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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 1/20/2018 1/27/2018 week 3 Simpson Bay Resort and Villas This is a sleep 4 studio in the Villas that has two (2) double beds, kitchenette, small balcony directly on Simpson Bay overlooking Villas pool and harbor. Casino and restaurants on property. Many more within walking distance. Flat screen TV and internet access. Renter responsible for timeshare tax. Contact via email please \$1,000 Eileen (631) 484-0811 eephilbin1@aol.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 2/17/2018 3/17/2018 Weeks 7 8 9 and 10 Simpson Bay Resort Villas (Master and Junior Suites Lockout-so use or rent separately). Master Suite has separate BR with king-size bed, loads of closets, double sink bathroom, completely stocked kitchen, dining area, living room, two Murphy beds, large balcony with table and chairs overlooking Simpson Bay, Junior Suite has two double beds, kitchenette, double sink bathroom, loads of closet space, and private balcony overlooking Simpson Bay. Week 7 is usually Presidents'Day week and 8&9 or 9&10 Regatta Week. This is a high end, beautifully maintained resort with all the amenities one would expect. I've easily rented these for nine years when not using them myself. Will only sell whole villa in at least two week blocks. bglassma2@gmail.com \$22,500 per week Barry 410-236-5957

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

1. Hurricane Season Begins With a Bang: What's it Mean?

The 2017 hurricane season began June 1, although the first named storm of the season had actually formed in the mid Atlantic many weeks earlier. This past week, two new storms formed. One, tropical storm Cindy, came ashore near the Texas Louisiana border, dumping inches of rain onto soil that was already soaked, not just in the US Southeast, but also in the Midwest. Flooding was widespread.

Although forecasters have predicted a busier than usual hurricane season this year, thanks to warm ocean temperatures and favorable conditions, Massachusetts-based [Crown Weather](#)'s Rob Lightbown tells us he expects the next few weeks to be relatively quiet. After that, things are likely to get busier, he says.

Some people are describing the Northeast's cold, wet Spring, leading to a hot summer, as "hurricane weather." Interestingly, Rob says there's an element of truth to that. We'll tell you in detail what he said right here next week.

Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site \(ESXM\)](#) will post outlooks, advisories, watches, and warnings that apply to St. Maarten as well as to coastal areas where our nearly 300,000 readers live. As always, we'll keep you posted here in *SXM Weekly News* as hurricane season unfolds.

2. Cruise Ship Stops In SXM Increasing, But Is That Good?

As we previously reported, some cruise ships cut visits to St. Maarten last winter. Despite the fact that port St. Maarten has been congratulating itself regularly for the numbers of visiting tourists, Front Street merchants have been telling us for some time that business was poor over the winter and worse during the summer this past year. The problem is that larger ships have a lot more cabins to sell; to fill them, they charge low prices. Bottom line, a lower demographic.

It gets worse. As we've also reported, in many cruise ship itineraries, St. Maarten is visited late in the game — after many passengers have already spent much of their souvenir money. On the other hand, many people are introduced to St. Maarten in that single day cruise stop — and a not-readily-discernible percentage of them later returns to the island.

There's another factor at play here for this coming winter, and that's Rainforest Adventures' chairlift on Sentry Hill (see story 16). Despite the fact that many stayover tourists and possibly a majority of Dutch Side residents have long vehemently opposed the project, it may well be pivotal to bringing more people to St. Maarten and improving the economy.

The big questions are whether the island's infrastructure is ready to handle an increased influx — a big question indeed — and how people may react if increased congestion results, since practically nothing has been done over the last couple of years to ready the infrastructure for an increasing number of tourists.

More is [here](#). Also see story 16.

3. Tropical Weather Advisories -- What's "TWOAT"?

As we've mentioned frequently, our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) frequently publishes outlooks, advisories, watches, and warnings from the National Hurricane Center. The tropical weather outlooks are preceded by the acronym TWOAT which may be all you see (without clicking more) when the outlooks are posted on our site.

TWOAT means Tropical Weather Outlook Atlantic.

We thought you'd want to know.

