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## Timeshare Rental and Sale of the Week

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### **SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:**

RENTAL 1/22/2017 1/29/2017 Week 3 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Studio in lower "B" building on the ground floor facing the pool. Full kitchen. Newly remodeled. Close to many amenities including pool, beach, restaurants, shopping, tennis courts. Beautiful grounds and excellent location! \$850.00 Debbie 330-503-1410 [dmorri3035@gmail.com](mailto:dmorri3035@gmail.com)

### **SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:**

SALE 12/23/2016 12/30/2016 52 Flamingo beach resort 2 BR lockout villa in the best week of the year! "B" unit is larger with a balcony ocean view. It has a large LR with a sleeper sofa. 2 TVs and DVD. Dining area. Granite Kitchen. King sized bed in BR. The unit has a washer/dryer within the unit. "A" unit is smaller with a king sized bed in the BR. Granite kitchen. 2 TVs and dvd. LR with sleeper sofa. Balcony. W/D in the unit! 12,500 Michael 847-863-4277 or 847-433-7725. [lamoss1@mac.com](mailto:lamoss1@mac.com)

### **Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:**

See them all at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml)

**St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):** [Click to access our recommended real estate agents.](#)

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**Archives prior to April 12 2014 (old format):**

<http://everythingxsm.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi?flavor=archive:list=sxmweeklynews>

Check Out Our Linked-In "St. Maarten and St. Martin Travelers" Group (Free; Timeshare Focus):

[www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com)

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[http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

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Visit <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> , the \*secret\* site for JMB Website Supporters members only, for low fares to SXM from cities across the USA, Canada, and Western Europe, plus a total of a growing list of 200+ additional major travel benefits, including reduced-cost access to

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## THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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### **SECTION 1: Getting There: Airlines, Airports, Cruises, & Weather**

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#### 1. Where To Find Current SXM Weather Info (Four Key Sources)

Here they are:

- a) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- b) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops.
- c) Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- d) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see [www.island92.com](http://www.island92.com). They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.

See significant National Hurricane Center Outlooks and Advisories as they relate both to SXM and to the US East and Gulf coasts on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.

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#### 2. Take Advantage of Your Free Membership in the SkyMed Travel Club

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on packages worldwide.

The SkyMed Travel Club offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent, even on the wildly popular river cruises that are a phenomenon throughout Europe and are gaining popularity in the US.

Normally, this organization charges \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members and now for everyone else, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Exclusively through us, you get access to a world-class global ticketing mechanism without paying one cent to get in the door.

Join the Club by going to [www.SkyMedtravelclub.com](http://www.SkyMedtravelclub.com), click the sign up link on the top right corner of the homepage, and provide the requested information. It's very important to complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — entering that code is what ensures that you pay nothing to be a member of the SkyMed Travel Club. If you fail to enter that code, you will not gain free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing.

Do join — you will not be disappointed once you've booked.

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### **SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares**

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#### 3. Another Look at "Aqua Apartments" Coming To Cupecoy Beach & at Pearl of China

It would be quite nice if developers and marketers of properties on SXM showed -- clearly and unambiguously -- the exact location of their properties when they first introduce them. Perhaps that would result in a bit less consternation following the introduction of new developments.



Two cases in point: Pearl of China, the massive 776-room behemoth apartment building / hotel soon going up on Belair Beach, and Aqua Apartments, the three 13- to 14-story apartment towers going up in Cupecoy.

Opposition to Pearl of China is massive but it appears that some officials from the prior government approved it, largely out of public view, before SXM's recent elections. So the likelihood is it will go ahead.

The initial perception was that it would be plunked down on Belair beach a few hundred yards north of the Belair Beach timeshare resort. If that were the case, it would have essentially destroyed the beach for public access, many said, and the wetlands behind it would also be sacrificed, local residents and others inferred.

Eventually, the developers and government officials said the property would be farther away from the Belair resort -- closer to where the abortive Barbaron property was to be constructed. And access to it would be via the Learning Unlimited road, not the main drag through the district. We're sure Learning Unlimited was not pleased.

Opposition to the China project, slated to start next year, is still enormous. But nonetheless it would have made far more sense for those concerned to communicate its location accurately from the start. An open process would have been nice too....

