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**Vacation Express Brings Non-Stop Service to Grand Bahama Island from New Orleans**  
*Bahamas promotes new direct Grand Bahama Flights from New Orleans at Pelicans games*

ATLANTA, Ga. – January 17, 2017 –Vacation Express is thrilled to announce new, direct service to Freeport on Grand Bahama Island from New Orleans! Beginning May 27, 2017, exclusive non-stop flights to Grand Bahama Island will depart weekly from Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport through June 26, 2017 for quick four-night escapes.

“Travelers are sure to be excited about the Airport’s eighth international destination with new non-stop flights to Freeport, The Bahamas,” said Mark Reis, Interim Director for Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport. “We are pleased that Vacation Express continues to provide great options for our passengers to visit beautiful vacation destinations like The Bahamas.”

In celebration of this new service and in support of local Bahamian hero and shooting guard for the NBA’s New Orleans Pelicans, Buddy Hield, The Bahamas Tourist Office is promoting these non-stop flights with a booth featuring giveaways, travel vouchers and more at games held at the Smoothie King Center on January 23, February 23 and March 14, 2017.

"Grand Bahama is one of our country's most exciting and adventurous destinations." Mrs. Joy Jibrilu, Director General, Bahamas Ministry of Tourism has said. "The Island has so much to offer especially with its myriad of eco-tourism attractions, its pristine beaches that go on for miles, world class resorts and great shopping."

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Travelers to Grand Bahama Island will be delighted with the non-stop flights operated by Sunwing Airlines on a Boeing 737-800 featuring their signature Champagne Service, which includes a complimentary bag of pretzels, in-flight entertainment and a complimentary beverage. All passengers are permitted one free carry-on bag and the option to upgrade. Upgrades start at only \$20 each way for Preferred Seating with the option to upgrade to Elite Plus for only \$39 each way which includes amenities such as priority check-in, seating with extra legroom and a free checked bag weighing up to 44lbs.

Vacations are on sale now, and packages to this beautiful destination can be booked online at [VACATIONEXPRESS.com](http://VACATIONEXPRESS.com), by calling 1-800-309-4717 or through a local travel agent.

**About Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport:**

Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport (MSY) is the primary commercial airport in the State of Louisiana serving over 80% of all passengers flying into the state. Armstrong International Airport is owned by the City of New Orleans. The New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB), an unattached board of the City of New Orleans, oversees the administration, operation, and maintenance of Armstrong International. The Airport has 17 airlines providing service to 59 non-stop destinations, including eight international destinations. A new world-class terminal complex is currently being constructed. The new North Terminal will be complete by October 1, 2018, in time for the 300th anniversary of the City of New Orleans. For more information, please visit [www.flymsy.com](http://www.flymsy.com).

**About The Islands of The Bahamas:**

The Islands Of The Bahamas have a place in the sun for everyone. Each island has its own personality and attractions for a variety of vacation styles with some of the world's best scuba diving, fishing, sailing, boating, as well as shopping and dining. The destination offers an easily accessible tropical getaway and provides convenience for travelers with preclearance through U.S. customs and immigration, and the Bahamian dollar at par with the U.S. dollar. Do everything or do nothing, just remember It's Better in The Bahamas. For more information call 1-800-Bahamas or visit [www.Bahamas.com](http://www.Bahamas.com). Look for The Bahamas on the web on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [YouTube](#).

**About Vacation Express:**

Based in Atlanta, Vacation Express, part of Sunwing Travel Group, is a tour operator specializing in quality, affordable vacation packages to over 30 destinations in the Caribbean, Mexico and Costa Rica and most recently, Cuba! Now in business for over 25 years, Vacation Express is one of the country's largest and most trusted tour operators. Travelers looking for the most affordable, all-inclusive vacations may book Vacation Express' exclusive, non-stop packages through their travel agent, directly by phone seven days a week at 1-800-309-4717 or online at [VACATIONEXPRESS.com](http://VACATIONEXPRESS.com). Exclusive charter flights are operated by Sunwing Airlines, Allegiant Air, Swift Air, LLC., VivaAerobus, Dominican Wings and Volaris. See operator / participant agreement for details.

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