4. Global Entry: Time to Renew?

If you were an early adopter of either the Global Entry or Pre-check programs of the US Department of Homeland Security/Customs and Border Patrol, it could be that your credentials will expire as soon as early next year. If you're not traveling soon, we suggest you go to the Customs and Border Patrol website and get started on renewing your Global Entry or Pre-check membership.

To be sure, there are fewer questions to be asked when you are renewing rather than when you first applied. Nonetheless, turnaround is not at all immediate: give yourself a few months time, at least, before you travel out of the country.

Here's [the website](#) on which you renew.

5. Make 2018 Winter Reservations Now...

If you're planning to travel to SXM during high season — from this December through next April — make your reservations now, if you haven't already.

That's especially true if you fly on weekends, when seats are at a premium.

If possible, we suggest you fly midweek. Seats are cheaper then and because of current high airfares, you may save enough by switching to pay for your midweek hotel.

Extra days are often available at [Baker's Suites](#) in Simpson Bay; [Summit Resort](#) in Cupecoy (see separate story, # 9); and Simpson Bay Resort, which completed a massive \$35 million renovation less than a year ago. You can make reservations at both Baker's Suites and at Simpson Bay Resort through links on the timeshare rentals page of our site, www.everythingsxm.com.

6. See "Today's SXM Weather" On Our Everything SXM Facebook Site

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com.

See next story.

7. Four Sources of Current SXM Weather Info

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.*

8. Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Worldwide -- Guaranteed

SkyMed offers you a 110% Lowest Rate Guarantee for both hotel and car rental reservations. You can't lose with this, so read this article, sign up free and make your travel reservations directly through SkyMed Travel.

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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.

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

9. Summit Resort Receives Trip Advisor Award of Excellence

Summit Resort last week received word that it has once again received Trip Advisor's Award of Excellence — for the seventh year in a row.

Located atop a cliff at the northern end of Simpson Bay lagoon in the Cupecoy area, Summit's pool terrace and its new restaurant offer extraordinary views, [some of which you will see in less astounding fashion here](#). We've long recommended this resort. If you have not yet visited it, we urge you to do so soon. It's a short ride from all the restaurants in Simpson Bay and only about a 20 - 25 minute ride from the restaurants in Grand Case. Summit has also been a multiyear recipient of our *Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence*.

Congrats to General Manager Ms. Pat Evans and owner Bruce Jakobovitz.

9a. Vacation from Hell at Alegria Resort

We're quoting this from an online post (edited for space):

"It truly was awful. I will be writing a review.

"They first didn't give us the right room. My dad was upset because he likes the view we normally have. I went down and spoke with [a woman from the hotel]. I told her we would accept either end of level 4 or 5, but we did not want to go down and we preferred the side we always got. She said they were all booked. I then asked her if I knocked on all those doors people would be in there. She told me she would have to call security on me. So then I point blank asked her if she was lying to me and she said no. So we took a room on the opposite end on the 3rd floor.

"The first night we had air, however my parents sheets were dirty and had food on them. My bathroom was so gross I couldn't even shower in it. The second morning, the pipes burst, getting all of our stuff wet. At this point [someone] comes in and tells me that we are getting moved to the 5th floor on the side we like because it is available, proving [name deleted] is a straight up liar. Haven't seen her since or I would literally give her a piece of my mind....

"Anyhow, they take some of my dad's clothes that were soaked and offer to wash them. They don't check the pocket and my father's watch that he inherited [from] my grandfather was in the pockets and is now ruined. They made no offer to reimburse them for something that is honestly priceless. Then we get to the 5th floor. Monday night we had air. Tuesday we lost air but it wasn't so bad. Wednesday was awful and they did bring us a box fan but I could barely sleep in 80 degrees. Thursday it had gotten to 90 degrees and we had enough. They said they will reimburse us, which it better be for the FULL amount.

"My mom is currently over there as we speak, so I will keep everyone posted. Thank you, Marty Dijkhuis, Dan Keepes, Pat, and Marnix Peeters for all of your help in getting us relocated. We ended up getting a place over at Simpson Bay Villas and it has been truly lovely. We are all really sad about what has happened over the years because we truly loved that place and all the friends we have met along the way. My parents stayed there on their honeymoon 40 years ago so it obviously holds a special place in all our hearts but they are truly ruining it and it makes me so sad...."