A video marketing the Aqua Apartments three towers in Cupecoy was highly alarming. Originally said to be located on vacant property across from Sapphire Resort, the towers complex is being sold via a video that includes an initial scene which seemed to show development of the entirety of beach -- quite possibly eliminating access to it by St. Maarteners and visitors alike. Indeed, when we first saw it, we characterized it as "paving paradise and putting up an apartment building." We also suggested that if the government acquiesced to this project it may as well hand over the keys to the island to Cuba since one of the best reasons to visit SXM would be eliminated. Bottom line: Cupecoy may be the island's most breathtakingly gorgeous beach and anything that endangers that should be fought vehemently.

But ... it appears that initial publicity implying a location across the street from Sapphire ... and the video ... were both quite misleading. The actual location would be behind Shore Pointe, the already built and occupied condo complex on Cupecoy which, by the way, we also opposed. The video, which you can see [here](#) and on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), actually was largely shot from a drone flown over the Aqua site itself and the apartments shown are Shore Pointe, which is why they look so real.

Cupecoy is not out of danger. As we previously reported, the now undeveloped beach property is owned by Turkish billionaire and Princess Port de Plaisance owner Sudi Ozkan who is asking millions for it. With Marriott expected to take over neighboring Blue Mall and turn it into a resort, it seems highly likely that pristine Cupecoy itself could soon be overrun by site developers and jackhammers. That would be an immense tragedy for unborn generations of St. Maarteners and vacationers alike.

More on Aqua Apartments -- the building consists of three towers, not one. The two side towers will be 13 stories tall with a center tower of 14 stories, give or take. There's not much detail about amenities except for a pool and one parking space in an underground garage per apartment. Prices vary but are around \$200K. As we said before, we know of nothing done related to mitigation of traffic created by this project. A picture of the three towers was posted 10/21 on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

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#### 4. Video **Appeared** to Show Condo Development on the Entirety of Cupecoy

The video mentioned in the prior story was at the heart of consternation about Aqua and about the fate of Cupecoy beach. That consternation bubbled up late last week. You can see the video [here](#) and on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). More details are in the prior story.

Not only does Cupecoy vie for the title of SXM's most beautiful beach, It is also the site of many finds of archaeological significance, specifically pottery.

When property owner and Turkish billionaire Sudi Ozkan cut all the vegetation on Cupecoy a few years ago, shards of centuries old pottery emerged — some of which were quickly gathered up by tourists unconcerned with their historical significance.

There is little doubt that pottery exists not only on the surface of this property, but below the surface as well. The island's resident archaeologist Jay Havisser has worked the site extensively and urges souvenir seekers to stay hands-off.

Several years ago, we were quite vocal in suggesting to the government that it take ownership of Cupecoy and

preserve it in its natural state for enjoyment by all future generations of St. Maarten and for tourists as well. That never happened. One would hope that the government would be sufficiently wise to prevent the development of this breathtakingly gorgeous beach — development that would deal a severe body blow to the island's attempts to remain significant in a highly competitive market where Cuba, the giant, is only just starting to wake up.

### SECTION 3: Member

#### 5. "Section Three" -- Member Discounts / Benefits News & Updates

This new section of *SXM Weekly News*, which appears weekly, will provide detailed information about current JMB Website Supporters discounts and benefits both for current members and for people thinking about joining JMB.

*In addition, it will be the introduction point for new benefits beyond the 260+ already available to all JMB members. We think you'll find many surprises here that will be of great interest and value.*

Please see below for this month's story.

## What's To Do at Night On SXM?

Go [here](#) and click our SXM "Entertainment Calendar" in the left-side navigation bar to find out.

#### 6. October Member Benefits Update: Car Rentals

We recently told you about a key member benefit for JMB Website Supporters members: discounts on car rentals. We're repeating the list of current car rental discount providers below, but first we want to mention that we expect to add a new provider shortly: Next Level Car Rental, which was first mentioned to us by "Topper" Daboul last year.

That company is based on the Dutch side like most car rentals and it serves SXM Airport. We'll let JMB members know when they are formally added to our list of rental providers, below.

