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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:

RENTAL 1/31/15 to 2/7/15 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, a sleep-four studio overlooking both the Marina pool and Pelican beach (a short walk to Marina Residences, next door). Many beaches, great restaurants, piano bar (The Red Piano), more nightlife, casinos, a Deli, and other shops and nearby. A clothing optional beach is about two miles away. Unit features stove, microwave, cable TV, WiFi is on site, sleeps four, very convenient. \$1099. This unit is also for sale at just \$2499! Timeshare tax (\$50) is renter's responsibility. Please contact Susan at (508) 747-8281 or email susan@jmbcommunications.com

RENTAL 2/6/2015 2/13/2015 Week 6 Diamond Royal Palm Beach Resort Get out of the snow and onto the beach. Beautiful two bedroom/two bath timeshare resort sleeps six in this third floor unit #8302 overlooking the amazingly blue waters of the Caribbean. The master bedroom has a king bed and sliding door to your private veranda overlooking the beach. The second bedroom has a king bed and there is a queen sleeper in living room. Enjoy the open-air living room, dining room and fully equipped kitchen. Resort has its own beach and pool with swim-up bar and restaurant, mini-market, shops, complementary fully equipped gym, free Internet. Restaurants, entertainment and

shops within walking distance. Come, relax in the warm tropics, experience breathtaking sunsets and play the night way in fabulous clubs and casinos around the island. \$1,750.00 Jeannie 610-888-6106 jdisante@gmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sales of The Week:

SALE: January 17 to January 24, 2015 (week 3) Sapphire Beach Club on Cupecoy Beach, sleep-four unit faces Cupecoy Beach and the Caribbean sea. Includes a Jacuzzi whirlpool hot tub on the balcony, king size bed, full a/c, cable TV, DVD player, refrigerator with ice maker, marble bath, beautiful furnishings throughout. Resort has shops, restaurants, min-mart, plus a large pool, whirlpool, and bar -- all on the ocean. Close to Atlantis Casino, many great restaurants including Temptation, plus Mullet Bay Beach, the Cupecoy clothing-optional beach, Baie Longue, and Baie Rouge on the French Side, and did I say incredible restaurants? Asking only \$4499 to buy (negotiable). We also have weeks four and five available to rent or buy at nearby resorts; will discount if you buy or rent two weeks or more. Photos available. Phone Jeff at (508) 747-8281 or email Susan susan@jmbcommunications.com

SALE 03/07/2015 03/14/2015 Ten (10) Royal Palm Wonderful unit sleep 6 very comfortable 2 king size bedrooms and 2 full baths , living room with sleeper Large kitchen and dinning area , 3 flat screen TV's and VCR Wake up looking at the sail boats in Simpson bay. Full Kitchen with pot and pan every thing you need to spend a wonderful week in paradise . Gym membership included with your stay. Pool with swim up bar. Wonderful beech to relax on. Royal Palm is located within walking distance of many restaurants, Casino, and grocery store. I have never had a problem renting this unit when we did not use it. \$5,000 was \$12,000 Donna 412-956-9235 Donnaw1000@aol.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

1. Island Gets Soaked by Rain, But No Tropical Weather Threats Foreseen

St. Maarten was impacted slightly by the periphery of a tropical wave on Wednesday, which brought a fair amount of rain to the island and caused some thunderstorms. But the good news is it's gone and there is no sign of any tropical weather threat anywhere on the horizon. The Atlantic hurricane season ends in less than a month, on November 30.

2. More Reasons Than Ever To Reconfirm Flights -- Especially On Merged Carriers

United Airlines is still having trouble resolving the post-merger marriage of its schedule with that of the old Continental Airlines. Consequently, United occasionally cancels certain flights — including flights to St. Maarten — which in some cases leads to extremely inconvenient scheduling.

We urge all airline passengers heading to St. Maarten to reconfirm your flights even though the carriers are saying it's unnecessary. It is necessary. It is especially necessary with any airline that has merged, and that includes United/Continental. We also strongly suggest passengers on American Airlines/US Airways be sure to reconfirm, as well as those on Delta.

