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Timeshare Rentals and Sale of the Week

Each week JMB randomly picks timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale in SXM from the huge selection at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml and features them here.

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SXM Timeshare Rentals of The Week (Two):

RENTAL 11/22/2014 12/6/2014 Week 47 & 48 The Royal Islander - La Plage Close to the airport, shopping, dining, etc in the popular Maho Beach area. Unit has a balcony overlooking the garden, pool and beach; the ocean view is incredible. \$1,000 per week Ted 724-216-5543 tedjanka@gmail.com

RENTAL 1/31/2015 2/7/2015 Week 5 Diamond Flamingo Beach Resort Studio unit #7510 sleeps 4 with king bed and pullout sofa. Complete kitchen with full size appliances. Sliding room divider separates the bedroom, kitchen and bath area from living room. Quiet top floor end unit offering privacy and spectacular water and beach views. Pictures available upon request. Located close to elevator/stairs for easy access to beach and garage. Week 6 (2/7/2015-2/14/2015) is also available at the same rate. \$1,350 Tom (443) 854-6449 tom.quinn1943@verizon.net

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE: 2/1/2014 - 2/8/2014 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, prime winter week -- sleep-four studio overlooking both the Marina pool and quiet Pelican beach, just steps away. Resort offers several pools, many restaurants including the Stone, tennis courts, a convenience store, water sports, casino, and The Red Piano piano bar. Unit features a/c, stove, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, sleeps four, very convenient. Reduced to only \$2200. Will turn back to the resort if this is not sold by Fall 2014. Please contact Susan or Jeff at (508) 747-8281 or susan@jmbcommunications.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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

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A. About Low Airfares We Post On The *Secret Site*

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Stories are numbered; scroll down for stories of interest.

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

1. Free Flights to SXM Coming in Our "Thanks Four Million" Nine-Vacation Giveaway -- and Beyond

We will give away jetBlue Airways round-trip flights from any jetBlue city to SXM to our Grand Prize winner in our nine-vacation "Thanks Four Million" giveaway -- that much we already announced.

What we can tell you today is that jetBlue gave us additional round trip certificates which can take you (we believe) from any jetBlue city to any other jetBlue city. Among jetBlue cities -- besides those throughout the continental USA -- are a number of additional Caribbean locations plus a few in South America and even Anchorage, Alaska.

What are we going to do with those additional round trip certificates? We plan to give them away later this year to our JMB Website Supporters members. That's quite a nice giveaway.

If you still haven't joined JMB Website Supporters, you now have a new reason. Plus, JMB members can enter "Thanks Four Million" up to 10 times per email address. Nonmembers can enter only once (no purchase is necessary to enter). Join here:

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

2. Why Not a Summer Cruise?

Forecasters say summer 2014 will be light on hurricanes. Cruise companies try to keep their ships full even in Summer -- so why not try a Summer cruise? The islands are relatively quiet, you can see several in a single cruise, and the cost in Summer is low. Check it out.

Even better of course is a Summer SXM vacation -- but you already know it's a low cost, less oppressively hot, less crowded alternative to vacations back home.

Make your reservations on our favorite travel site: www.flytravelgo.com.

3. Forecast: Hot, Dry, With a Warming Ocean -- *and a Hurricane Heads Up*

Despite the fact that there were some showers this week, weather this time of year in SXM tends to stay hot and dry -- and ocean temperatures are continuing to warm as they have since February.

Hurricane season begins in less than six weeks, June 1. As always we'll keep you posted. During the season, click "Weather" on www.everythingsexm.com and you'll find current radar loops, satellite images, and more. When storms approach, we'll be posting the latest watches and warnings at <https://www.facebook.com/EverythingStMaarten>.

Lastly, when there is major hurricane news, we'll always email our members the latest weather bulletins...

We subscribe to Crown Weather -- the best private forecasters out there. If your life or your business can be impacted by hurricanes, no matter where you are, you should also subscribe. See www.crownweather.com.

SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

4. Radisson Blu Sold; To Become "Riu Palace St. Martin" This Summer -- Reconfirm Your Reservations

Radisson Blu in French St. Martin, a beautiful property which has undergone about \$120-million in renovations in the last several years, has been sold to Riu, a large family-owned hospitality company founded in Mallorca in 1953. This summer, it will be rebranded the Riu Palace St. Martin.