*JMB Website Supporters currently offers JMB members more than 260 discounts and other benefits across the island and beyond, with many more coming soon. See the beginning of the next section to join and to save on virtually everything you do in SXM on your next trip.*

Among our most heavily used benefits are discounts at key car-rental companies. Here they are, in no special order:

- a) [Tropical-Tropicana](#) Car Rental was our original car-rental partner, starting some 20 years ago. Headquartered at Baker's Suites boutique hotel, Simpson Bay, Tropical has an almost entirely new fleet with just a few older cars to accommodate those who request them. The fleet also includes vans to accommodate larger parties and events. To see the discount they offer, please check the discounts master index in our JMB Website Supporters members only secret website.
- b) [Rodael Car Rental](#) caters primarily to cruise ship passengers and has provided a discount to that portion of our audience for many years. To see the discount they offer, please check the discounts master index in our JMB Website Supporters members only secret website.
- c) [Leisure Car Rental](#), located close to SXM Airport, is female owned — with Jacqueline and Jimmy in charge and doing an excellent job as always. To see the discount they offer, which is substantial, please check the discounts master index in our JMB Website Supporters members only secret website.
- d) [Thrifty Car Rental](#), located on Airport Road, is the largest car rental business on the island with a fleet numbering in excess of about 600 vehicles of all descriptions including luxury. To see the discount they offer, please check the discounts master index in our JMB Website Supporters members only secret website.

e) Next Level Car Rental is coming soon.

Use the above hyperlinks to get to these partner websites. However, you will only find specifics of the discounts on our members-only JMB Website Supporters secret website. If you're still not a member, *pay less* on your next vacation; [here's more information](#) on membership.

Many more discounts are coming. Stay tuned.

For details on all the above, see the Discounts Master Index in the Secret Site. (Members only; username & password required).

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#### **SECTION 4: Island**

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***In Less Than Two Weeks, It's All Over:***

***Our Fall Membership Sale Is Your Last Chance Before The Holidays to Buy Reduced-Cost JMB Memberships for as little as \$44***

***Renewals & Reinstatements are at low Prices, too.***

***Get 260+ Island Discounts And Many Other Benefits at Low Pricing Now:***

**SALE MEMBERSHIP PRICES NOW AVAILABLE -- SALE ENDS SOON:**

New JMB memberships -- 1 year \$44; 3 years only \$89  
[http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

Renewal JMB memberships -- 1 year \$39; 4 years \$89  
[www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements -- 1 year \$39; 4 years \$89  
<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Prices now effective. *This sale is your last chance for low membership prices before the holidays.*

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8. Do ***Not*** Wait For Something to Go Wrong Before You Act....

I've had three phone calls in recent months from people -- SXM tourists like you -- who needed help in a hurry.

They all wanted something but could not get it. The events that moved them to call were 1) a stroke (it wasn't his first); it happened a day or so before his wife called me for help; 2) a heart attack a few days before a gentleman from the Rocky Mountain west called; and 3) a cancer diagnosis a few days before a man's wife called me.



If you're healthy now, that's good -- but tomorrow is another day. In all three cases, these people were hoping to return to SXM but they did not want to risk their lives (and their finances) by not having SkyMed medical evacuation membership protection. *In all three cases the sudden change in their health made it impossible for them to be approved.* (SkyMed always asks "Any hospitalizations in the last six months?")

Do NOT put off getting SkyMed Medical Evacuation protection. I don't like it when I file an application for someone and sudden drastic changes in their health make approval impossible. I want to have SkyMed always say "yes" but life doesn't necessarily work that way. Please GET SKYMED BEFORE YOU NEED IT...so you'll have it when you DO need it. See [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com). It is the best medical evacuation membership product on the market. -- Jeff

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## 9. Our Five Million Smiles Vacation Giveaway: How To Enter (Prize List Updated 10/21)

Most readers now are busy finalizing plans for winter getaways — just as we're finalizing more prize additions to our Five Million Smiles giveaway.

One of our Grand Prizes is going to be a week at one of the island's most fabulous villas — its name will be announced very shortly. We'll also be announcing more vacation prizes soon, but here are those we can announce now (the list has grown since we last published it):

- Eight days and seven nights at [La Vista Resort or La Vista Beach](#);
- Eight days and seven nights in a brand-new two bedroom suite at [Simpson Bay Resort](#);
- Eight days and seven nights at [The Summit Resort](#); and
- Four days, three nights in boutique hotel style suites in the main building at [Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#).
- More vacations are to come and will be announced soon.

