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

RENTAL 1/7/2017 1/21/2017 Week 1 and Week 2 ROYAL PALM 2 bedroom condo \$1875 per week Joe [jgarro55@gmail.com](mailto:jgarro55@gmail.com)

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

SALE 3/18/2017 4/1/2017 week 11 and 12 Atrium Studio sleeps two, king size bed, full kitchen, 5th floor. Deck overlooks lagoon and ocean. We have owned and loved it since 2000, but now we need to sell it. \$6000 per week or \$10,000 for both Thomas 203 361 6075 [tsharp41@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tsharp41@sbcglobal.net)

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

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**THIS WEEK'S STORIES:**

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

1. Tropical Atlantic Simmers Down -- But Will It Stay That Way?

The tropical Atlantic in recent weeks has simmered down. We post tropical updates from the National Hurricane Center on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) so you can see what's happening.

Some meteorologists have been concerned about potential tropical development soon in the southwest Caribbean. Since the recent monsoonal-type flow that brought very wet weather here to SXM over the last week was southwest to northeast, there has been some concern about what might happen with any tropical development in the southwest Caribbean *related to SXM*. The good news is that so far, nothing significant is happening -- and any effect on SXM at the moment appears to be a longshot.

For much more, click Weather on [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com) and check out our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

2. Airport Immigration Seems Faster

JetBlue flight 787 from Kennedy to SXM last Monday, the day before the election, was packed. When the flight arrived half an hour early at SXM Airport, it was accommodated quickly. The immigration officer said "welcome to the island" and "have a good time," stamped passports, asked no questions -- very quick service.

The immigration kiosks which we wrote about are in evidence just before the immigration booths. However during our visit they were covered in plastic and appear never to have been used.

More to come.

3. 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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#### 4. 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, as many of our readers already know.

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

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#### 5. Jeff Is Researching Hotels...

Jeff is currently researching both Dutch and French side hotels. He's constantly in touch with many people about many things across the island as he develops content for SXM Weekly News and our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). When he discovers anything interesting during this research, he'll be tipping you off here in SXM Weekly News.

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#### 6. Nothing New Re: Caravanserai, Sapphire

We're constantly watching to see what happens at the former Caravanserai property at Beacon Hill near the airport, and developments in court which affect the takeover of Sapphire Resort by Bruno Sitbon. Nothing is new in either case at the moment but we'll keep you posted.

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## Traveling?

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### SECTION 3: Member

#### 7. "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.

#### 8. November Member Benefits Update: Jewelry Shopping

Here are our top jewelry discounts, in alphabetical order. To download and use our JMB discount vouchers, you must be a JMB Website Supporters member. Site access requires your assigned username and password and the Membership Card issued to you by JMB Website Supporters Membership Services. **To get discounts at any of these businesses, your JMB Website Supporters Membership Card is required.**

AMA Jewelers Discount: AMA Jewelers, on Front Street and at Princess Juliana Airport, offers JMB Website Supporters members \$50 off any precious gemstone purchase. You must [download and present the AMA Jewelers voucher](#) to use this benefit. This coupon is in Adobe Acrobat PDF format; to open it, use the [free Adobe reader](#). (Benefit #47.)

Ballerina Jewelers St. Maarten has three big offers for JMB members: A free gift with any Tacori purchase; a \$50 Gift Card with a minimum purchase of \$250; or a \$100 Gift Card with a minimum purchase of \$500. You **must** [download and use this voucher](#) to get this exclusive JMB benefit. The voucher is in Adobe Acrobat PDF format; to open it, use the [free Adobe reader](#). (Benefit #135.)

Caribbean Gems on Front Street, Philipsburg, gives JMB Members a free \$25 Gift Card. May be redeemed in person at any Caribbean Gems store in St. Maarten only. You may use one \$25 gift card per family. Cannot be redeemed for cash, sold, or transferred. Please download your [Caribbean Gems \\$25 Gift Card](#) which is required for redemption. Lost or stolen gift cards can NOT be replaced by Caribbean Gems. (Benefit #69.)

DK Gems, on Front Street, Philipsburg, gives JMB Members a free gift for stopping by. Please download the [DK Gems discount coupon](#) which is required for redemption at DK Gems, just west of the center of town. (Benefit #70.)