You do not want to be surprised by schedule changes or cancellations.

3. How To Get The Lowest Airfares

This is the single biggest piece of membership news we've had in the past 12 years: JMB Website Supporters now gives you access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on packages not just to the Caribbean, but worldwide.

Retail travel sites — the ones whose names you know very well — are heavily regulated. But private travel clubs like this, which normally charge members prices for membership/admission, are regulated differently and consequently, can offer much better pricing.

The organization providing these travel benefits has been traveling under the radar for 25 years and is only now making its travel reservations prowess publicly known. It's SkyMed Travel Club and it is entirely separate from the SkyMed "takes you home" medical evacuation service we've been recommending to you since shortly after the millennium.

The SkyMed Travel Club offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have been testing it for the past few weeks and have found the pricing to be extraordinary — even on the wildly popular river cruises that are a tourism phenomenon throughout Europe and are quickly gaining popularity here in the US.

And normally, this organization charges you \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members, and during a brief introductory period for everyone else, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Exclusively through us, you get access to a world-class global ticketing mechanism without paying one cent to get in the door.

This is a new benefit for JMB members. During this introduction, everyone can join by going to www.SkyMedtravelclub.com, clicking the sign up link on the top right corner of the homepage, and providing the requested information. It's very important to complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — entering that code is what ensures that you pay nothing to be a member of the SkyMed Travel Club. If you fail to enter that code, you will not gain free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing.

Do join — you will not be disappointed.

SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

4. Caravanserai Debacle: See Our Big Special Issue With All The Latest News

We've maintained an online PDF archive of past issues of *St. Maarten Weekly News* since we established our new mailing list back in April, 2014. The PDF Archive is next scheduled for updating on Saturday, November 1, when all issues up to the present will be available online. That includes the special edition we published a couple of days ago which has complete follow-up information regarding the meeting between Caravanserai Resort representatives, the Dutch side government, and the St. Maarten Timeshare Association. Alegria Resort, the new name for Caravanserai, without review or approval by others, wrote a news release about the meeting. Among other things, our article dissects their news release so you know the bottom line. To see our special edition, and all other newsletter copies, go here after the Saturday 11/1 update:

http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml .

5. Caravanserai: We Want Your Opinions; Here's What We'll Do With Them

We want to know what our JMB members who also own timeshare weeks at Caravanserai/Alegria think of the current situation at that resort. Please send an e-mail with your thoughts to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com, using the subject Caravanserai/Alegria. Please be sure to keep your e-mail under 300 words. Do not send attachments; we will not open them. If you like, you can write your comments in Microsoft Word, then transfer what you've written to the body of an e-mail.

We plan to publish many of your letters in next week's *Weekly News* and you may just see them published in newspapers on the island, to whom we're sending many in the next few days (without names, of course; we are publishing all comments anonymously).

6. World Travel Awards Names Princess Heights St. Maarten's Leading Hotel

For the second year in a row, Princess Heights Luxury Boutique Hotel has been named "The Leading Hotel in St. Maarten" by the World Travel Awards (WTA) in its 2014 Caribbean & North America 2014 edition. Heralded by *The Wall Street Journal* as the "Oscar's of the travel industry," the WTA has developed into the most prestigious and comprehensive awards program in travel and tourism, and is known worldwide as the hallmark of industry excellence that recognizes the commitment to excellence that hospitality businesses worldwide have demonstrated in the last 12 months.

General Manager Emil Lee stated: "This latest award, combined with our fourth straight year 'TripAdvisor Certificate of Excellence,' proves once again that only through hard work, consistency and real commitment to customer service, we can ensure that our guests enjoy lavish accommodations with world class personalized service. This really is a tribute to the hard working and dedicated staff at Princess Heights Hotel."

Lee added, "The management of the hotel, as well as the entire staff, would like to thank its loyal clientele and partners who have been working with us and supporting the property since the beginning. Without them, it would have been impossible to reach the high standards of quality for which we have been recognized and awarded."

This family-operated luxury property is located on a hillside overlooking Dawn Beach, right in the border of the Dutch and French sides of the island. Princess Heights Hotel offers magnificent ocean view studios, one bedroom and two bedroom suites.