There are also many prizes to come including a helicopter ride for the grand prize winner (from Corail Helicopters, Grand Case Airport). There's also a Free tour of Toppers' Rhum Distillery (including free samples, if you're old enough). And there's a painting by renowned SXM artist Patty Meotti. You can see the painting on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). More on Patty is [here](#). We'll detail these and other new prizes very soon.

Many dinners for two are also offered for the Grand Prize winners, including:

- Dinner for two at award-winning Chef Dino Jagtiani's [Temptation Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at the exquisite new [Mario Bistro](#) in Cupecoy;
- Dinner for two at [SPIGA Restaurant in Grand Case](#);
- Dinner for two at [Infinity Restaurant at Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#);
- \$50 Gift Certificate for [Avantika Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at [Toppers Restaurant](#);
- Dinner for two at [Pineapple Pete Restaurant](#)
- Dinner for two at [Sushiitto Restaurant](#)
- Dinner for two at Lal's Curry In a Hurry Indian Restaurant;
- Dinner for two at Cheri's Cafe (limit \$50);
- Dinner for two at The Boathouse;
- More dinners and a number of Activities and Gifts (Jewelry) are to come.

You can enter now if you're a direct (not pass-along) subscriber to **SXM Weekly News**... Click the link to enter now: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/getting\\_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml)

Entries from pass-along readers will not be accepted; Subscribe directly now by clicking "Free Newsletters" at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). *Only direct subscribers are eligible to win -- and subscriptions are free.*

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## 10. Reminder: Steeply Discounted JMB Military Memberships Available for Vets

If you're an active duty, reserve, or retired member of the US military, you can obtain or upgrade to a military

membership in JMB for just \$16.99 per year paid in full upon joining -- four full years at just \$67.96 total.

With a military membership, you can renew at that same fee quite probably forever. What's more, converting an existing membership to military or joining us as a military member *immediately gives you platinum status JMB membership*, entitling you to highlighted ads on our site to sell or rent out timeshares you own in St. Maarten or elsewhere and to future benefits yet to be announced.

To join us as a military member or to convert your current JMB membership to military, send us a check for \$67.96 payable to JMB Communications, mailed to PO Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. If you'd rather pay by PayPal, go to [www.paypal.com](http://www.paypal.com) and send the \$67.96 to [Jeff@JMBcommunications.com](mailto:Jeff@JMBcommunications.com) and in the Notes area, indicate that it's for a new (or renewal) military membership.

For verification, email or fax us your military identification with the serial number obliterated. The email address to send us your military ID info is [support@JMBcommunications.com](mailto:support@JMBcommunications.com) ; please don't use Facebook for any personal communications. You can also fax it to 508-749-7898. *Be sure to tell us the email address you'll be using when you sign up, so we can match the ID you send to your new membership.*

If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact us at [support@JMBcommunications.com](mailto:support@JMBcommunications.com) .

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## 11. Restaurant of the Week:

This feature returns shortly. See below for recently recommended restaurants.

Sill not a JMB member? You're spending way too much for practically everything you buy in SXM. Get hundreds of discounts and other benefits: see the beginning of this section.

Big Fish Restaurant [www.bigfishsxm.com/](http://www.bigfishsxm.com/) (featured 8/16)  
IZI Ristorante Italiano, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 2/29/16)  
Canoa, [www.canoasxm.com](http://www.canoasxm.com) (featured 3/22/16)  
Mario Bistro 9/5/16  
SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 3/7/16)  
Cugini (12/7/15)  
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)  
Daniel's By The Sea, [www.dawnbeachsxm.com](http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com) (featured 7/25/16)  
Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16)  
Spiga, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 4/18/16)  
The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16  
The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 4/28/14)  
Stone Restaurant, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://www.thestonerestaurant.com) (featured 9/2/14)  
Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15)  
Temptation, <http://www.temptation-sxm.com/> (featured 10/10/16)  
Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 5/9/16)  
Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 7/25/16)  
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 7/25/16)  
Pineapple Pete, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://www.pineapplepete.com) (featured 9/19/16)  
Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16)  
Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach; follow the car path from the far side of Ocean Club to get there). (featured 4/27/2015)  
FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse  
St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge  
Jimbo's, [www.jimboscafe.com](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 4/13/15)  
Vesna Taverna, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 4/25/16)  
Topper's / Topper's By The Sea <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 6/6/16)  
Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15)  
Bylbos, Simpson Bay  
Sushiitto Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance <https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm> (featured 7/18/16)

## Got SkyMed Questions?

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[jeff@getskymed.com](mailto:jeff@getskymed.com)

*SkyMed Takes You Home®* to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling, saving you upwards of \$45,000 or more -- payable in cash in advance if you aren't a member -- were you to try to set up an emergency medical evacuation yourself. What else matters? Get SkyMed BEFORE you need it. Call any weekday during normal business hours, Eastern Time. Please leave a message or email us if you get a voicemail response.