Our comment: In the age of electronic media, it is singularly unwise for any business not to give close attention to its customers....

10. Go To Simpson Bay Resort's Owner Orientations

Simpson Bay timeshare owners should sit in on the Monday orientations there. Not only is the pastry delicious, but a surprise mystery guest will be there (in person or by video) and you might want to hear what he has to say. He may

just have something for you....

11. Order Extra Vacation Days Right On Our Site

In addition to offering timeshare weeks for sale and for rent, the Timeshare page of our EverythingSXM.com website offers direct links to sources of additional days for timeshare renters.

In an increasing number of cases, people wish to fly midweek — or, in fact, any day but Saturday or Sunday, when the airport can be a bit hectic. Before buying fares for midweek travel — which are almost always lower in cost than weekend travel — timeshare owners may also need to obtain a few days at other resorts.

On our Timeshare page on everythingxsm.com, we now have links to rentals at Simpson Bay Resort, which offers a number of beautiful, newly renovated units through much of the year in convenient Simpson Bay. For those who prefer a smaller property, we also provide easy links to Baker's Suites in Simpson Bay which also just finished renovations.

Simpson Bay Resort has restaurants on site and beaches on the property, while Baker's Suites has many restaurants nearby and is within walking distance of attractive beaches.

SECTION 3: Member Discounts & Benefits

12. "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 this section next week when we formally debut several entirely new discounts and benefits.

See story 22 for a new JMB drinking / dining benefit in Simpson Bay.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership click these links:

New JMB memberships:

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

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

JMB Membership Reinstatements:

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

SECTION 4: Island

13. A "Thank You" From JMB Communications

We completed a membership promotion last Wednesday during which we welcomed many new members, as well as a number of reinstating and renewing members. JMB Website Supporters membership is now approaching 30,000 worldwide. Why? JMB delivers approximately 300 SXM discounts and other benefits — and more are coming shortly. Our discounts cut the cost of virtually everything you do on the island, from the time you arrive until you go home.

JMB membership enables you to do more for less across the entire island. See much more about what you're missing here:

New JMB memberships: Three years just \$99 Other durations available.
http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

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JMB Membership Reinstatements: Three years, \$79; one year, \$39 Other durations available.
<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Hear Jeff Live On Island 92 Radio (91.9 FM or
www.island92.com)
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Somewhere Between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. Island
Time;
(EDT is the same time)

14. GEBE Strikes Again

GEBE - an acronym for the former unpronounceable Dutch name of the Dutch side's electricity and water company — did it again last week. (In case you're wondering, it's Gemeenschappelijk Electriciteitsbedrijf Bovenwindse Eilanden).

Under usual circumstances, the lights go out in one or more sections of the Dutch side and after a while, GEBE says something went wrong at the main power station causing the outage and they were working to fix it.

For whatever reason, GEBE appears to be totally incapable of figuring out what a shunt is. Consequently, when it needs to "upgrade its system" the lights and the water both go out, coming back on hours later with a bang. Power surges often occur when power returns, sometimes blowing out refrigerators and other appliances. That's why many people who live on the island use surge suppressors. It's also why, during a nighttime power failure, you may see some residents outside in pajamas taking a bucket full of water from their pool to their bathroom....

Regardless, this was a week of power outages like those we normally see in November. They were monumentally inconvenient during summer heat.

We won't get into why this might've happened. We'll only say that St. Maarten is not Tanzania and its electric generating company should be far more reliable than Tanzania's. Unfortunately, it appears that it isn't. Somehow once November is over, power seems to become more dependable for the winter. Why they can't do that year-round is a question that has never been answered.

It's going to be a long, hot Summer. Be thankful most resorts have generators. (The French Side has no similar issues.)

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15. Insel Air May Be Sold

Insel Air, the carrier from Aruba and Curaçao that for quite some time has flown old MD-80 jets to various places in the Caribbean, was grounded several months ago due to serious equipment issues and financial problems.