"Our luxurious suites are perfect for couples and our large suites and full kitchens make us perfect for families and groups of friends wanting to relax and enjoy in a home away from home environment," said Jorge Diaz-Granados, director of marketing for Princess Heights. "Princess Height is arguably the best value for money around St. Maarten," he added.

In order to celebrate this prestigious award, the hotel is launching a limited time offer. Visit www.princessheights.com/wta, call 1-800-881-1744 or send an email to info@princessheights.com and check the limited time special rates for the rest of 2014 and all 2015.

7. Want to Buy or Rent SXM Timeshares? Jeff Has a Bunch for Rent/Sale in Prime Weeks at Great Prices

This may be the best time ever to buy or rent St. Maarten timesharing. A cold winter is coming and prices are about as low as they ever get.

You'll find hundreds of timeshares for rent / sale on the timeshare sales/rentals page of www.everythingsxm.com. That includes one week three, two week fours, and one week five at three different resorts from Jeff himself who, like many others, is leasing space on SXM to stay a bit longer. His ads all have JMB Communications email addresses, and are at Summit Resort (two consecutive winter weeks -- see pictures just added to Jeff's ad 11/2), Sapphire (one week), and Simpson Bay Resort (one week). There are hundreds of other ads too -- look at them all and buy quickly for two very good reasons: 1) Units are selling faster than at any time since we started publishing listings 12 years ago, and 2) Prices are as low right now as they'll likely ever be...

8. Caravanserai Timeshare Owners: If You Paid Your AMF By Credit Card, Call Your Card Issuer...

We're hearing that some Caravanserai timeshare owners who paid their maintenance fees by credit card to the old Manek regime are getting their money back from their card issuers. We don't know that everyone will get a refund, but it certainly won't hurt you to call them any try. The place did go belly-up and you are not getting the timeshare ownership you bought and paid for. Give it a try and let us know what happens; email us at jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject Caravanserai.

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Final Two Days: JMB Membership Prices Increase 11/2:

Get The Lowest Prices Now On The Biggest, Best SXM Discount Package: Access 200+ Discounts Across SXM **Now**

Our current pricing technically ends 11/1. We'll be increasing all membership prices on Sunday night, 11/2, after 6pm Eastern Standard Time. The cost of JMB Website Supporters new, renewal, and reinstated memberships increases now: even our lowest-priced memberships, those with the longest terms, will be increasing to meet rising costs.

Beat the price increase by joining, renewing, or reinstating your JMB Website Supporters membership today. You'll receive about 200 discounts across the island including sizable jewelry gift cards, half-off members-only lagoon sunset cruises, discounts at dozens of restaurants, plus many activities, art, shopping, and other discounts on both sides of the island.

Other discount programs come and go, but JMB Website Supporters grows and grows.

And it's just \$59 for one year (new memberships) but much less per year when you buy multiyear memberships. Low prices for renewals and reinstatements, too.

New memberships: Learn more here: http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml . Your JMB membership keeps these newsletters coming every week and gives you tons of discounts across SXM.

Reinstate a former membership: <http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Renew your current JMB membership at the Membership Renewal Center on the members-only [Secret Website](#).

9. FedEx Plane Crashes Off SXM Coast; One Dead, One Missing

It appears that both the pilot and copilot of a Skyway Airways propjet perished when their aircraft plunged into the sea a couple of miles west northwest of SXM Airport after taking off on Wednesday night.

Conflicting press reports indicate that one body was found and the other was still missing but is believed to have died in the crash. Some debris was washing up in the vicinity of Mullet Bay and Cupecoy.

The plane was used by FedEx and was on a routine run between San Juan and St. Maarten. It had delivered Holsum bread to the island, and was taking off with a number of FedEx packages back to San Juan. Weather was bad during takeoff and there were initial reports that the plane had experienced some difficulty when it had landed on the island and may have experienced engine problems on takeoff, but none

of those stories has as yet been confirmed. On Friday morning when this was written, one body had been recovered and the other was still being sought in waters more than 1000 feet deep.