## 12. SkyMed Is On Sale: The "SkyMed Bonus" Returns

Updated 10/17/16

**What SkyMed Does:** *SkyMed Takes You Home®* to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. *Whether it's an accident, a sudden illness, or virtually anything else, SkyMed is your free ticket home aboard an ICU-equivalent emergency medical evacuation jet with an ICU-certified medical attendant on board to make sure everything goes as planned.*

**How SkyMed Works:** Like clockwork, you'll be taken from the hospital to a waiting aircraft by ambulance at SkyMed's expense; SkyMed makes all the arrangements and pays all costs for the medical evacuation jet and for the ambulance at the destination which takes you to a waiting team at your destination hospital, which already has your medical records and is ready to start helping you. There are no co-pays and no deductibles, either.

*Anything can happen anywhere — but you can always trust SkyMed to take you home when you need it most.*

**What's It Cost?** *Without SkyMed, you'll need \$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance to pay for a medical evacuation — if you can make the dozens of calls necessary to set it up in an emergency. SkyMed does all that for you, for a small membership fee; you simply make one phone call 24/7/365 to get things going. Enroll today while it's fresh in your mind.*

**Why Buy Now?** We're offering SkyMed now at very special pricing for JMB Website Supporters members only — but if you're a nonmember and care to join SkyMed now through us, we'll enroll you in JMB Website Supporters at the same time. This offer is available only by phone; call Jeff directly at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed questions only) and he will be happy to answer your questions, tell you about the different types of programs available, and their respective costs. He'll also be happy to fill out your application for annual or multiyear memberships by phone and at the same time you'll be able to set up a JMB Website Supporters membership (required to get the best multiyear SKYMED discounts).

**The SkyMed Bonus:** JMB Website Supporters members get hefty discounts on all multiyear SkyMed memberships. If you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership (for three or five years), or upgrade your SkyMed membership bought through us to a new three- or five-year SkyMed membership, Jeff will be able to simultaneously enroll you in a JMB Website Supporters membership for the exact same period. If you're already a JMB member and do a new or upgraded multiyear SkyMed membership through us, your JMB membership will be extended by the same multiyear duration. Again, this offer is available by phone only and for a limited time — call Jeff at 508-747-8281 during normal business hours Eastern time. Since he has been a rep for SkyMed for about 14 years, Jeff will be able to answer all of your SKYMED questions and help tailor a plan for you that meets your needs.

See [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com) or phone Jeff any weekday at 508-747-8281 or email him at [jeff@getskymed.com](mailto:jeff@getskymed.com) (use the subject "SkyMed inquiry") to learn more and get your questions answered.

## Compare The Types of SkyMed Memberships:

First, short term memberships are for brief trips in North America, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Mexico -- 34 countries total. The advantage of short-term memberships is that they are very inexpensive, just about \$9 per day per person maximum of about \$18 per day. The disadvantage is that they only cover you for the short term you are traveling; when they expire, your protection disappears. When you're ready to travel again, you must reapply for a new short-term membership. Although the process is quick, you still must be medically approved and at

some point, that may not be possible. Bear in mind that many of us travel more than once or twice a year, even if it's only a few hundred miles from home to visit friends or relatives, which is why we recommend annual or multiyear SkyMed memberships instead of short-term memberships. You do not want your protection to end.

Second, both annual and multiyear SkyMed memberships are essentially permanent coverage. Once you've been approved and as long as you continue to pay your membership fee on time, your membership cannot be discontinued as a result of advancing age or declining health — two critically important advantages that ensure you have coverage when you may well need it most.

Third, Ultimate memberships cover multiple years and provide protection worldwide. The only exceptions are places like Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, North Korea — places no wise person would visit anyway. Ultimate memberships also offer the greatest breadth of coverage. You can see a complete list of all the features and benefits of these coverages [here](#).