More on Riu: www.riu.com. More on the property: <http://www.hotelnewsresource.com/article76836.html> . The new property is not yet listed on Riu's website. If you have Radisson Blu St. Martin reservations, we suggest you contact the resort and get something in writing that confirms and guarantees them.

It's safe to say that Carlson / Radisson is most likely quite relieved to have sold its Radisson Blu property. It was a money-losing proposition ever since they laid eyes on it.

Not long before the Great Recession, Carlson / Radisson bought the property from Meridien which was operating it as L'Habitation. It was in huge need of renovation and Radisson poured money into the project. The economy tanked and the Euro gave French Side properties a second huge kick in the teeth.

And then there was the renovation bottom line, which had been expected to come in at around \$70-million. Radisson officials told us it cost over \$110-million, and was soon followed by another \$10-million in needed infrastructure upgrades in 2011. Riu reportedly bought it for \$45-million, quite a bargain.

If you visit, let us know what you think. You can email us at [jmbweb\[at\]jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb[at]jmbcommunications.com).

5. May Date Set for Lawsuit Seeking To Nullify Bankruptcy Sale of Pelican Resort

We're hearing that a May date has been set by the court in SXM to hear a lawsuit which seeks to nullify the bankruptcy sale of Pelican Resort (Simpson Bay Resort).

Royal Resorts affiliate Quantum Investment Trust (QIT) has reportedly offered an out-of-court settlement. We have attempted to contact the plaintiffs and their attorney in Curacao but were unsuccessful.

We're still digging for you as always and we'll tell you what we find.

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6. Update on the Possible Sale of Caravanserai To North American Investors

We know Caravanserai timeshare and full-share condo owners are anxious to hear what's happening but we have no official news. When we do, we'll pass it along.

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7. Sapphire's New Management Continuing To Get Generally High Marks for Results

Sapphire has not yet been officially sold to its new management team, but we're told via sources intimately familiar with the transaction that talks continue.

Meanwhile, of greater consequence to Sapphire timeshare owners is the fact that in virtually all respects things at Sapphire are looking far better now than they have in years. Almost unanimously, timeshare owners are telling us that the resort is clean, increasingly responsive in all areas, maintenance issues are being met, and everything from towels to linens is being taken care of.

Things aren't perfect, they say, but they're headed in the right direction and for that, timeshare owners are starting to feel much better about Sapphire.

We welcome comments for publication from timeshare owners who are also JMB Website Supporters members. Send them to susan[at]jmbcommunications.com with the subject "timeshare owner feedback". Anything you send may be published and if so, it will be condensed. If you have JMB membership-related questions, always address them to support[at]jmbcommunications.com (Membership Services).

Sorry, we can't publish comments from nonmembers.

8. Whatever Happened to Mandara?

Mandara is a development project high on a hill overlooking Tamarind Hill / Red Pond / Gibbs Bay, on the island's Dutch east coast between Guana Bay and Dawn Beach. It has an attractive website, www.mandararesidences.com, but has shown few signs of life in recent years. It's in a relatively obscure, hard-to-get-to location which happens to reflect one of its advantages -- privacy.

Some of you have asked us if the project is still alive. The answer is that we believe it is, but we also believe its developers are taking time so it doesn't overextend like so many other projects have in the past. We left the agents for the project a message... no response at presstime.

9. Update on The Indigo Bay Project

Indigo Bay, the sprawling project at Cay Bay below the scenic overlook on "The Hill," is doing very well. Developer Steve Smith, who has been involved there since the project started, said, "We expected through the life of this project to go through a few economic downturns, but we never expected one like the Great Recession." He said it wasn't easy but they stayed the course and continue.

Indigo Bay is home now to a number of condos, some completed and many others under construction, and the Kokomo bar / restaurant / beach. The restaurant is very popular for lunch and features a renowned chef. Great food... give it a try, and you can look over Indigo Bay at the same time. Feel free to say Jeff Berger referred you.

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9a. Peg Leg Pub & Steakhouse Closes Its Doors

Peg Leg Pub at Port de Plaisance has closed its doors. Owner Linda Parker said the venerable steakhouse has lost its lease. It closed in mid-April.

