86%   | 85%   | 86%   | 82%   | 75%   | 68%   | 65%   | 62%   | 74%   | 85%   | 89%   |
| 5-DAY PRECIPITATION   | 0.32  | 0.49  | 0.53  | 0.43  | 0.59  | 0.84  | 0.83  | 1.03  | 1.30  | 1.15  | 0.42  | 0.30  |
| SNOWY DAYS            | 0%    | 0%    | 0 응   | 0 %   | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    | 0%    |
| THUNDER DAYS          | 2%    | 4%    | 7 응   | 9 %   | 14%   | 35%   | 43%   | 47%   | 34%   | 11%   | 3%    | 2%    |
| FOGGY DAYS            | 5%    | 3%    | 4 응   | 2 %   | 2%    | 2%    | 1%    | 1%    | 1%    | 2%    | 4%    | 3%    |

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 66% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 57% in September, to a high of 74% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 48°, and the highest should be near 94°. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you actually feel) will be essentially the same as actual ones most of the year, but will be from 5° to 8° warmer than actual ones from June through October. Freeport has a sub-tropical two-season year, with the seasons based primarily on rainfall and temperatures. The sub-tropical location ensures that below-freezing temperatures do not occuralthough they have come close. The rainy season runs from late May through the end of October. Afternoons are warm to hot, humid, and moderately rainy. The dry season extends from November through the middle of May. Afternoons are mild to warm, humid, and somewhat less rainy. Most of the rain comes as a series of intense and intermittent showers, more often between midnight and sunrise.

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