

## SUNSHINE GUIDE TO THE PANAMA CITY RESORT AREA, FLORIDA

LOCATION: Panama City is located just inland from the Gulf of Mexico on Florida's "Panhandle". The city is situated on a wide peninsula between North Bay and St. Andrews Bay—both inlets of the Gulf. Back from the shoreline, the landscape is a gently rolling pine forest. Elevations are everywhere close to sea level. Panama City is noted for its excellent deep-water fishing for marlin, sailfish, wahoo, tuna, and dolphin. For local fishing, a pier extends some 1,600 feet into the waters of the Gulf. Excellent powdery white-sand beaches line the coast. The city is also home to Tyndall Air Force Base.

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
HOURS OF DAYLIGHT	10:27	11:07	11:59	12:53	13:40	14:04	13:54	13:15	12:23	11:28	10:41	10:15
HOURS OF SUNSHINE	6:01	6:45	7:45	9:26	10:28	10:00	9:05	8:44	8:16	8:33	7:08	5:41
AREA OF BLUE SKY	43%	44%	45%	52%	54%	48%	41%	43%	48%	60%	54%	43%
LOW FOR MONTH	29°	25°	38°	45°	54°	63°	67°	66°	59°	47°	37°	28°
SUNRISE TEMPERATURE	45°	47°	52°	58°	66°	72°	75°	74°	71°	61°	51°	46°
AFTERNOON TEMPERATURE	63°	65°	70°	77°	84°	89°	89°	90°	87°	81°	71°	64°
HIGH FOR MONTH	73°	75°	80°	85°	93°	96°	96°	96°	96°	88°	81°	75°
FROSTY MORNINGS	13%	9%	3%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	3%	9%
AFTERNOONS OVER 90°	0%	0%	0%	1%	10%	44%	54%	60%	39%	5%	0%	0%
AFTERNOON HUMIDITY	54%	57%	55%	53%	57%	62%	63%	62%	58%	51%	52%	54%
NEARBY WATERS	65°	64°	67°	71°	76°	81°	83°	84°	83°	79°	74°	70°
DRY DAYS	74%	73%	77%	83%	83%	72%	59%	58%	70%	83%	79%	74%
REASONABLY DRY DAYS	83%	79%	80%	85%	87%	77%	69%	69%	75%	90%	87%	81%
5-DAY PRECIPITATION	0.64	0.72	0.78	0.66	0.51	0.79	1.29	1.22	1.04	0.53	0.54	0.69
DAYS WITH SOME SNOW	1%	1%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
DAYS WITH SOME THUNDER	6%	10%	13%	11%	16%	32%	49%	47%	25%	6%	6%	6%
DAYS WITH SOME FOG	22%	21%	20%	16%	7%	3%	1%	2%	2%	3%	13%	14%

COMMENTS: Bright sunshine is likely on 67% of the daylight hours of the year. This might range from a low of 55% in December, to a high of 77% in sunny May. The lowest temperature of the year should be close to 24° on some chilly winter sunrise, and the highest should be near 98° on some sultry summer afternoon. Sensible afternoon temperatures (the ones you feel) will be significantly higher than actual ones from June through September. Table values are for the downtown area. The beach areas will be noticeably different in temperature--when the winds are onshore. Under these circumstances the beach areas will be warmer during the night and in the winter, and cooler during the day and in the summer—but only when the winds are onshore. Differences can range from less than a degree to four or five degrees, depending upon circumstances. Consequently, the beach area will get fewer afternoons over 90° than shown above, and fewer mornings below freezing than those shown above. The official hurricane season runs from June through November. Panama City has one chance in twelve of experiencing one of these tropical storms in any given year.