Linda told us she has no plans to reopen. The restaurant was bought by Linda and husband Jack Parker a number of years ago at its old Simpson Bay location when he heard his favorite retirement watering hole was about to close and he didn't want that to happen. Finding no SXM steakhouse that met his and Linda's Arizonan tastes, they soon converted Peg Leg to a Steakhouse. They moved to Port de Plaisance several years ago, where there was much more room and easier parking.

The restaurant did very well there, attracting thousands of tourists and an enthusiastic young yachting crowd. Its thousands of loyal customers will miss it....

10. Minor Quake Jolted The Island on Saturday

A minor earthquake centered just east of St. Barths jolted SXM and neighboring islands on Saturday. The quake, which measured 5.0 on the Richter scale, caused no injuries and no damage, but was felt island-wide.

11. Important News About Your Subscription to *SXM Weekly News* -- Please Share With All Your SXM Friends

Thank you for re-subscribing to *SXM Weekly News* -- resubscribing is what enabled you to see this week's edition and all our future editions.

Resubscribing was dictated by our ISP -- it wasn't our idea. We apologize for any inconvenience.

Important: Although we will slowly be contacting everyone who had been receiving *SXM Weekly News* before, that will take a few weeks. You can help ensure that everyone who should receive *SXM Weekly News* does receive it. Simply ask them to visit <http://www.everythingsxm.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi?> then enter their email in the first section of the page under the "2014 ST. MAARTEN" newsletter, which is our new list and which has been preselected for them. Then, they click the button that reads "submit your information." They'll receive a confirming email just as you did. They click the "confirm" link and they are on the list. They will receive the most recent issue when they sign up.

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12. Carnival Time in SXM

All the details are here: <http://carnivalinfo.com/2014/01/08/st-maarten-carnival-2014-schedule/> Lots is happening -- Caribbean music, food, and fun, all month long and beyond. Check it out....

13. Easter Dinner in SXM

Many readers receive this edition on Easter Sunday. Check out the local papers (Saturday editions) to see which restaurants have specials -- book early, Easter is one of the year's busiest dine-out nights on the island.

14. Remember How Tough Immigration Used To Be? Not Any More...

Many people who had not been to SXM in many years are thinking about returning, since the Simpson Bay Causeway has solved the island's traffic issues to a significant extent.

If your island memories include crawling through immigration, rest assured: things have changed. Immigration has become faster (thanks to automation and better staffing) and friendlier (thanks to better management). It's significantly better now....

15. Getting Medical Help in SXM

To be sure, the medical facilities in St. Maarten and St. Martin don't compare with the leading-edge institutions in the US and Canada. But there are times when you do need to see a doctor for whatever reason -- and the longer you stay on the island, the greater the odds it will happen.

First, seek advice from people you trust who live on the island. Then phone the doctor or clinic, make an appointment, and go. In most offices you're seen quickly and are well cared for. If blood tests are required, there are labs in several places that are as clean and efficient as those back home.

Second, if you become critically ill or injured -- that's where SkyMed takes over. Without it, you will need about \$45,000 in cash in advance to pay for a medical evacuation jet home. No \$, no jet. See the piece about SkyMed at the beginning of this section.

16. Meet New England Patriots Legends -- About the March 2015 Fan Cruise

After the 2014-2015 football season, you can sail this cruise (which stops in SXM, of course) without missing any games including the Super Bowl.

Lots of true legends are aboard, too. Check it out: <http://online.wsj.com/article/PR-CO-20140331-909589.html>

17. Steel Pan Music of the Week

Our newest feature brings you steel band / steel orchestra selections every week. Only great stuff will be here.

The most recent post is on top; prior weeks are below:

4/21/14: From the Steel Band de Cuba, Hotel California as you've never, ever heard it before: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IDeynJzc7ds>

4/7/14: The Lion Sleeps Tonight by the Dover Steel Band. Wait for it: surprising, really cool stuff: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=woBZME7sN3E>

3/31/14: Elite Steel Orchestra, Billie Jean by Michael Jackson: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qxamhMRZrc> (We heard this performed live in Tobago a number of years ago... beautiful stuff.)

18. Restaurant of the Week: (Our Weekly Pick)

Perennially voted the top seafood restaurant on the island, George Shetter's *SkipJack's* offers a spectrum of seafood dishes including both Caribbean lobster and Maine lobster, shipped fresh (live and kicking) from cold Northeastern waters.