On multiple occasions over the last few years, Insel jets were stuck in St. Maarten when something went wrong and were unable to fly for days. In one case, an Insel MD-80 sat near Airport Road for days without one of its engines — not a good thing.

Now, Avianca, the Colombian carrier, is reportedly in talks to buy Insel. We'll see where that goes and we'll keep you posted.

16. Rainforest Adventures Chairlift Opens This Summer

As we reported last week, the new chairlift climbing Sentry Hill is expected to open late this Summer as part of the Rainforest Adventures project.

As we also reported last week, there is great opposition to this from island residents, who did not want the pristine Emilio Wilson estate to be touched in any way. The chairlift is expected to be popular among cruise ship passengers but less popular, perhaps, among stayover tourists, especially those who become aware of why many locals oppose it.

We contacted the project's developers last week and submitted several questions:

a) do the seating platforms on the chairlift have seatbelts;

b) is there dependable backup electricity generation so that when power goes off, as it most certainly will, backup power can prevent the seats from swinging severely in a sudden stop, possibly propelling passengers off the seats;

and

c) when is the completed project scheduled to be inspected by government authorities, and who exactly are the inspecting government authorities.

By press time late Saturday, we had not yet received answers to these questions. We'll publish those answers when we receive them.

17. Summertime in SXM

Story number 28 continues our series on Vacationing during this season on SXM. July is generally one of the most beautiful months of the year in St. Maarten. Gentle trade winds tend to persist, cooling locals and visitors. There tend to be fewer showers now, which means you can enjoy more of the clear summer weather. There are usually warm tradewinds, ameliorating the effects of the midsummer sun. Come to SXM in Summer. Great weather, light traffic, no restaurant lines, and low off-season rates on car rentals and hotels.

18. Celebrating July 4 in SXM

No confirmed SXM celebrations that we have as yet heard about; check local newspapers. We'll publish news on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) if we hear anything different.

19. Great SXM Souvenirs That Benefit a Good Cause: Ron & Carol Zenaro

This bears repeating and sharing:

If you ever visit Toppers during happy hour each Winter, you probably run into Ron and Carol Zenaro. We'll let them tell their own story:

Carol and Ron Zenaro of Shrewsbury, MA lost their 36 year-old son Scott of cancer in 2010. Scott fought a 6 year battle against the disease, but was granted an extra 2.5 years of life with the help of Lazarex Cancer Foundation. Lazarex helps endstage cancer patients find experimental clinical trials and pay for the associated costs (and in Scott's case, living expenses in California). It's focused on patients who have been told they have no other options and it gives them one last hope of a cure.

After losing their son, Carol decided to make one-of-a-kind glass heart bead bracelets for donations of \$20 or more, forwarding ALL of the proceeds to Lazarex. Uniquely, Lazarex founders pay for all foundation operating expenses, so 100% of the Zenaro's donations go straight to helping patients. Through their efforts, the Zenaros are approaching \$81,000 worth of donations from Carol's bracelet sales. With the help of people living and visiting in SXM, the Zenaros have exceeded their original goal of \$80,000.

In the dead of winter, the Zenaros are found at Topper's Restaurant after 4pm with plenty of Carol's bracelets for sale, which make great "gifts with a purpose" since many of the beads are acquired in SXM. Or, you can contact the Zenaros at zenaro.carol@gmail.com.

We've done it -- they're quite beautiful and extremely special.

20. Fresh Lobster You Can Pick from a Tank

Many St. Maarten/St. Martin restaurants offer lobster. But only a relative handful have an actual pool from which you can personally select yours. Before we list those places, we want to refer you to the list of seafood restaurants on our site; a link to that list is in our Restaurant of the Week article, story #31 in this issue.

Also, some of the best seafood restaurants don't necessarily have public lobster pools although they may serve lobster. Pineapple Pete is one example; they sell more lobster thermidor than most of their competitors combined. And Big Fish is known for its many fish dishes and -- though it does not have a lobster tank at this time -- it does serve lobster dishes.

Daniel's by the Sea in Dawn beach has a very big lobster tank that's frequently refilled with fresh Saba Lobsters.

