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

RENTAL 1/7/2017 1/14/2017 Week 1 Royal Islander LaPlage Ocean Front one bedroom unit with full kitchen, balcony overlooking ocean, restaurant, beach, large pool, two bars all on site. Located in center of Maho area across the street from the casino, grocery store and restaurants. \$950/ Claire 413-598-8401 [billbigos@aol.com](mailto:billbigos@aol.com)

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

SALE 2/26/2017 3/5/2017 Week9 Flamingo Beach Resort Studio, sleeps 4 if desired, with room divider & separate TV & pull out couch. Newly renovated, full complete kitchen, including full size refrig. Walking distance to local restaurants (safely) Nicely kept up grounds, 2 beaches & pool. Best offer over \$2,000. US dollars Laina (401) 934-2999 until May 1, 2016 & then (401) 934-0550 until October 4, 2016 [armacdonald6@gmail.com](mailto:armacdonald6@gmail.com)

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

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

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

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

Get a growing list of 260+ Money-Saving SXM-focused travel discount benefits through JMB Website Supporters:

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

1. Tropical Atlantic Weather Simmers Up Again -- But It Shouldn't Affect SXM

The 2016 hurricane season officially ends November 30. Until about a week ago, everyone thought the season would go out like a lamb but, as we reported, what looked like the beginnings of a storm began to form in the southwestern Caribbean.

In the days since, that area of disturbed weather hasn't changed much and hasn't started heading anywhere in particular. It does continue to bear watching, and the National Hurricane Center says some development remains possible within the next few days, still citing a better-than-even chance of development.

To keep posted on whatever happens, check the sites listed below in this section.

2. Thanksgiving Week Delays Possible at SXM Airport

Thanksgiving is one of the busiest weeks of the year on St. Maarten. In fact, last week, the week before Thanksgiving, was busier than we ever recall seeing it — possibly because many Americans wanted to get out of the country regardless of who won the election.

If you're arriving this week, know that you will have a lot of company so be prepared for some slight delays at immigration in Princess Juliana airport. Based on what we saw there a couple of weeks ago, we think they are fully ready to handle sizable crowds — but be prepared just in case.



### 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. Hidden-Jewel Hotels Near Grand Case Beach

Although the vast majority of tourists to SXM flock to the island's Dutch side timeshare resorts, many others are discovering the unique charm of some very special resorts near the village of Grand Case.

There are two small ones on Boulevard de Grand Case — Emeraude and Le Petite Hotel, both beautiful and highly desirable with ready access to the beach.

But there are two other major properties close by: L'Esplanade perched on the hill overlooking town, and Grand Case Beach Club at the northern end of town.

Both are hidden gems which you might not normally see unless you look for them. Each offers elegance, great dining either on site or nearby, and lots more. If you've recently divorced yourself from timesharing, you owe it to yourself to check out these properties.

Of course, if you still want all the amenities of a timeshare condo, you can select from hundreds offered on our site, [www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com). But do check these hotel units -- there's much more there than you'd ever expect.

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

As soon as we hear any news about either Caravanserai resort, now called Alegria, or about Sapphire, we'll pass it along. Right now there's nothing new.

From what we're hearing Alegria is telling the world that it's busy. We've been inside the resort recently and didn't see any sign of that — but perhaps we missed something. We'll be back there soon for another look. Or two. We may even take some pictures and post them on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

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### SECTION 3: Member

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## 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.

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

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## **Our Legendary Black Friday Membership Sale**

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JMB Membership Reinstatements

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Prices effective Monday night 11/21 at 6 p.m. EST.

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## 10. "Eclipse" Megayacht, "Maltese Falcon" Together in SXM Waters

For a few days this week, Eclipse, the second largest super megayacht in the world, and the Maltese Falcon, one of the world's most extraordinary sailing yachts, were nearly side-by-side in Simpson Bay. We got a picture of it and will post it shortly on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

Late in the week, Eclipse steamed over to the cruise ship terminal to fuel up after its trip to St. Maarten from the Mediterranean, but it was scheduled to return to Simpson Bay quickly. If you Google Maltese Falcon, you can find where that sailing yacht will be heading from St. Maarten (It's in a major event next Spring.)

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Hear Jeff Live On Island 92 Radio (91.9 FM or [www.island92.com](http://www.island92.com))

Every Monday at About 9:45 a.m. Island Time,  
8:45 a.m. EST

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## 11. Construction **Jackhammers** Marigot Businesses, Torments Traveling Tourists

Utility construction under some of the main streets in Marigot continues to the extent that this past weekend, traffic was diverted in Marigot away from Rue Kennedy. Hopefully they will rush this to a conclusion before it drives everyone crazy.

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## 12. SXM Government Falls; Yet Another New Coalition Forms: Does Anybody Care?

It's beginning to look like the Dutch St. Maarten government falls as often as some people change underwear. Just as they seemed about to formalize the new government and get it to start working, it fell, as apparent back room dealings killed get another coalition.

Meanwhile, GEBE, the Dutch side's excuse for an electric company was flicking the lights on and off through a process it calls load sharing and that, as you might imagine, got much more attention from island residents than yet another change in government.