Fourth, if you're an American or Canadian ex-pat living in St. Maarten or elsewhere outside your country for six months or more per year, you can still get SKYMED Takes you Home protection in the form of an **ex-pat** membership. Email us (see next paragraph) and we can tell you how it works and get you protected.

In addition to everything else he does, Jeff Berger has been a SKYMED rep for over 14 years. He'll be happy to answer any questions you have; just phone the office any weekday at 508-747-8281, or email him at [Jeff@GetSkyMed.com](mailto:Jeff@GetSkyMed.com). He generally returns calls and messages within 24 hours. To see [online frequently asked questions, go here](#). You can also see his site at [www.GetSkyMed.com](http://www.GetSkyMed.com).

JMB members get serious discounts on all multiyear SKYMED memberships. If you're not already a JMB member, join today and take advantage of those discounts.

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Renewal JMB memberships -- 1 year \$39; 4 years \$89  
[www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

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The above sale prices are available briefly; sign up today.

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[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

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## 13. No Age Limit to Join or Renew SkyMed

What's the upper age limit to join SkyMed? There isn't any: apply today regardless of age.

What's the upper age limit to renew your existing SkyMed membership? *There isn't any.* Just pay your SkyMed renewal on time and your membership will continue regardless of your health or age at the time of your renewal. There is no membership cutoff for advancing age or declining health, unlike so-called competitive programs. *And the price of your renewal membership will not increase due to declining health or advancing age.* SkyMed Takes You Home® -- what else matters?

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## 14. Q and A About SkyMed Medical Evacuation (Updated 9/19/16)

Here are constantly updated questions and answers about SkyMed, the folks who fly you home in an ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. *It's a life-saving flight that could easily cost you upwards of \$45,000 in cash in advance without SkyMed. Thousands of you have bought it through us.* To learn more, see [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com).

**Q. What's so special about SkyMed? Aren't these companies all the same?**

A. *Not by a long shot.* Most other programs say in their fine print that they take you to "the nearest appropriate facility," *not* home like SkyMed. If you're in SXM, that means *SkyMed competitors* would likely take you to Puerto Rico. Some others also raise prices after you reach a certain age... Or they cancel you on a particular birthday, or cancel your membership when you get sick. *SkyMed does none of that.* Sign up for SkyMed today and when you reach age 109 you pay the same low price as everyone else. Once you're a member, there's no age or health discrimination -- as long as you pay your membership fee you're good to go. (Applies to all annual and longer memberships. Short-term memberships, lasting only a few days, require medical requalification when you buy another -- which is why we recommend annual or multiyear memberships. *Why risk the hurdle of medical requalification?*)

**Q. What other evacuation-related services do you offer besides the evacuation itself?**

A. There are 18 other services, some of which you've never even thought about but all of which are important. You'll find them on our downloadable SkyMed Benefits PDF on our [SXM Weekly News PDF Archives](#) page.

**Q. How fast are the evacuations?**

A. That depends on a number of factors. First the patient must be medically stable and ready to fly. Even though emergency medical evacuations are aboard ICU-equivalent medevac jets, the patient's stable health during the trip is of paramount importance. He / she must be medically stable to take that trip. Although arrangements for the electronic transfer of medical records, reserving flight and medical crews and the jet itself, making hospital arrangements at the destination hospital, and setting up ambulances at both ends of trip must all be completed beforehand, nonetheless it generally takes only a matter of hours before you're in the plane on the way to hospitals and doctors you know and trust near home. Bottom line is that SkyMed does it as quickly as it can be done assuring the patient's health and safety during the medical evacuation and the flight home.

**Q. Do they cancel me if I get really sick?**

A. *No, they don't.* Once you're a member, as long as you continue to pay your membership fee your membership continues regardless of your health or age, when you buy an annual or multiyear membership and keep it in force. SkyMed does not throw you out if you get sick. If you allow your membership to lapse, you will need to reapply to determine if you're still medically acceptable -- so just don't let it lapse.