Skip Jack's in Simpson Bay has its lobster pool in the center of the restaurant — but it also has several additional pools on premises, out of sight. Skip Jack's is one of the biggest seafood restaurants on the island and it may well sell more lobster than anyone else.

Oceans 82 in Grand Case also has a large lobster pool.

If you don't like Lobsters or Seafood, see our restaurant of the week listings (story #31); we show dozens of different restaurants featured over the last year or so.

21. Delicious Upscale, Authentic Mexican Dining

Most of the Mexican restaurants in populous US cities and on St. Maarten serve Tex-Mex food — not authentic Mexican.

Finally, Royal Resorts, owner of Simpson Bay Resort and a number of resorts in Mexico and elsewhere in the Caribbean, has opened a truly authentic Mexican restaurant, La Patrona, on the Marina Plaza at Simpson Bay Resort.

My wife has been a great fan of Mexican food all her life, but it wasn't my thing until I tried La Patrona. From experience with both TexMex and authentic Mexican dining, I can tell you unequivocally that the real stuff is far tastier -- truly delicious.

The restaurant was designed by Mexicans, from the floor to the ceiling and of course everything on the menu. The general manager is a woman from Mexico ("La Patrona"), Julieta Sanchez, a very pleasant, knowledgeable individual.

No problem if you don't like spicy or if you like super spicy — they are highly responsive to your dietary and spice needs. We particularly recommend the shrimp salad as an appetizer and the Chicken Tampico as a main course.

Definitely buy a bottle of wine with dinner: it's inexpensive and good. The food is flat out terrific: definitely make sure they are on your list during your next trip.

22. Now 50% Off All Drinks at Lal's Curry In A Hurry: JMB Members Only

If you're a member of JMB Website Supporters and carry your current, valid JMB Website Supporters membership card with you to St. Maarten, we invite you to visit Lal's Curry in a Hurry on Airport Road just around the curve south of the end of the airport runway, on the lagoon.

Lal is now offering our JMB Website Supporters members 50% off all drinks, effective July 3 Lal's will also be open from noon until 2 PM with a special lunch menu and drinks at 50% off his regular prices. Our 50% off coupon is good any evening on their usual drink prices.

Again, your current, valid JMB Website Supporters membership card is required to get the drink discount at night.

Still not a member? Join now:

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

JMB Membership Reinstatements: Three years, \$79; one year, \$39. Other durations available.

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

23. Want to Retire in SXM? Where To Start

Increasing numbers of Americans and Canadians are deciding to retire to St. Maarten or St. Martin. We have long recommended Arun Jagtiani's Island Real Estate team (IREteam) to guide you through this process, as they have so many others. They can help you decide what type of retirement home you want, what properties meet your needs, etc., all within your established budget. They can also tell you about life in St. Maarten and what paperwork is involved.

Contact them [here](#).

24. "Heart of SXM" Story #1

Heart of SXM is a new series of stories we'll be publishing occasionally about the people of St. Maarten /St. Martin and their various warmhearted interactions with tourists.

Peter T. writes:

"We were parked on the street by the Buccaneer beach bar and our car was towed. We came back to the bar and asked what to do. Several locals (shout out to Lori and Henrik) offered their car keys and Haresh found out where our car was towed and the directions to get there. Getting the car back was not cheap but the experience was priceless."

Have an example of "Heart"? Email [susan\[at\]jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susan[at]jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "Heart" and tell us.

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

25. Tons of Valuable Island Info Added To Our "ESXM" Facebook Site

With its membership now rapidly approaching 10,000 people, our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) is a great place to ask questions, get answers, give answers, post pictures, and talk about everything related to St. Maarten ("everything St. Maarten").

Now, you have an even better reason to check it out. One of our Admins, Contessa Aiello, has recently posted a great deal of helpful information on the site in an area called "Files" which gives you lots of answers to Frequently Asked Questions and far, far more. We urge you to join that closed site (free of course); "closed" simply means that it's postings can be seen only by its members.

Also, when there is tropical activity anywhere near SXM or the US Gulf or East Coast, we post advisories, outlooks,

watches, and warnings directly on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) for everyone to see.