Kay's Fine Jewelry, Front Street, in Philipsburg offers a \$50 gift certificate toward the purchase of fine jewelry. You **must** [download and use this certificate](#) to get the JMB discount. The discount coupon is in Adobe Acrobat PDF format; to open it, use the [free Adobe reader](#). (See details on the voucher.) (Benefit #121.)

Little Europe Jewelers has now joined our JMB member discount program and their discount offer will appear here soon.

Oro Diamonte Jewelers, Front Street, Philipsburg, offers JMB Members a \$25 Gift Card good toward any in-store purchase. Limit, one \$25 Gift Card per family. You **must** [download and use this Gift Card](#). The Gift Card is in Adobe Acrobat PDF format; to open it, use the [free Adobe reader](#). (See details on Card.) (Benefit #157.)

Zhaveri Jewelers on Front Street, Philipsburg, gives JMB Members a free \$25 Gift Card good toward any purchase of \$25 or more. Limit: one card per family. [Download and print your gift card here](#), before going to the

store. (Benefit #66.)

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).

Still not a member? See next article.

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### **Final Hours:**

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

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

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## 10. Seaweed Story: (Spoiler Alert, There Isn't Any)

Two or three months ago, much of the Sargasso seaweed that had been annoying the island for the last few years ceased.

Midweek last week, Dawn beach, which was an epicenter for the invasion, had water as clear as we've ever seen there, a number of people snorkeling, and calm seas. The seas have picked up slightly since, but no seaweed of consequence.



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## 11. Rainy Season Seems to Break; Weather Is Sunny, Hot

Although technically rainy season is still underway for a brief time, recent rains ended midweek last week. There are still occasional showers but for the most part, the weather in SXM now is hot, humid, and mostly sunny. If you're coming here for Thanksgiving it should be a good week — though you should see the lead article in the Weather section (section 1) about tropical activity. (Hurricane season ends 11/30).

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## 12. Car Rental Discounts Abound Through JMB Website Supporters

JMB Website Supporters membership delivers close to 300 discounts across St. Maarten, on both sides of the island.

Among our most popular discounts are those provided by some of the island's top car rental companies — including Leisure Car Rental, Tropical Car Rental, Thrifty, and soon, Next Level Car Rental. Leisure, for example, provides 15% discounts to JMB Website Supporters members. That adds up. To see all our Car Rental discounts, login to the members-only secret website via the orange login box on every page of [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com). Car rentals are listed in the Discounts Master Index.

Car rentals are just one type of discount we offer — others cover practically everything you do on the island. Check them out by clicking the links at the beginning of this section.

N. B., Most of you will receive this issue of SXM Weekly News a few days before its cover date. *Our Fall sale absolutely ends on Sunday, November 13, so join, renew, or reinstate now.*

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## 13. Want to Move To SXM? Not As Hard As You Think...

There has been a noticeable uptick in interest by Americans and Canadians in moving to SXM as a retirement option or a second home. The uptick started a few years ago.

Of course, the recent presidential campaign increased interest in relocating to SXM by both Democrats and Republicans. The fact is, it's much easier than you probably think. This article can help: <http://tinyurl.com/hb78qrr>

If you want to look seriously at properties — condos or villas — our partner, Island Real Estate Team, is both the best real estate outfit on the island and a sponsor of our [www.EverythingSXM.com](http://www.EverythingSXM.com) website. Definitely contact Arun Jagtiani there. The agency's phone number is 1 721 544 4240.

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## 14. Caribbean Gems, Oro Diamante Prizes Coming to "Five Million Smiles" Giveaway

Every week, we're adding more outstanding prizes to our Five Million Smiles vacation giveaway.

This week, leading island jewelers Caribbean Gems and Oro Diamante agreed to join us by providing prizes for our grand prize winners. They haven't announced the specific prizes yet, but they'll certainly be significant. You'll find them listed in the Five Million Smiles article, story 22.