**Q. I have a few medical issues and I'm in my 70s. Will SkyMed accept me?**

A. In its brief application process, completed online or by phone or in person with a rep, SkyMed asks for your name, DOB, current Rx medications, medical conditions, and hospitalizations in the last six months. It also asks where in the US or Canada you want to be transported when you need an emergency medical evacuation. It now also requests your passport number to help expedite customs / immigration should you require an international medical evacuation flight. *The vast, vast majority of applicants are readily accepted.* You do not have to be in "phenomenal" health at all. By the way: if you travel very little and only for short periods, you can apply for SkyMed's short-term memberships; they cover all pre-existing conditions in full, immediately. *Just remember that you must medically requalify every time you need a new short-term membership, which is why most of our members buy and renew annual or multiyear Ultimate SkyMed memberships instead of short-term.* Those memberships cover all pre-existing conditions in full after only 90 days. More on that is below.

**Q. We travel for weeks at a time. Do we have to tell SkyMed where we're going?**

A. No, you don't. As long as you're home in the US or Canada more than six months per year, you're fine. If you spend more than half of each year away (in aggregate), out of your home country (USA or Canada) then you're considered an expatriate (ex-pat) and would need a program custom-tailored for ex-pats because you're away a majority of the time and that means you represent increased exposure. That program is called "X-Pat" - the program for American and Canadian expatriates living overseas. Even as an ex-pat living in SXM, you can still be transported back to your city of choice in the USA or Canada. (See the question, "**Does SkyMed cover us no matter where we travel?**" which is below.)

**Q. Does SkyMed cover pre-existing conditions?**

A. Yes, right away for short-term memberships and after just a 90 day waiting period for memberships lasting a year or longer. To make sure you're covered for everything when you travel including pre-existing conditions just buy your

annual or multi-year Ultimate SkyMed membership more than 90 days ahead of your initial date of travel.

**Q. Do you require a physical exam for renewal or when I reach a certain age?**

A. No, SkyMed requires neither. Once you join and buy an annual or multiyear membership that SkyMed approves, they'll renew it every year upon on-time payment of your renewal fee. No physical exam is required regardless of your age or health if you've paid your membership renewal on time. You can be age 109 and still be protected by your SkyMed membership.

**Q. What is the maximum age for applying for membership?**

A. There is no maximum. Apply away.

**Q. I seldom travel now. Do you have short-term plans?**

A. Yes, at about \$9/day per person or maximum \$18/day per family. Since they only last a specified number of days, they end when the term of coverage ends. If you want another short-term plan later, you must apply again and medically requalify. Annual plans cost roughly \$1.30/day for your entire family (parents and minor kids); plans for singles are less. Annual and multiyear plans are renewable without medical requalification, assuming they haven't lapsed. That's a key advantage over short-term plans.

**Q. I'm from Canada. May I join SkyMed? I have to get back to my province if I'm seriously ill or my health insurance won't work.**

A. Both Americans and Canadians are eligible to join SkyMed. American and Canadian ex-pats living overseas also are eligible.

**Q. What types of policies are there?**

A. SkyMed Memberships (often called policies by members though they actually are memberships, not policies) come in several flavors: short term, for people who travel little and for short durations; "annual" for people who want full-year protection that is guaranteed renewable for life when you pay the membership fee on time regardless of age or health at the time of renewal; and Ultimate multiyear memberships which offer low annual cost, maximum benefits, and global coverage and are also renewable for life regardless of age or health when membership fees are paid on time. **Ex-Pat and "Silver" memberships also are offered.**

**Q. Which membership gives the biggest bang for the buck?**

You clearly get the most for the least with our three-year or five-year Ultimate memberships. Coverage is global, guaranteed renewable, and can not be cancelled due to increasing age or declining health - ever, assuming renewals are paid on time. You'll also pay the same fee as all other members -- there's never an increase related to your personal health or advancing age. And annual memberships are upgradeable to Ultimates at any time. **Multiyear memberships give you more benefits than annual memberships but cost less when paid at inception. They're quite a bargain.**

**Q. Is there a best time to buy?**

A. Yes -- exactly like fire insurance, buy it before you need it! Why gamble? The peace of mind alone is worth every penny.

**Q. Does SkyMed cover us no matter where we travel?**

The basic annual SkyMed "Takes You Home®" plan covers you in the USA (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. The Ultimate membership covers you globally through SkyMed Global -- or you can add a global rider to annual memberships (at \$100/year) which adds rest-of-the-world coverage, also through SkyMed Global. SkyMed does not cover countries where there are open hostilities -- Iraq, Iran, Syria, Somalia, North Korea, etc.