26. SkyMed "Guaranteed Renewable" Memberships -- Plus a 10-Year Price Guarantee on Five-Year Ultimate Memberships...

As most JMB readers are well aware, the SkyMed medical evacuation service takes SkyMed members home when they become critically ill or injured while traveling.

One of SkyMed's most remarkable features, available to members who have purchased annual or multiyear memberships, is guaranteed renewability regardless of age or health at the time of renewal. You can apply for SkyMed at any age; joining simply requires you to complete a very brief health questionnaire — just a few questions.

Once you're a member, you can continue to be a member regardless of age or health, simply by renewing your membership on time. Short term SkyMed memberships do not have this feature. Longer term (annual or multiyear) memberships are also less expensive per day: roughly \$1.30 for your family per day for annual and multiyear memberships versus about \$15 per day for your family for short-term memberships (generally a few days to a week or two).

SkyMed is now offering a remarkable 10 year price guarantee on its best memberships, the SkyMed five-year Ultimate. SkyMed ultimate memberships cost only \$499 per year when you pay for their full five year duration at inception. When applying, if you indicate on the application that you want to renew automatically, that renewal will be charged at the same \$499/year that you had paid *for the full five year new membership at its inception*. All SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of health or attained age: this ten-year price guarantee is remarkable especially considering what you get: see the details [here](#).

The best way to get your questions answered is to call Jeff directly on his SkyMed line, 508-747-8281. He can also take your application by phone and send it to SkyMed electronically. Most applications are processed within a few business days. Get it today, before you need it — make your next trip worry-free.

Again, we can answer any of your questions; just write to jeff.berger@skymed.com or see our site, www.getskymed.com or [phone Jeff at 508-747-8281](tel:508-747-8281) during normal business hours. Get it before you need it so it's ready to help you when the time comes....

27. ... It's Back: Our Five-Year JMB "SkyMed Bonus"

SkyMed's biggest bang for the buck comes in its five year Ultimate memberships, which offer the broadest selection of benefits and features of any SkyMed membership as well as the lowest price per day of any membership — roughly \$1.30, or \$499 yearly total for your family when you pay for the five-year term at inception.

Now, when you purchase a SkyMed five-year Ultimate through us either by phone or by visiting www.getskymed.com, notify us as soon as you receive SkyMed's letter of acceptance and we'll extend your current JMB membership by five full years on us. (JMB members only.) If you're not a JMB Website Supporters member, join now — the savings for our members on all Multiyear SkyMed memberships are very, very substantial.

Got SkyMed questions? Phone Jeff today at the telephone number in the previous article or email him at jeff.berger@skymed.com. He can answer all your questions over the phone and even take your application that way, submitting it securely online so it reaches SkyMed on the same day.

Your health can change in an instant: get SkyMed now, while you're healthy, so you are well taken care of if something happens when you next travel.

28. Enter Our Summertime SXM Vacation Giveaway

Our Sum-Sum Summertime SXM vacation giveaway has begun and you can now enter. *SXM Weekly News* readers

(NOT pass-along readers) can enter up to 10 times per subscribed email address. The drawing will be late in October, 2017. Here is our current prize list. Since this giveaway promotes non high-season visits to SXM, most of these vacations are yours from mid April to mid December, 2018. All vacations are subject to availability.

- an 8-day, 7-night vacation at La Vista Resort, May through December 2018.
- a 5 night stay (based upon availability April 10-Dec 18, 2018) in an ocean front room at the Westin St Maarten Dawn Beach Resort, Spa, and Casino.
- a 4-day, 3-night stay at the beautiful Oyster Bay Beach Resort.
- Dinner for Two at Davide Foini's legendary IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay (One winner, [new](#))
- Dinner for Two at Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort. (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Spiga, the highly acclaimed Italian Restaurant in Grand Case. (One winner.)

More coming.

Enter here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml

29. Why We Run Advertising in SXM Weekly News

Gathering, writing, and reporting all the tourist oriented news from St. Maarten / St. Martin every week takes a lot of time and energy. Pouring it into our *SXM Weekly News* format takes even more time, and mailing it to that huge audience is an expensive proposition. Our use of bandwidth, for those who know what bandwidth is, is up in the terabytes.

