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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

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See them all at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

1. Current Weather

Weather is moving into its more customary winter pattern -- highs in the low 80s, lows usually in the mid to sometimes low 70s, with brief, usually light, passing showers. This pattern seems delayed in its arrival this year. The last couple of months have been a bit wet, but now -- closer to normal.

2. "Today's SXM Weather" Now On Our Everything SXM Facebook Site

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find forecasts by clicking Weather on our site, www.everythingsxm.com.

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 -- 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. 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.

4. 110% Guarantee Now On SkyMed Travel Club Hotel, Car Rental Rates (Updated 1/21/17)

SkyMed is now introducing a 110% Lowest Rate Guarantee for both hotel and car rental reservations. You can't lose with that kind of guarantee, so read this article, sign up, and make all your travel reservations directly through SkyMed Travel!

Here's what it is and how to join:

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 travel reservations and 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 across the board and their new 110% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is a big deal.

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. Join the Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. ***If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number here to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.***

You will not be disappointed.

5. Regional Carrier Insel Air Grounded; Major Safety, Financial Issues Cited

If you have reservations on Insel Air or were planning to fly with them, you might want to check again. The airline has been in financial trouble and most of its fleet was grounded late last week, reportedly for safety reasons. It expects to have the issues fixed and be flying again soon. Caribbean Air and PAWA fly to some Insel cities; ask your Travel Agent.

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

6. Westin Is Now a Marriott But It's Still a Westin (For Now)

Several weeks ago we told you we expected the Westin St. Maarten to be rebranded. Now, the first shoe has fallen in that direction. Last Fall, Marriott International completed its acquisition of Starwood Hotels & Resorts, creating the world's largest hotel company with many brands, Westin among them.

Though its name hasn't changed, the Westin St. Maarten is now a Marriott Brand -- and Marriott users can now use Marriott Rewards points for stays there. That makes the St. Maarten Westin a somewhat easier destination to visit which could result in increased business not only there, but also at both affiliated and nearby businesses and across SXM.

We're convinced that further rebranding is in the offing for the Westin and we'll keep you posted when it happens.

There is other major "hotel" news about to break from the Dawn Beach area; we expect it this coming week. We'll publish it in the first issue of *SXM Weekly News* after it's official...

Also see *The Periscope*, the last story in this issue.

7. Blue Mall Status Update

We mentioned before that Blue Mall is on the verge of being sold. We're hearing this is moving closer to completion; we'll keep you posted. We've consistently heard "Marriott" mentioned in this context but that has not yet been confirmed.

8. No Sign of Anything Imminent at "Pearl of China" Site

The monolithic "Pearl of China" 776-room apartment building / hotel planned for the northwestern end of Bel Air Beach (Little Bay), well away from both Divi and the Bel Air Beach timeshare resort, is supposed to start construction next month. We've gone by the area several times recently and see no signs of activity; we'll keep you posted. Some say "it will never be built" which quite frankly we hope is the case. The structure is a marketing beachhead for China, not a prospective genuine contributor to the island tourism product or its economy, except possibly during construction. It will tax infrastructure, too -- not a good thing.

9. Very Low Cost Rentals at Villa Onyi for JMB Members (Worth Joining Just for This...)

Villa Onyi at Point Blanche is exquisite inside and out, and has been featured multiple times on HGTV.

Now, JMB Website Supporters exclusively get a very low price rental on this amazing property:

Rent Villa Onyi for USD\$3000.00 for a full four weeks or USD\$1500.00 for two weeks for the months of February and March 2017... Includes housekeeping service once a week (on Wednesdays) with basic cleaning, all utilities, cable TV, internet inclusive.

Contact management via email at onyinyechi.llc@gmail.com or send them a message via <https://www.facebook.com/VillaOnyi/>

Tell them you heard about it through *SXM Weekly News*. Prices are for JMB members; others pay more, so join JMB by clicking the page curl at www.everythingsxm.com.

10. Another Reason to Go To Simpson Bay Resort's Timeshare Owner Orientations

Simpson Bay timeshare owners ought to sit in on the orientations at that timeshare resort through the end of March. Not only is the pastry delicious, but a surprise mystery guest will be there and you might want to hear what he has to say.

SECTION 3: Member

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

This 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.