**Q. I already belong to SkyMed but I'm pretty sick now. Will SkyMed drop me?**

Once you've bought an annual or longer SkyMed membership, that membership stays in force as long as you pay renewals on time regardless of how old you get or how sick you get. When you're in, you're in -- declining health is not an issue. And no, you do not have to tell us about changes in your health that occur after you join.



**Q. I'm an American [or Canadian] xPat now living in SXM. Since I live there, can I still be brought "home" to Canada or the US?**

As long as you've purchased our xPat Membership (for people who live in SXM six months or more per year), you absolutely will be taken home, back to the US or Canada, to the hospital of your choice when you become critically ill or injured. Just be sure you've specified your preferred home hospital in your SkyMed application.

**Got Other Questions?**

If you have questions about SkyMed not answered above, email [jeff@getskymed.com](mailto:jeff@getskymed.com) and Jeff will get back to you or phone him at 508-747-8281. Please also include your phone number and best time to call; he'll be in touch. *Please use the subject "SkyMed Inquiry" in your email.*

SkyMed Takes You Home®; What else matters?

For more, see [skymed.com/jmbspecial](http://skymed.com/jmbspecial) (JMB members) or [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com) (non-JMB members) or email Jeff directly at [jeff@getskymed.com](mailto:jeff@getskymed.com) with the subject SkyMed. If you include your phone number, he'll call you about SkyMed as well, to answer any questions you may have including all pricing options.

You can also call SkyMed directly (in Scottsdale AZ, Mountain standard time year round.) Their number is 1-800-475-9633; ask for Nan. If you're a JMB member, say so and have your membership card ready. ***All multiyear plans offer major discounts to JMB members.*** Please tell them you're calling because you heard about them from Jeff Berger.

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## 15. Download The Complete List of All SkyMed Features & Benefits

Read it for yourself: it beats every would-be competitor hands-down. Look:  
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

This is an Adobe Acrobat PDF Document. Your system most likely already has a PDF Reader (free) but if not you can get one here: [download Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

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## 16. Interact With Fellow SXM Visitors on Our Everything SXM Facebook Site

Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which has been around for several years, covers SXM happenings in words and pictures from its thousands of users and enables people to ask questions, get answers, post trip reports, etc. We also post things there between issues of *SXM Weekly News*.

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## 17. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look here for our PDF archives: [http://everythingxm.com/sxm/free\\_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml](http://everythingxm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml). This is scheduled to complete an update shortly.

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## 18. Events & Parties in SXM

Starting this week, we're publishing a weekly feature about significant events and parties on the island that are open to the public.

Here are a few initial listings; see the links for details including any fees. If you're not a Facebook member, join to see these event listings; Facebook is free.

Wine Tasting & Dining at Big Fish

On Monday October 24, Justin Winery of Paso Robles, in California is hosting a culinary night at Big Fish. This

exquisite event should not be missed, as this winery is recognized as the pioneer of award-winning Bordeaux-style wines on California's Central Coast, and will be paired with sensational and delicate dishes prepared Chef Wendell Laurence himself. Do join us at 7:00pm for an exceptional experience (from Big Fish)

A Chef's Night, October 26-28, Sonesta Ocean Point Resort:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/861591643975486/>

Championnat de France de la classe Europe 10/29 to 11/1:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/625996504232623/>

Topper's Kickoff to Caribbean Rum & Beer Festival, Toppers Rhum Distillery, Simpson Bay, 11/3:

<https://www.facebook.com/events/144861425964294/>

Roaring 20's Party With A Purpose, Saturday, November 5 at 7:30 PM, Tantra Nightclub & Sanctuary

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1777797459142012/>

Check this story for more SXM events every week. Also see our Entertainment Calendar courtesy of [Island92 radio](#) updated monthly at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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## 19. KLM 747s' Last SXM Flights Are This Week

KLM 747s stop serving SXM effective October 28. End of an era. They will be replaced by smaller Airbus aircraft, as we previously reported.

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### Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated

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### Meet Our Sponsors (updated 9/27/13) Returns Next Issue

#### **SECTION 5: For Members Only (Constantly Updated)**

A. Where to Get Member Info: [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)

B. Password Recovery Info: Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.

C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: See [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret) .Your username and password are required.

#### **SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers)** Updated 10/18/15

See [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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### About Email Address Changes / How To Unsubscribe (Updated 9/7/13)

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