Were we to use just the income from JMB Website Supporters memberships to fund weekly news, we would have to more than double the cost of JMB Website Supporters — and we are not about to do that.

We've strongly believed in SkyMed medical evacuation protection programs since we first heard of them more than 15 years ago. Today, [SkyMed is our principal sponsor and we are grateful for their participation](#) with us and with our many members and readers.

Before you travel anywhere please consider obtaining SkyMed medical evacuation protection for yourself and your family — it could save you a fortune in a medical emergency by being your get home free card — bringing you home to doctors and hospitals you know and trust so you can receive the kind of medical care your health insurance was made for, close to home. See www.getskymed.com for more information.

More stories are below.

**[Get The Current Low Price](#)
[on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership](#)
[and keep the current low price on a future 5-yr. renewal.](#)
[More benefits... same price.](#)**

Email Jeff now: jeff.berger@skymed.com (new email)

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 \(if you aren't a SkyMed member\)](#) to set up an emergency medical evacuation yourself. Get SkyMed BEFORE you need it. Email us today. SkyMed emails only. Visit www.getskymed.com.

30. Two Ways to Beat SkyMed's 90-Day Waiting Period to Cover Pre-Existing Conditions

On its annual and longer memberships, SkyMed has a 90-day waiting period for coverage of pre-existing conditions — after that, they're covered in full.

So, if you plan a summer vacation or another later this year, the best way to avoid that waiting period is to buy your annual or longer membership now. That way the waiting period is over when you're traveling.

Annual memberships always cost far less per day than short-term memberships (about \$1.30/day for family annual memberships and \$15.00/day for family short-term).

Annuals and multiyear memberships are also guaranteed renewable regardless of your age or health -- a big deal. If you buy a short-term membership, after it's over you must medically requalify to get a new one — and your health can change in a heartbeat.

SkyMed delivers up to 18 benefits: [see them all here](#) (downloadable PDF).

Questions? [Email Jeff](#) and ask away. Include your phone number and time zone, or call him directly at (508)-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only).

31. Restaurant of the Week: Breakfast at Mr. Busby's Beach Bar

We recently asked members of our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) what they would do if they could spend just one day on the island, as kind of a surprise additional vacation.

Among the many dozens of replies, a number of people said they would start off their day having breakfast at Mr. Busby's Beach Bar.

That would be our top choice for breakfast, too, for several good reasons: First, the setting is unique. You dine on the beach in gazebos under palm trees, caressed by gentle trade winds. If you're still warm, there are overhead fans in all the gazebos.

Second, the service is exemplary. Day manager Lulu starts early in the morning and is ready when you are. There are many breakfast offerings here, including their delicious egg BLT — an entire breakfast in itself. Their poached eggs, we think, are the best on the island. If you want to make your own combination of things, that's fine too — but it might already be on the menu. Their pancakes and French toast are delicious as well.

Although this article is about breakfast, Busby's also serves a huge menu of outstanding lunches as well as pizzas made next door at their Island Pizza. Sorry, guys, pizza is not yet available for breakfast...

At night, tablecloths come out, chairs are padded, and candles are on the table as Busby's morphs into Daniel's by the Sea Italian fine dining restaurant. For much more on all of these, see their website, www.dawnbeachsxm.com.

Of course, all these businesses offer discounts to JMB Website Supporters members; see the secret site for details. If you're not yet a JMB member, what are you waiting for? It's a great way to save bigtime during your next SXM vacation.

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 www.everythingsxm.com.

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 5/1/17)
IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 3/6/17)
Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17)
Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/29/17)
Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)
Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 4/10/17)

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 3/13/17
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 3/25/17)
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 5/21/17)
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)
Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17)
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 6/26/17)
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/19/17)
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 the turn near Shore Pointe to get there). (featured 4/17/2017)
FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse
St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge
Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 6/12/17)
Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 1/9/17)
Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17)
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 2/13/17)

32. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: Story #28

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.

Vi M. writes: "Zachary's was up a hill in Pointe Blanche. Not publicized that I remember...a friend told us about it. They had the best ribs that I ever tasted (kind of a sweet tasting sauce as compared to smoky). We rarely missed a trip there when we were on island. Don't remember when they closed. We went in the early 90's."