We now offer about 300 discounts (including those now being rolled out). We think you'll find many surprises here that will be of great interest and value. Please see below for this month's story.

12. February Member Benefits Update: Shopping in SXM

"Shopping" is one of the biggest sections of our JMB Website Supporters Discount Program's "Secret" members-only website. Discounts are offered for jewelry, cigars, spirits, clothing, all kinds of souvenirs and gifts, and far more. We also have discounts on many day sails, hundreds of activities (water & land), restaurants, and tons more.

JMB Website Supporters currently offers JMB members nearly 300 discounts and other benefits across the island and beyond. See the beginning of the next section to join and to [save on virtually everything you do in SXM](#).

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](#) -- it's time you start saving.

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New JMB memberships

http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal JMB memberships

www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements

<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Hear Jeff Live On Island 92 Radio (91.9 FM or www.island92.com)

New Day: Now Every Wednesday
at About 9:45 a.m. Island Time,
8:45 a.m. EST

14. "Everything St. Maarten" Bracelets for JMB Members Only Now Available at DK Gems

The bracelets are for JMB Website Supporters members only and are offered at a discount. We published pictures of them on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). Multiple types -- gold, silver, etc. - are offered. Current, valid JMB membership card required as is a government-issued photo ID. Contact Jeff at DK Gems, <https://www.facebook.com/dkgemsinternational>.

15. Valentine's Day Membership Sale Underway; About 300 SXM Discounts

Prices are very low: new memberships, One Year, \$44; Four Years Only \$89. Very low prices for renewals and reinstatements, too. Click the links in story 13.

16. Dutch Side Continuing Talks w/ USA About Customs / Immigration Preclearance

For Americans returning to the US, preclearance would be a dream: you'd be processed by US customs and immigration officials in SXM so when you arrive home, you simply leave your arrival gate and head for baggage pickup and the ride home.

It is not yet a reality. To get this service, which several other islands already have, SXM would have to pay the cost and it isn't paltry. The airport supports itself with its departure fee and SXM airfares are high already; it would be a bad idea to raise those fees to pay for preclearance.

The government must face the fact that it needs to promote the island (advertising, promotion, and related marketing) and make the product superior. It has not gone nearly far enough in that direction. If preclearance results in still higher passenger airfares, then preclearance will quickly morph from a dream into a national nightmare. See next

story. We have no idea if or when this will happen. It should, but increased airfares must not be an option for funding it.

17. French, Dutch Side Discussing Joint Marketing / Promotion, But Where's The Beef?

It's certainly a step in the right direction -- aligning marketing efforts from both sides of the island, since SXM has long been considered a single destination by travel planners.

But the island is in dire need of giving tourism the ad budget it needs. The ad budget for Aruba is well over \$20-million. SXM's budget is a tiny fraction of that and SXM is invisible in its primary markets (USA / Canada) as a result. You have to spend money to make money. If the island wants more income from tourism, it must market itself instead of relying on word of mouth or reputation. (Our readership is well over 280,000; SXM's message must get to *millions* of real prospects, impactfully.)

Without prioritizing tourism advertising, marketing, and promotion, the island will have nowhere near the "mindshare" required to increase its market share *and its revenue from its only major industry*. Succeed or fail -- those are the only two options.

18. AA Jet Aborts SXM Landing Just as Thursday Night Blackout Hits

An American Airlines jet arriving the other night from the US aborted its landing, pulled up, and went around in response to the airport's landing lights going black thanks to yet another blackout caused by continuing blunders by SXM's government-owned electric and water company, GEBE.

After the go-round, it landed safely since the lights were re-illuminated by the airport's backup generating system. Airlines are not the least bit happy about the frequent outages and citizens in SXM are livid since power surges following blackouts can fry appliances. This has been going on for years and continues despite the installation of a new generating "engine" by GEBE which the company said would solve the outage problem. It didn't and it's not likely to get better unless the government takes radical steps to fix the company -- once and for all.

19. Island Is Packed; Restaurant Reservations Strongly Recommended

This is high season and restaurants are busy. Please make reservations at restaurants you plan to visit, and remember to cancel them with sufficient notice if you can't go. Increasing numbers of restaurants are taking credit card info with reservations and they will charge no-shows: they lose money if you don't show, so you really must cancel if you're not going.