Hate seafood? Lots of beef and poultry entrees are here as well. Look at their menus and you'll see copious pictures – click them and you'll see larger versions but we warn you: you'll get hungry looking at them. Great stuff. SkipJack's will make you look forward to your next island trip even more than you are already.

Check this space for another featured restaurant next week.

Previous Restaurants of the Week:

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 4/21/14)

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 3/10/14)

Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 3/21/14)

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 1/20/13)

Fusion, www.fusionrestaurant-sxm.com (featured 4/7/14)

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html>

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 1/13/14)

Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 3/3/14)

Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 2/24/14)

Temptation, <http://www.rareandtemptation.com/EN/temptation/>

Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 1/6/14)

Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 3/17/14)

Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com>

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 2/3/14)

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 1/6/14)

SPN Cafe, <http://www.pineapplepete.com/sport.html>

Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach; follow the car path from the far side of Ocean Club to get there).

FIG, Cupecoy opposite Rainbow Beach Club

St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge

Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 3/31/14)

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataaverna.com (featured 2/10/14)

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/>

Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/>

Soprano's Restaurant, Maho Plaza, <http://www.sopranospianobar.com/stmaarten/restaurant/> (featured 3/3/14)

Bylbos, Simpson Bay

We'll write about another SXM restaurant here next week.

19. Got a Spare \$50,000 in Cash? You May Need it on This Trip to SXM

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SkyMed offers short-term plans (just reduced to less than \$9/day per person, maximum \$18/day per family), annual plans (a better buy), and the SkyMed Ultimate which protects you for three or five full years – the best plan of all. The Ultimate is what we own and it's what hundreds of JMB members have chosen. And again, there are big discounts for JMB Website Supporters members, too.

The **SkyMed Ultimate** protects you with SkyMed "takes you home" in 34 countries – the U. S., Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba if you are there with State Department approval, plus Costa Rica and Belize. The Ultimate includes GETS protection (Global Emergency Transport Services) in the rest of the world. Other plans do not include GETS.

For more info, call SkyMed at 1-800-475-9633 weekdays mountain time (Scottsdale, Arizona) and ask for Nan or Jim. If you are a JMB member, tell them you are a JMB Website Supporters member. If you're not a JMB Website Supporters member, get about 200 SXM discounts by joining today (see article above re: our anniversary sale). More on JMB Website Supporters: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml **JMB members**

buying the five year Ultimate through us get a five-year extension of their JMB Website Supporters membership as part of the bargain. Just tell us you bought SkyMed as directed here (through us), and we'll extend your membership once we verify your SkyMed Ultimate purchase through us. Those buying the three-year Ultimate from us now get a three-year extension of their JMB membership, which is new.

If you're a JMB member, you can also go to www.skymed.com/jmbspecial. Please have your JMB membership card handy.

20. Reserve Your Free Tuesday Sunset Lagoon Cruise Now

A relaxing, informative lagoon sunset sail is one of our long-time JMB Website Supporters member benefits. Sunset sails fill up fast -- we have nearly 20,000 members -- so go to the Secret Website, check out this benefit in the Discounts Master Index, and sign up now. The Secret Site is at www.everythingsxm.com/secret. Your username and password are required.

Sunset sails are now offered on Tuesdays.

Still not a member? What are you waiting for? Check out membership here: www.everythingsxm.com

21. Caribbean Recipe of the Week: Take a Look

Our newest recipe is on top. We will now grow this list every week, so ultimately you'll see several weeks of prior recipes here in one convenient place.

Sugarcane shrimp: <http://www.epicurious.com/recipes/food/views/Sugarcane-Shrimp-358593>

Tropical coconut bread: <http://www.food.com/recipe/tropical-coconut-bread-29185>

Rock Lobster Thermidor (from Cuba): http://www.caribxseafoods.com/recipes-cuban_rock_lobster_thermidor.html

Almond crusted fresh fish (from the Bahamas): https://www.bahamabreeze.com/recipes/main_dishes/almond_crusted_fresh_fish.asp

Caribbean banana Mango Smoothies: <http://www.food.com/recipe/caribbean-banana-mango-smoothie-230184>

Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Page Updated Every Other Weekday

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://everythingxm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml .

