

SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PALM BEACH RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Palm Beach is located on the southeast coast of Florida, some sixty-five miles north of Miami. Palm Beach proper, is a community of some ten-thousand souls situated at the northern end of a narrow (less than a half-mile wide at its widest) barrier island. The Atlantic Ocean is to the east, and Lake Worth (a section of the Intra-Coastal Waterway) is to the west. Across Lake Worth, is the very much larger city of West Palm Beach. Just a couple of miles offshore, the Gulf Stream makes its closest approach to the shoreline. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level on this low, sandy island.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:40	11:15	12:00	12:47	13:27	13:48	13:39	13:05	12:21	11:34	10:52	10:30
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:19	7:05	7:54	8:59	8:55	8:15	8:26	8:16	7:18	7:13	6:21	6:22
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	44%	44%	47%	42%	33%	34%	35%	32%	40%	42%	44%
LOW FOR MONTH	40°	43°	45°	53°	59°	67°	70°	70°	68°	59°	50°	42°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	57°	58°	61°	65°	69°	73°	74°	75°	74°	71°	65°	59°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	75°	76°	79°	82°	85°	88°	90°	90°	88°	85°	80°	77°
HIGH FOR MONTH	83°	84°	88°	91°	92°	94°	95°	95°	93°	90°	86°	84°
FROSTY MORNINGS	2%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	1%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	3%	7%	18%	42%	66%	72%	44%	10%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	60%	58%	57%	57%	62%	68%	67%	67%	69%	65%	63%	61%
NEARBY WATERS	76°	76°	76°	78°	80°	82°	84°	85°	84°	82°	80°	74°
DRY DAYS	76%	77%	77%	80%	66%	55%	54%	52%	46%	57%	72%	77%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	86%	85%	86%	86%	78%	64%	66%	66%	62%	72%	84%	88%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.45	0.47	0.49	0.57	0.86	1.28	0.93	0.94	1.43	1.27	0.60	0.37
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	3%	4%	8%	12%	24%	43%	52%	52%	37%	14%	5%	3%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	5%	4%	3%	3%	1%	1%	0%	0%	1%	1%	2%	4%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 62% of the year's daylight hours. This might range from a low of 58% in November, to a high of 70% in April. The year's lowest temperature should be close to 35 , and the highest should be near 97 . Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be substantially higher than actual ones from June through September. Humidity is high all year around. Winter (December through February) features warm to hot afternoons and mild to cool nights. Below-freezing temperatures do occur, but not in most years on the island. Summer (June through September) has hot to very hot afternoons and warm nights. Spring and autumn are seasons of transition, but bring the area its nicest weather. The official hurricane season runs from June through November. The Palm Beach area has one chance in six of experiencing one of these storms in any given year.