20. \$20 Cover Fee for UB40 Concert at Heineken Regatta

Some people are belly-aching about the fee, but \$20pp to see UB40 and others is a bargain. More on the Regatta is here: www.heinekenregatta.com.

21. Two Well-Known SXM Photographers Pass Away

An affable, beloved figure on SXM for many years, Denis McBriarty passed away last week:

Denis Francis McBriarty passed away peacefully in his sleep on January 31, 2017, at age 73, in his home in

Apopka, FL.

Denis was born March 24, 1943 in Saint John, NB, Canada. He met Ann Michele McBriarty (Rehders) in Vancouver, BC, Canada in 1975, and they were married on October 9, 1982 in Bridgewater, NS, Canada.

Denis had a knack for technology and was an entrepreneur, establishing businesses in home security and retail across Canada before moving to Apopka in 1984. There, Denis became a residential real estate agent in the Wekiva area. Neighbors will remember his fondness for "driveway mining" in his retirement, scouring yard sales for deals every Friday and Saturday morning.

Denis was an avid photographer and aviation geek, spending several weeks each year shooting photos across North America, Europe, and sunny Sint Maarten. He was proud of his vivid photos of aircraft arriving against the Caribbean scenery of Maho Beach, and he had a knack for capturing everyone's best smiles. His photos graced magazine covers and calendars, and they received hundreds of thousands of views online.

Denis could strike up a laughter-filled conversation with anyone he met, resulting in lasting friendships around the world. He was genuine and caring, enriching the lives of those he befriended. His witty, gregarious soul is deeply missed.

Denis is survived by his wife Ann Michele McBriarty of Apopka, FL; daughter Sondra Hallman (Seth) of Longwood, FL; son Dr. Martin McBriarty (Ellen) of Richland, WA.

Bob Greiser, Heineken Regatta photographer (from *Heineken Regatta*):

Bob was a member of the Regatta family for more than 20 years. His enthusiasm for his work and the event made working with him truly an amazing experience. Bob played a major role in the Regatta and its development. Before Bob started coming down to the regatta we really struggled with imaging and even more with getting good placement.

Bob came along and not only did the regatta get top class material from an amazing photographer but it also got incredible placement including covers and to cap it all, his bubbling presence at the regattas.

Bob worked with many volunteers and staff throughout the years and had a presence that would make anyone smile. He recorded the event with passion and flair and provided us with hundreds if not thousands of photographs throughout the years.

He not only spent countless hours on the regatta but he also dedicated significant amounts of his time to taking pictures of the island and its people. He loved St. Maarten and she in turn loved him. Our hearts and thoughts are with his family and friends during this difficult time.

22. Why We Love Cupecoy Beach

The last day for Lemondroppers at Cupecoy is February 16, so if you're here now and don't like tan lines (or want to try the no-tanline experience) you should get to Cupecoy Beach. Through 2/16, Mayor Kim is Master of Ceremonies which include welcoming newbies, banishing people who have to leave the island, and more -- all separated by lemondrops. Very enjoyable afternoon SXM fun.

Besides that, Cupecoy is probably the most beautiful SXM beach -- backed by sandstone cliffs -- and it has stunning sunsets. Dany and John have a Lolo there with grilled chicken and lobster, salads, and a bar plus chair & umbrella rentals. Go; the entrance is at the curve in Rhine Road, Dutch Side, opposite Blue Mall, near Shore Pointe, with parking at the beach.

23. Valentine's Day: Not Too Late To Get Great Gifts from our Jewelry Store Partners

Late Wednesday we'll mail all JMB Website Supporters members special Valentines offers from our jewelry store partners -- even if you already bought something for him/her, these offers are so good you'll want to take advantage of them. Several top jewelers are involved. We'll also post the same offers on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). It will also be posted late Wednesday on our *SXM Weekly News* [PDF Archives](#) page. Definitely check it out.

Higher prices are charged to non-JMB members. See the beginning of this section to join JMB and get the best prices for everything!