Readers: We're looking for your suggestions about other restaurants; [let us know your past-era SXM favorites so we can feature your complete reviews.](#) Email your suggestions *with detailed information please to susan@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Look Back."* **Please be sure to include as many details as you can; you may well be the source of a future column.** Do check below first -- we've already featured over two dozen former SXM restaurants.

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

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

- 1- West Indian Tavern D
- 2- Sam's Place D
- 3- Turtle Pier D
- 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
- 12 - L'Alabama F
- 13 - Andy & Cheryl's F
- 14 - La Calanque F
- 15 - La Diva F

- 16 - Antoine D
- 17 - Sambuca D
- 18 - Peg Leg Pub & Steakhouse D
- 19 - Tutta Pasta D
- 20 - Wendy's (D)
- 21 - Risdon's Drive-In (D?)
- 22 - Dawn Beach Hotel Restaurant (D)
- 23 - Paradise Cafe (Contributed by Laurence Aiello) (D)
- 24 - Callaloo (D)
- 25 - Mario's Bistrot (Marigot) F (updated name and moved to Dutch Side, D)
- 26 - Pinocchio's (D)
- 27 - Cugini (French Side) (F)
- 28 - Zachary's (D)

Coming soon:
Saratoga (D) and Frigate (D)

You can read about all of these past restaurants by checking back issues of *SXM Weekly News* on our PDF archives page.

33. Should You Get a Short-Term SkyMed Membership? Advantages, Disadvantages

Short term SkyMed Medical Evacuation memberships are 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.

34. 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.* We know we repeat this... we do it for very good reason.

SkyMed *Takes You Home*® -- what else matters?

35. Q & A about SkyMed Medical Evacuation

Updated 5/8/17

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, no reimbursements, and no deductibles for SkyMed services, ever. SkyMed arranges everything and pays for all the services it provides.

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 (five-year SkyMed memberships only). This offer is available only by phone; email jeff.berger@skymed.com and give Jeff your phone number so he can call you. He'll 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). Americans, Canadians, and ExPats only.

See www.getskymed.com or email Jeff at jeff.berger@skymed.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. 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 -- and now a SkyMed Ambassador -- for over 15 years. He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com. He generally returns 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, Join, renew, or reinstate now. See our current low sale pricing at the beginning of this section: sale ends soon.

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.](#)

36. 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](#).

37. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

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

38. Tijon Parfumerie Expanding in US: Get Into It

We've often written about Tijon Parfumerie in Grand Case, opposite Spiga Restaurant. Here is much more from Tijon's owners:

Become an extension of Tijon

Were looking to license and train individuals who would provide off-site (beyond St. Martin) perfume making experiences. The events could be held at home parties, restaurants, resorts, spas, a work

place, etc. The licensee would be an extension of Tijon - presenting a unique, interactive, and fun activity where guests pay to create their own fragrance.

Not another multi-level home party idea

Although working at your own leisure and the venues for providing the experience may be identical to a home-party, that's where the similarities stop.

We're developing kiosk and pop-up retail concepts as to not limit licensees from only hosting in-home events. We've also structured the license so that you will earn guaranteed revenue per perfume-making attendee plus added revenue should there be additional product sales. Charter licensees will also have the exclusive opportunity to partake in additional revenue generation programs and serve on our advisory board.

The licensee would determine the costs per participant to make perfume within suggested market parameters (*likely to be between \$65 and \$99 per participant*), and would set the minimum size for a class/event.

All event participants will leave with a fun, unique and memorable experience including their own custom perfume and Tijon branded products valued at over \$100, a true value oriented experience for each participant.

Anticipated start-up cost

The initial cost for a charter license for mobile events will likely be less than \$3,000 and would include all the necessary equipment, training, continued support, and supplies for the first 50 participants making perfume.

Please tell us what you think

Let us know your thoughts on this proposal. Are you interested or know others who might be interested in participating as a licensee or event coordinator? We look forward to hearing from you. Thank you and all the best from the friendly island. See: www.tijon.com

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