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**Got SkyMed Questions?**

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## 15. 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 they could not get. 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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## 16. Helicopter Aloft? Zipline Construction Continues at Emilio Wilson Estate

From much of the island, people have been clearly able to see a large red helicopter hovering over the large hill at the Emilio Wilson estate. Despite objections from environmentalists and preservationists, part of this pristine estate is being transformed into a zipline and will have other so-called eco-features.

The people at Loterie Farm on the French side, which has no connection to the Dutch Side development, bristle at the Emilio Wilson project being called ecologically sensitive — and most environmentalists and preservationists agree.

As we understand it, the project is aimed mainly at cruise ship tourists. We'll keep watching and we'll keep you posted.

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## 17. Roland Richardson Celebrates Fifty Years of Incredible Art

At a reception about a week ago at the Sheer Restaurant in Philipsburg, Sir Roland Richardson, the acclaimed Caribbean Impressionist who paints from life, showcased paintings from throughout his illustrious 50 year career. One of the most interesting observations he made that night was that he now sees the importance of capturing portraits of people as well as nature which has long dominated his work. He's doing more "people" portraiture now and does a phenomenal job. Don't miss the opportunity to visit his Gallery/Museum on Rue de la Republique in Marigot while you're on the island. For more details, see [www.RolandRichardson.com](http://www.RolandRichardson.com) which will also tell you about watching the master at work in his Marigot studio. We've done it multiple times and it is absolutely fascinating....

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## 18. Gridlock in Downtown Marigot

One great piece of news is that the current gridlock in downtown Marigot does not involve Rue de la Republique, which is where Roland Richardson's Gallery Museum is located. You can still get there and park opposite the museum or on nearby roads.

The bad news is that part of the more Western area in Marigot is gridlocked much of the day because of road construction -- some kind of underground utilities, we think. Why the French side chose to do this at this busy time of year is beyond us.

Except for access to Roland's Gallery/Museum (see prior story), think twice about going into Marigot for a few weeks.

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## 19. Supermarket Overview (Quick & Tasty)

Just like home, there are supermarkets we like in SXM and supermarkets we like a whole lot less. But the fact is that each has something to offer — whether it's a unique selection of spices or a good bakery or lots of fresh fruit at reasonable prices, there's something for everyone at each store. A couple of stores even sell Friendly's Ice Cream. So, check them all out and spend some time doing it — you'll see what we mean.

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## 20. Etna Ice Cream Coming Back - But Not Yet Plentiful in Island Stores

The folks at Etna Ice Cream on the French side recently undertook extensive, expensive, and expansive factory renovations. They are slowly ramping back up and say you can expect product in stores again soon.

One of the prizes in our Five Million Smiles giveaway is a tour of the Ice Cream factory along with copious samples. It's a great prize and was very popular when we gave away a similar prize a few years ago in a previous giveaway.

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## 21. Will The Trump Victory Affect SXM Tourism?

Before the election, there were predictions of a massive economic downturn — or a stock market crash — were Donald Trump elected. That didn't happen, at least not yet.

We have no reason to believe there will be any effect on SXM tourism from the change in US governments. Even hurricanes and the Great Recession etc. have not severely impacted Caribbean tourism.

As always, we'll keep a close eye on anything and everything affecting your trips to St. Maarten and we'll keep you posted.

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## 22. Prize List For Our Five Million Smiles Vacation Giveaway Greatly Expanded (11/11/16)

We've just made many additions to our list of "Five Million Smiles" vacation giveaways - including a huge Grand Prize.

Both of our two Grand Prizes are weeks at two of the island's most fabulous villas — the name of one of them is below. *All vacations may be subject to availability, seasonal limitations, and island taxes / fees at the discretion of the resort owners.* 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 [Villa Onyi](#) at Point Blanche. Featured on HGTV this is one of the island's most breathtaking villas, inside and out. (*One of our Grand Prizes*; new.)
- Eight days and seven nights in a garden studio (from 4/15/17 to 12/15/17) at [Mary's Boon Beach Resort](#)
- Eight days and seven nights at El Zafiro beachside resort on Simpson Bay Beach (new)
- 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](#);
- Four days, three nights, plus open bar and breakfast at naturist [Club Fantastico](#)
- Four days, three nights in boutique hotel style suites in the main building at [Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#).
- A one-week car rental from Leisure Car Rental, one of our car rental partners
- More to come.