24. Best Italian Restaurants

The single most common type of restaurant on St. Maarten / St. Martin is Italian, which are everywhere. Often they're owned and operated by native Italians, giving you individual interpretations of many traditional family recipes. What follows are a few of our favorites, in no special order — very different restaurants but all Italian

See this newest page on our site: [St. Maarten's Best Italian Restaurants](#)

25. It's a "S"ign: Update on "S"uper U in Hope Estate, French Side Near Grand Case

A new, bigger Super U supermarket is supposed to be coming to the former "Simply" Market at Hope Estate (Grand Case), French Side. Lots of demolition occurred inside the building weeks ago, and now the Simply sign has disappeared -- except for the giant S that could be used for a new Super U sign.

We'll keep you posted. Opening does not appear to be imminent. The Super U in Marigot near McDonald's is small, clean, has good prices, and is always busy.

26. About Your Safety in SXM

SXM is paradise, not utopia. Help prevent crime by following the simple instructions [from this page](#) on our site. The page is newly updated.

27. Casting Ashes In The Waters of SXM

It's done often -- at Dawn Beach, Maho, Orient, Cupecoy and elsewhere. Many people who love SXM decide to be cremated at home and have their ashes scattered in the waters off their favorite SXM beaches. We've seen many ceremonies doing this -- staying in SXM forever.

28. Outstanding SXM & Caribbean Road Maps, Suitable for Framing

Michal (dad) and Rafal Kasprowski (son) are cartographers who have long produced outstanding large, complete street maps for SXM and most other Caribbean islands. They're for sale on the island at Pier Grocer at the Great House Marina in Oyster Pond (opposite Mr. Busby's Beach Bar), Van Dorp in Simpson Bay, and online at www.midok.com. JMB Website Supporters members get a hefty discount for online purchases -- see the Secret Site for details. You can also get maps in tubes, which you can frame and use as wall hangings -- they're printed on heavy paper and they're high quality (fantastic gifts for those who love SXM). Tell Rafal we referred you!

29. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: Story #11

Over the years, St. Maarten/St. Martin has been home to many restaurants of varying descriptions. This series briefly

describes a number of restaurants from both sides of the island that have passed into history but have not left our memory.

La Gondola: After he relocated from Sandy Ground to the former Atlantis Casino in Cupecoy, culinary entrepreneur / restless genius Davide Foini opened his world-renowned La Gondola high-end Italian restaurant. La Gondola at that time was the best restaurant on the island, competing with the likes of neighboring Temptation, Mario's Bistro, and a handful of others. It was packed nightly and sightings of Hollywood and recording industry luminaries, and a number of billionaires, weren't the least bit unusual. The food was spectacular and the chief waiter, another David, woke the place up with his booming "Happy Birthday" songs. The good news today is that a number of La Gondola recipes survive now at Davide's very busy IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay opposite Pineapple Pete. The food at IZI is spectacular too, but the atmosphere is more upbeat, contemporary, and lively. We highly recommend it -- and it has received our coveted Everything SXM Award of Excellence for the last several years. A complete list of winners will appear here in *Weekly News* later this month.

Check next week for another article about another former SXM restaurant.

Featured so far in this series (D=Dutch F= French):

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- 4- Scavenger's D
- 5- Surf Club South F
- 6- Laguna D
- 7- Le Perroquet D
- 8- Ric's Place D
- 9- La Raviolina F
- 10 - Da Livio D
- 11 - La Gondola D

Next week: L'Alabama F

Coming soon: Andy 'n Cheryl's F; La Calanque F La Diva F

Got suggestions? Email them to susan@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Look Back."

30. Restaurant of the Week: Avantika, Thai in Simpson Bay

Like Thai? Or haven't tried it but think you won't like it?

Think again: Avantika, the brainchild of Anish Chugani, a SXM serial entrepreneur, will quickly make you a convert.

Located on the second floor of Puerta del Sol, across the street from Topper's on Welfare Road, Dutch Side, Avantika is easily reached by the elevator on the right side of the building. It has a dizzying array of foods which deliver a luscious spectrum of flavors. Whether you crave seafood, beef, chicken, or vegetarian fare, it's here, from bland through flamethrower-hot so all tastes are perfectly and memorably satisfied. Be careful what you order: you'll spend less money than you expect and get more food than you expect here, and the dishes are sumptuous and filling. Soups, salads, rice, curries, noodles, stir fry -- lots to choose from but leave room for desert.

Go early in your trip because you *will* want to return -- it's that kind of place.