It seems that most St. Maarteners at this point are embarrassed by the frequent government issues, but they really have no impact on tourists.

We'll keep you posted on what happens with the new coalition.

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### 13. Toppers By The Sea Going Away; Original Toppers Stays Put

Managing two different businesses is a monumental task; managing three is next to impossible for most people.

Despite the fact that Toppers owners Topper and Melanie split their time between Topper's Restaurant & Bar, Topper's by the Sea, Topper's Rhum Distillery, and raising two children, they concluded that the demands of operating Topper's by the Sea no longer coincided with their vision of the future of the business.

Therefore, a few months ago, they began to transition the management of Topper's by the Sea. The manager is Heinrich Stasiuk of Los Angeles, CA whose operates 11 restaurants of which six are within Diamond Resorts International. They have decided to change the name to Pelican Grill and create a new menu to differentiate the concepts.

"Very exciting things lie ahead for us," Topper said. "Topper's Restaurant & Bar is continuously making improvements to please our guests. We have added an all you can eat breakfast buffet, new menu specials, and new entertainment. Our rum business is expanding rapidly -- we added tours of the distillery a few months ago, recently added online sales, and look forward to distribution through [Total Wine](#) in 2017. We'll be keeping everyone posted as we move into the future for both businesses," Topper told us.

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### 14. Etna Ice Cream Soon To Make Its Triumphant Return

After heavy renovations to its manufacturing facilities over the last several months, Etna Ice Cream co-owner Betty Smiroldo thought all was set and that ice cream would now be flowing. "We couldn't get the barrel to work," she told us on Saturday, speaking of a key part of the process. "We tried everything and it wouldn't work. We'll know Monday when a new one will be here from Italy," she said. She added that it's metal, heavy, but coming soon. After arrival it'll be thoroughly tested, prepped, and soon will be helping Etna to supply its world famous super-premium ice cream throughout SXM and neighboring islands. It's really extraordinary stuff.

We'll keep you posted. We're on top of this big story :)

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### 15. New Look, New Feel at IZI Ristorante Italiano

They're not quite finished yet, but the major renovations at IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay are already quite impressive.

The outside, the entryway, the new waiting area, and inside seating arrangements all have been changed. Even the easy-on-your-feet floor is entirely new.

One thing that hasn't changed is the constant innovation for which IZI has achieved such a great reputation since it was founded several years ago. It is upbeat, fun, lively, and most important it delicious Italian food. If you haven't tried it yet, you'll love it — it's one of our long-time favorites.

JMB Website Supporters members get something special at IZI — see the secret website for details of what IZI offers exclusively to our members. If you're not yet a member, see the beginning of this section and get on board during our Black Friday sale - lowest prices of the year, but it ends quickly.

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### 16. Vesna Taverna Keeps Serving Up Classics

Although Vesna Taverna is open year-round, dinner service is not available for a period of several weeks early each fall. But, do owners Vesna and Yannick relax on vacation? Of course not. They fly to different parts of the world to get still more culinary expertise as co-owners/chefs at their own restaurant, Vesna Taverna. The recipes they come back with invariably add new flavor and new insight into their palate-pleasing offerings.

If you're not familiar with Vesna, she is half Greek and half Macedonian and Yannick is French. Both have decades of culinary experience and have created a restaurant offering great variety and a spectrum of flavors. For more, see

[www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) and go to this Simpson Bay landmark. They're currently serving dinners Wednesday through Sunday and breakfast and lunch seven days a week.

Always save room for Vesna's amazing desserts at dinner. Luscious stuff....

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## 17. English Author Jacky Rom Meets Fans at Toppers

*From Makeup To Murder* is the title of Jacky Rom's novel about the lead character's interaction with local people across SXM. You'll recognize places and people on the island - and you will *not* be able to put it down. On a recent trip to St. Maarten, Jacky held a reception for a number of her readers at Toppers in Simpson Bay, giving fans a chance to mingle and a chance to learn about her upcoming novel which will be set in Las Vegas. She heads there next spring for research and a lot of writing.

Keep an eye on Jacky Rom; this is good stuff.

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## 18. GEBE "Load Sharing" Fries Appliances Again; Howls of Protest

GEBE, the Dutch side electric company, instituted what it politely calls load sharing — a euphemism for roaming blackouts — last week after a part failed. Evidently they're not much into preventive maintenance, spare parts kept on site, or even warning people when power is going out or coming back.

We've heard protests about GEBE for years but the howls seem even louder now and hopefully will finally be heard and acted upon.

Load shedding lasted for a few days after which power came back up when the company installed what it said was the right part from a supplier. It also said everything was fine but, on Saturday, there was yet another major blackout which GEBE admitted would extend into at least Sunday.

Hello, Thanksgiving travelers. N.B.: You may never notice these issues at major hotels, practically all of which have their own generators - as do most restaurants.

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## 19. Harmony of the Seas Arrives in SXM; Why More May Not Be Better

Harmony of the Seas, the Royal Caribbean behemoth that is now the largest passenger ship on the planet, made its maiden visit to the island last week.