Want to rent or buy a week?

***2014 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale* are posted at**

http://everythingxm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml Listings are now updated every other weekday. Ads are free (no commission)

but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.

Meet Our Sponsors (updated 9/27/13)

Emergency Medical Evacuation Protection:

SkyMed Takes You Home® if you become critically ill or injured while traveling more than 100 miles from home in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, the Caribbean, plus Belize and Costa Rica. Learn more at www.skymed.com/jmbsxm . Highest recommendation by JMB.

Travel Arrangements & Accommodations:

For The Best Prices On Individual and Group Tours to St. Maarten & St. Martin, as well as stays at B&Bs, condos, hotels, and villas, visit our sponsor: **Sandy Molloy at SXM Travel Specialists** --- <http://www.stmartin-stmaartentravelspecialists.com> 704-567-6661

Rent **St. Maarten Villas** is the website of Villalady Bobby Valins, showcasing her villas in Burgeaux Bay and in Grand Case. See her site at www.rentstmaartenvillas.com.

Villas in Paradise is your one-stop source for great St. Maarten Villa Accommodations.
See many choices at www.villasinparadise.com or call Marilyn Pulito directly at 508-533-1388.

Emerald Cove Villas provides a one-of-a-kind vacation experience in Oyster Pond. See their website at www.emeraldcovevillas.com . Learn why *Emerald Cove* is the name.

Caribbean Days provides luxury villa accommodations throughout the Caribbean. See www.caribbeandays.com .

Villa Journeys offers JMB readers villa accommodations (and much more) not only throughout the Caribbean, but across the USA and in Europe.
See www.villajourneys.com

Oyster Bay View Villa, overlooking Oyster Pond and Captain Oliver's Marina, delivers great accommodations near Dawn Beach, a quick ride to Orient Beach and the dozens of fine restaurants at Grand Case. See their site at www.oysterbayview.com

Club Fantastico, www.clubfantastico.net, overlooking Orient Beach, gives you fine villa-like accommodations in a totally clothing optional ambiance, inside and out. It's the perfect place for a *no tan lines* vacation.

Summit Resort Hotel, atop a cliff in Cupecoy, is a favorite. See why; check out www.thesummitresort.com

Shopping: (Updated 9/7/2013)

DK Gems on Front Street (*opposite and not far west of the historic Court House*) offers extraordinary eye-popping gems in a rainbow of exquisite settings. Not to be missed on your next trip. See www.dkgemsint.com .

Zhaveri Jewelers on Front Street opposite Little Switzerland (near the historic Courthouse) offers an incredible inventory of the finest gems in the Caribbean. Offering the island's largest selection of elegant jewelry for men, women, and kids. Visit www.zhaveri.com .

Fine Food, Pastries, Wines/Liquors, Yacht Provisioning:

Le Grand Marche has several Dutch Side locations to conveniently serve you -- at the roundabout near the Bush road, next to Port de Plaisance off the Union Road near the French border, or their *Gourmet Marche* store in Simpson Bay. For all the details see www.legrandmarche.net .

SECTION 4: For Members Only (Updated 12/17/13)

A. About Low Airfares We Post On The "Secret Site" (New)

Other travel sites post the lowest fares airlines offer. We only post the lowest fares that are readily available for purchase at the time of posting. That's a huge difference.

Our fares come from many, many sources, including our direct contacts at the airlines, wholesalers, consolidators, some specialized travel agencies, charter operators, certain other sites, and more. Whenever we find good fares, we try to buy tickets for a number of travel dates to ensure the fares are real. If fares can't be bought, we don't list them.

Check the "Low Fare Grid" on our members-only secret site for the lowest currently available fares to SXM from about our list of about 100 cities in the USA and Canada plus London and Paris. When you see an emailed "low airfare bulletin" that alerts you to especially low fares, act quickly since those fares sell out fast.

We constantly revise low fare listings on our members-only "secret" site, so check the Grid often.

B. All the Answers for JMB Website Supporters: Just Click the Link

Atop every page on <http://www.everythingsxm.com> is a JMB Website Supporters link in an orange box. If you have any questions, click it; it takes you to our "secret site" where all our benefits are explained so you can take advantage of everything available to you as a JMB Website Supporters member.