The article we published a few weeks ago about SXM's Top Seafood Restaurants is now on its own page on our website — see a complete list of [top seafood restaurants here](#).

The article we published recently about SXM's Top Italian Restaurants is now on its own page on our website - see SXM's [top Italian restaurants here](#).

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

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 1/16/17)
IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 11/28/16)
Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 12/5/16)
Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 3/22/16)
Mario Bistro 9/5/16
SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/19/16)
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)
Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 12/5/16)
La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/30/17; added 1/17)
Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16)
Spiga, 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 (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 1/23/17)
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 7/25/16)
Pineapple Pete, 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 (featured 4/13/15)
Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 1/9/17)
Topper's <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)

More stories follow.

31. Thinking of Buying a Short-Term SkyMed Membership? Advantages, Disadvantages

Short term SkyMed Medical Evacuation memberships are cheap, only \$15/day per couple (including minor children) or \$9/day for an individual. Pre-existing conditions are covered immediately for those who qualify.

But the bad news is that once your short-term membership ends, it's over, and you must medically requalify to get coverage for any subsequent trip. *Your health can change instantly so letting a membership disappear like that isn't the best thing to do for yourself.*

Annual and multiyear memberships cost only about \$1.30/day per couple -- way cheaper. They include more benefits -- especially Ultimate memberships. [See all the features and benefits here.](#)

SkyMed never increases the pricing on its memberships related to your advancing age or declining health. *Once you sign up for SkyMed, you're a member for life as long as you pay your renewals on time. And SkyMed never cancels anyone because of advancing age or declining health.*

Do NOT take chances by waiting. GET SKYMED BEFORE YOU NEED IT ...so you'll have it when you DO need it. See www.getskymed.com. *In our opinion, it's the best medical evacuation membership product on the market.* --Jeff

More stories follow.

32. 30-Day Free Look When You Buy SkyMed Medevac Protection

As a consumer you're well protected since SkyMed offers you a 30 day free look. See www.getskymed.com.

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?

33. Q & A about SkyMed Medical Evacuation

Updated 1/23/17

What SkyMed Does: SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. SkyMed is your free ticket home aboard an ICU-equivalent emergency medical evacuation jet with an ICU-certified medical attendant on board to help make sure everything goes as it should.

How SkyMed Works: Like clockwork, you're taken from the hospital by ambulance to a waiting aircraft 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 for SkyMed services, ever.

Anything can happen — but you can 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 an emergency 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.

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 an annual or multiyear SkyMed membership by phone and at the same time you can set up a JMB Website Supporters membership (required to get the biggest multiyear SKYMED discounts).

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

Types of SkyMed Memberships:

First, short term memberships are for brief trips in North America, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Mexico -- over 30 countries total. Short-term memberships are very inexpensive, about \$9 per day per person, maximum of about \$15 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 well be impossible (**see story 19**). 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 just when you may need it most.

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 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 you won't visit anyway. (Ask before going anywhere dangerous/unusual.) 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 / St. Martin or elsewhere outside your country for six months or more per year, you can still get SKYMED protection in the form of an **ex-pat** membership. Email us (see next paragraph) and we can tell you how it works and answer your questions.

In addition to everything else, Jeff Berger has been a SkyMed rep for over 15 years. He'll be happy to answer questions; phone him weekdays at 508-747-8281 or email him at 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 SkyMed site at 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, see below, Valentine's Day Sale ends soon - join, renew, or reinstate now.

New JMB memberships

http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal JMB memberships

www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements

<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

More stories are below.

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):

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

34. 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](#).

35. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look here for our PDF archives: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml. All issues for the past few years are now online.

Get SkyMed Now, *Before* You Need it.
Got Questions About

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Phone or Email Jeff: (508) 747-8281
jeff@getskymed.com

SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling, saving you upwards of \$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance if you aren't a member -- to set up an emergency medical evacuation yourself. 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.

36. Enter Our Five Million Smiles Vacation Giveaway; Includes 14 Vacations (2/6/17)

Our Five Million Smiles 14-vacation giveaway celebrates our site surpassing five million visits in the next several weeks. The site: www.everythingsxm.com.