Cruise ships play a pivotal role in the island's tourism picture. It's not that cruise ship passengers buy a lot — Front Street merchants emphasize they "certainly" don't. But cruises are how many people first visit SXM, and to a

significant extent that's where future stayover tourists come from. They certainly don't come from advertising/promotion, since the island doesn't do any of consequence (Aruba does over \$20-million annually). .

The problem with mega cruise ships is that they sell cabins at very low prices in an effort to fill the ship, which leads to low-demographic passengers who don't spend much but crowd downtown stores, keeping out stayover tourists who merchants say tend to buy much more each year.

Another issue with cruise ships is that many come to SXM as their last or next-to-last stop, after those who have money have spent it. In other cases, ships visit SXM after St. Thomas --- where they buy. Is the Port of St. Maarten focused on quantity instead of quality? That's not the best approach from a marketing perspective, we think. Give us your two cents on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). We think the objective should be early stops and a higher demographic. Front Street merchants are telling us that Port St. Maarten has work to do to make that happen.

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## 20. Rainy Season Breaks; Weather Is Sunny, Hot

Rainy season seemed to break about a week ago and weather has been quite good ever since. That's not to say there haven't been showers — there have, and there will no doubt be more. The weather has been great lately and we're hopeful it stays that way.

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## 21. 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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## 22. Prize List For Our Five Million Smiles Vacation Giveaway Further Expanded (11/20/16)

We've just made still more additions to our list of "Five Million Smiles" vacation giveaways.

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 are subject to availability, seasonal limitations, and island taxes / fees at the discretion of the resort owners.* We'll be announcing more "Five Million Smiles" prizes soon, but here are those we can tell you about 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 at the beautiful [Villa Son Risa](#) in Pelican Key (Cleaning charge applies; avail. May-Sept. 2017. 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 at [Baker's Suites](#) in Simpson Bay, near Kim Sha 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 (Grand Prize)
- A one-week car rental from Tropicana Car Rental, our first car rental partner (Grand Prize)
- 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 [iZi Ristorante Italiano](#), Simpson Bay.
- 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;
- Lunch for two at Patrick Turner's Tropical Wave on Le Galion Beach;
- More 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://everythingsexm.com/sxm/getting\\_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml](http://everythingsexm.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 Emergency 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) with the Subject "SkyMed".**

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### 23. All Vets Eligible for Steeply Discounted JMB Military Memberships (DD214)

If you're an active duty, reserve, or discharged or retired member of the US military (with your DD214), 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 (DD214) with the serial number obliterated. The email address to send us your DD214 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 - Spiga

Spiga is easily one of SXM's very best restaurants. Chef Ciro Russo's elegant "Italian Kitchen" at the northern end of Grand Case delivers extraordinary fare, exemplary service, and an exquisite, immaculate ambiance punctuated by fine art paintings from long-time SXM resident artist Patty Meotti.

Whether you like fish, poultry, melt-in-your-mouth Black Angus filet mignon, amazing short ribs, crab cakes . . . *this is the place*. We also love their lemon ricotta cheesecake dessert, one of several that are beyond amazing.

Check out the [Spiga website](#). [Online reservations](#) available and they're a must. Spiga gives something special to all JMB Website Supporters members, too.

**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. *Our Black Friday Sale begins tonight, Monday, 11/21, at 6 p.m. EST.***

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.cuginirattoria.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 11/21/16)  
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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## 25. Captain Oliver's Border Clash Continues

It appears that the French side and the Dutch side are talking about the situation at Capt. Oliver's at Oyster Pond. French authorities reportedly detained owner Maggi recently because she had allegedly not been paying French side taxes. She hadn't, of course, because Capt. Oliver's is a Dutch side business located in Dutch territory, she and her lawyer said.

It appears that the Marina and the restaurant are on the Dutch side but the hotel is on the French side — that's what we're hearing anyway. The Dutch side claims it has always been this way but now we hear the government of the Netherlands and the government of the French Republic are talking about which nation's territory is where.

Hopefully this will be resolved soon and Maggi, a good friend, will not be caught in the middle.

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

Updated 11/20/16

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.

For more on JMB memberships, [look here at our Black Friday prices](#) (effective Monday evening; see the beginning of this section for Black Friday pricing).

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## 27. 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?

## 28. Q and A About SkyMed Medical Evacuation (Updated 11/20/16)

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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## 29. 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>

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## 30. 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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## 31. 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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## 32. Thanksgiving in SXM / Events & Parties in SXM

The regular version of this article re-appears next week. This week is consumed by Thanksgiving which is being celebrated by Americans at many but not all of the island's restaurants. Check local newspapers and make T-Day reservations promptly -- they're essential. If you want to check out places with other island visitors, don't hesitate to go to our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) which now has almost 7000 likes — people will be happy to share their experiences.

*Yes, Ilene, they will be serving lobster as always at Daniel's by the Sea on Dawn Beach -- no turkey.*

If you're eating all day anyway, start it out right with breakfast at Mr. Busby's Beach Bar on Dawn Beach ... followed by a relaxing stay on the beach ... then lunch dinner wherever you've made your holiday reservations.

Check this article 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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