Our Member Benefits "Welcome" letter on the secret site shows you all **a growing list of 200+** of our SXM-focused benefits.

C. Members: Why Check Airfares Daily?

Always check the Low Fare Grid on the Secret Site to see the latest low fares. Fares change often. Since most airlines have discontinued voucher-based credits when fares decline, it's critical that you get the lowest fares early: it's best to start looking 330 days ahead of flight time.

D. Members: Password Recovery Info

Members, please print this and save it:

If ever you need to recover a username or password, change your email address in our JMB Website Supporters member database, place an ad on our SXM condominiums for rent or sale page, or have any other membership-related question, please click the JMB Website Supporters orange login / change password medallion under the masthead at <http://www.everythingsxm.com>. Everything is there including our automated system for replacing forgotten passwords.

If you have any issue accessing the Secret Site, go here:

http://everythingxm.com/sxm/low_fares/secret-site-access-information.shtml

E. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads

Go to the home page of the Secret Site, <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> (if you forgot your password, see previous story). Click the links on any page of the Secret Site to submit a new or revised ad or cancel an ad. Beyond that, for answers to many questions, you should also see our FAQ at <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret/rentalsqanda.htm>.

You can place up to 10 rental or sale ads within any 12-month period for timeshare condos you own in SXM or worldwide. Instructions are in the Discounts Master Index on the Secret Site. Ads are free for members and there is no commission. Ads are updated about every two weeks. Submissions are (usually) automatically acknowledged on receipt. To learn about when yours will be published, check the date of the most recent update at http://everythingxm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml.

Ads are submitted to us online *only*. Full instructions are here: <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret>. Please follow them to the letter for best results. If you want to modify an existing ad, you must submit a full replacement ad, since to prevent errors, JMB *never* updates existing ads.

Not a member? Look:

More on JMB Website Supporters memberships:

Visit this site to check our membership benefits -- there are now about 200+ discounts with more coming:

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

To Reinstate a Former JMB Membership:

Reinstate your former membership to enjoy all 200+ benefits. See our Reinstatement Center at:

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

To Renew your current JMB membership:

See the Secret Site to renew your JMB membership at low multi-year rates. Just click the orange medallion below the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com to sign in to the Secret Site, where you'll find the Membership Renewal Center. Also check the Member Benefits List / Welcome Letter ... many new benefits have been posted and still more are coming.

Please log in to the Secret Site for more; use the orange login medallion below the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com.

SECTION 5: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 12/17/13

Car Rentals:

Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental: www.tropical-tropicana.com -- reserve at reservations@tropical-tropicana.com

Unique Car Rental: www.uniquecarrentalsxm.com

JMB Website Supporters members get discounts at both Tropical and Unique. See the Secret Site for details.

On-Island Activities:

JMB Website Supporters get discounts at Aqua Mania through a special website for our members only. See the Secret Site for details.

Low Airfares:

Save hundreds on airfares and get many more travel benefits thru JMB Website Supporters. See

http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml to learn more.

Restaurants:

Detailed descriptions of many restaurants are at <http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/restaurants/index.shtml>

Emergency Medical Evacuation Jet Protection:

In case of critical illness or injury while traveling, emergency medical evacuation can cost you upwards of \$50,000 or more payable in cash in advance. "SkyMed" takes you home from the US, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Belize, Costa Rica, or the Caribbean. See www.skymed.com/jmbsexm . The cost is only \$59/month for the Ultimate plan (minimum service, two years); short term plans also available. We never travel without this life-saving protection.

Bookmark our SXM site and visit us often: www.everythingsxm.com

CONTACT US

JMB Website Supporters members wishing to contact us should visit the secret site, www.everythingsxm.com/secret , for detailed JMB Website Supporters information. JMB members can email us at support[at]jmbcommunications.com. If you have misplaced your password, you can get a new one by clicking the orange "forgot password" link below the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com assuming your membership is in good standing.

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

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To change your email address, visit <http://everythingsexm.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi> , select *St. Maarten Weekly News* list, and follow the unsubscribe instructions. Then, subscribe your new email address. JMB Website Supporters members no longer need to notify Membership Services of the new email address for continued Secret Site access and to receive Low Airfare Bulletins. We'll be notified automatically.

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