There are also many prizes including:

- A Helicopter ride for the grand prize winner (from Corail Helicopters, Grand Case Airport)
- Jewelry prizes from Caribbean Gems and Oro Diamante as well as Little Europe jewelers
- Full-day cruise for two to Tintamarre aboard the 62' Celine Too Motoryacht
- Cruise for two on the legendary Celine Too Pub Crawl
- Tour of the Etna Ice Cream Factory -- and a few pints to take with you
- Tour of Toppers' Rhum Distillery (including free samples, if you're old enough).
- And there's a painting by renowned SXM artist Patty Meotti which has been posted in our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). More on Patty is [here](#). We'll detail these and more new prizes soon.

Many dinners for two are also offered for the Grand Prize winners, including this heavily updated group:

- 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 [Daniel's By The Sea](#) on Dawn Beach;
- 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 [Trattoria Pizza Pasta](#)
- 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.
- Dinners are subject to reasonable limitations.

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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## Traveling Anywhere?

**Never go anywhere without SkyMed Medical Evacuation Protection. Visit [www.getskymed.com](http://www.getskymed.com) today; call Jeff for answers to SkyMed questions at (508) 747-8281 or email him at [jeff@getskymed.com](mailto:jeff@getskymed.com).**

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### 23. 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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### 24. Restaurant of the Week - New: Busby's Chicken Rotisserie

The Culinary Village at Oyster Bay, along the road to Oyster Bay Beach Resort, now features a new entity: Busby's Chicken Rotisserie. This convenient take-out kiosk offers rotisserie chicken with all the fixings and sides you'd expect. It's perfectly delicious and the price is right — and since it's from the Busby's / Daniel's folks, you know they've got the *whole thing* just right.

Plus, they've put up a gazebo across the street with convenient seating; that opens soon but the take-out kiosk is in business and selling right now.

Definitely give it a try. Mr. Busby's Beach Bar, Daniel's by the Sea, and Island Pizza, all from the same owners, all offer discounts to JMB Website Supporters members. See the secret site for details.

**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. *Sale ends Sunday 11/13.***

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)

Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 11/14/16)  
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 <http://www.cuginitrattoria.com/> (11/16)  
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 10/31/16)  
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)

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## Got SkyMed Questions?

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*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.

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### 25. Border Incident Re: Captain Oliver's

Maggi at Captain Oliver's has been running that fine establishment, named for her partner who passed several years ago, for as long as anyone can remember. Food and ambiance are great and the setting of the hotel / restaurant is beautiful.

As far as most people (including Maggi) know, it's on the Dutch Side. It pays taxes there and follows all Dutch Side Rules & Regulations.

France, however, disagrees. So Maggi is something of a human rag doll (no offense) being pulled in different directions by two different national governments.

William Marlin, Dutch Side Prime Minister, even said Oyster Pond itself is Dutch.

This may take a while to sort out. Maggi, we're sure, just wants to run her business and not be hassled....

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## 26. The Village People Are Coming

The Refuge is a new bar restaurant near Sunset Beach Bar (Grill). They said Thursday that rumors are true, the Village People (who many may have thought were at the Great YMCA in the Sky) will perform live on Friday, November 25....

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## 27. 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.

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## 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.

For more on JMB memberships, look here at our sale prices:

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/reinststate/index.shtml>

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

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## 28. 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?

## 29. 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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## 30. 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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## 31. 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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## 32. 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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## 33. Events & Parties in SXM

We publish 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.

-- Caribbean Eagles Bike Fest Nov. 10-14 <https://www.facebook.com/events/258427714495005/>

-- From Author Jacky Rom - Friday, November 11 at 4 PM Topper's Simpson Bay - Get together -- Great Cocktails and snacks available

-- [Livin in the Sun" Dance Festival](#) Hop aboard the infamous Mirabella Catamaran to set sail to Sandy Island in Anguilla to join in the festivities of the "Livin in the Sun" Dance Festival 11/12. (\$75) on Mirabella: Open Bar / Snacks Festival tickets sold separately for an all inclusive event: All You Can Eat Lobster, all you can drink spirits and great performances all day . (Groups of 10 or more receive a discount).

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