Both of our two Grand Prizes are weeks at two of the island's most fabulous villas — the names of both of them are below. *All vacations are subject to availability, seasonal limitations, and island taxes / fees at the discretion of the resort owners.* Here are all our prizes:

- Grand Prize: Eight days and seven nights at [Belle Vue](#), an incredible villa overlooking Orient Bay on the French Side that will accommodate up to eight people (bring your family / best friends -- or not). We're grateful to the owner and to [IREvacations.com](#) (and SXM's top real estate agent Arun Jagtiani) for supplying this incredible vacation.
- Grand Prize: 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.
- Eight days and seven nights in the [Guest House at Colony Manor Goldendaze](#), brand new and gorgeous on quiet Simpson Bay Beach.
- Eight days and seven nights at the beautiful [Villa Son Risa](#) in Pelican Key (Cleaning charge applies; avail. May-Sept. 2017.)
- Eight days and seven nights at [Mercure Beach Hotel and Marina](#), Simpson Bay Lagoon, French Side (new)
- Eight days and seven nights at [Holland House Beach Hotel](#), Philipsburg, on Great Bay Beach (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)

There are also many other prizes including:

- A Helicopter ride for the grand prize winner (from Corail Helicopters, Grand Case Airport)
- Jewelry prizes:
 - Caribbean Gems (to come)
 - [Oro Diamante](#) Two \$100 Gift Cards good toward any purchase, one for each Grand Prize Winner
 - Little Europe Jewelers (to come)
 - Zhaveri Jewelers (to come)
- From Tijon Parfumerie in Grand Case, a bottle of Ti Amour, their new gold perfume collection with 23K gold inside, which normally sells for 129 € per bottle.
- Full-day cruise for two to Tintamarre aboard the 62' Celine Too Motoryacht
- Cruise for two on the legendary Celine Too Pub Crawl
- Two Cases of Heineken Beer, one for each Grand Prize winner, donated by International Liquor & Tobacco
- 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)
- A painting by renowned SXM artist Patty Meotti which has been posted in our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). More on Patty is [here](#).
- A \$100 Gift Card good toward any purchase at Le Grand Marche
- A \$50 Gift Card for Aaron Meit's / No Rest Agencies' Julio's Smoke & Booze, a leading wholesaler of snacks and island souvenirs located in the Dutch Side Industrial Park, Simpson Bay
- We'll detail these 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 [Big Fish Restaurant](#), Oyster Pond
- Dinner for two at [SkipJack's restaurant](#), Simpson Bay (limit, \$90)
- 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](#);
- Sunday Brunch for Two at [Oyster Bay Breach Resort](#)
- Breakfast Buffet Any Day for two at [Toppers Restaurant](#) in Simpson Bay
- \$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 [Vesna Taverna](#) in Simpson Bay
- 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;
- All Dinners are subject to reasonable limitations.

You can enter now if (and only 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

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More stories follow.

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Never go anywhere without SkyMed Emergency Medical Evacuation Protection. Visit www.getskymed.com today; call Jeff for answers to SkyMed questions at (508) 747-8281 or email him at jeff@getskymed.com with the Subject "SkyMed".

37. See The Latest in SXM Real Estate Online -- Just Updated

Effective Wednesday by 6 p.m., we will have updated our listings of St. Maarten Real Estate available for sale, in a variety of categories. See [all the listings in five new categories](#) on our site Wednesday night. Feel free to share this with friends!

38. Introducing "The Periscope"

The Periscope gives you a glimpse of major stories we're working on for our next issue. The feature will appear when appropriate (not every week).

Here's some of what's coming:

A long-standing feud between the Netherlands and France regards the tax status of a Dutch Side restaurant which the French have been claiming for six years is on their side of the island and therefore owes them \$. The Dutch say it's on the Dutch Side. Supposedly this will be settled this week -- we'll let you know.

A popular Dutch Side Resort is about to conclude the acquisition of a large, upscale beachside condominium complex. We'll tell you who/what and what it all means as soon as it's concluded, most likely this week.

Long-time highly prolific SXM island artist Ruby Bute would love to meet you at her gallery in Friar's Bay, French Side. You'll see beautiful art by Miss Ruby and other talented island artists there. That story is scheduled for next week.

Look for **Periscope** here in the coming weeks.

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JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml .

Want to rent or buy a week?

2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale are posted at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.

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

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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