The cargo plane had only the pilot and copilot as its passengers.

10. SXM Bans Travelers from West Africa, Joining Many Other Nations

St. Maarten has joined a growing list of countries that ban the arrival of any individuals coming from the West African nations that are most severely impacted by Ebola.

Although the island has no nonstop or direct flights from West Africa, passengers nonetheless can get to St. Maarten through the Netherlands or from Paris or, for that matter, from New York, Miami, Atlanta, or Canada. Once St. Maarten ascertains that the passengers originated in West Africa, it will ban their entry into the country.

11. Chikungunya Testing Now Done Locally

When Chikungunya first started impacting St. Maarten / St. Martin about a year ago, testing for the disease could not be completed on the island. That meant expensive delays. Now, testing is done locally, which should lead to faster diagnosis and treatment

The best step, of course, is to avoid getting the mosquito borne illness. Eliminate standing water; use mosquito repellent; and take other recommended steps to avoid attracting mosquitoes.

Extensive mosquito fogging had been planned to start last Tuesday, but was delayed until Thursday because of mechanical issues. That's just as well -- because of the heavy rains that fell Wednesday. Very few cases of Chikungunya have been reported over the last several months.

12. People You Know Nominated for Crystal Pineapple Awards: How To Vote

The Crystal Pineapple Awards are presented every year by the St. Maarten Hospitality and Trade Association, SHTA, to recognize the achievements of people who have made outstanding contributions to island tourism.

You will recognize some of the nominees this year; they include Marco Ferrante, general manager of IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay; Topper Daboul of Toppers in Simpson Bay and Toppers By The Sea at Flamingo Resort; and Lillian Wathey who owns the new Johny Burger shop in the departure lounge at Princess Juliana Airport.

Vote here: <http://www.shta.com/crystal-pineapple-awards/>

13. Make Thanksgiving Dinner Reservations Now To Avoid Disappointment

A couple of restaurants that had been long-time headliners in Thanksgiving dinners on St. Maarten are no longer around.

We remember fondly the huge Thanksgiving feasts that had been offered in years past by Turtle Pier, Peg Leg Pub and Turkey house, Ric's Place, and others. Though we don't have complete information, we expect this year there will be about four primary places on the island to get wonderful Thanksgiving dinners: both Toppers and Toppers By the Sea; Jimbo's; and of course Pineapple Pete. Others may join in. We've already made our reservations at Toppers, since Topper and Melanie really know their stuff and we expect Toppers is going to be the hub of all Thanksgiving activity on the island.

Make your reservations now. See Restaurant of the Week, below.

14. World Poker Tournament Coming to Maho Today (Monday)

Beginning at WPT Caribbean, Any Player Who Makes a Royal Flush in Season XIII Wins a Cruise for Two on Royal Caribbean's Oasis of the Seas®

Despite the long odds of making a royal flush in Texas holdem (1 in 30,940), four players, including WPT Champions Club member Chris Moorman, have made the best hand in all of poker thus far in Season XIII. With this unique abundance of royal flushes, the World Poker Tour wants to reward these rare and special hands going forward with the Royal Caribbean International Royal Flush Bonus.

Starting at WPT® Caribbean, which kicks off on November 3, 2014 at Casino Royale in St. Maarten, any player who makes a royal flush in any WPT Main Event during Season XIII will win the Royal Caribbean International Royal Flush Bonus*. This bonus includes a complimentary cruise for two in December of 2015 in an ocean view stateroom onboard Royal Caribbean's *Oasis of the Seas*® and one entry into the Royal Poker Tournament, which will feature an estimated prize pool of \$100,000.

The Caribbean's biggest ship, *Oasis of the Seas* boasts a crew of 2,394 with 25 distinct dining options, a full-service Vitality Spa, a state-of-the-art fitness center, two FlowRider® surf simulators, two 43-foot rock-climbing walls, a variety of name-brand and duty-free stores, and much more. You can even jazz up your evening onboard by attending the Award®-winning Broadway hit *Hairspray* and soon, *CATS*.

"Hundreds of our players have already enjoyed the Royal Caribbean experience along with Mike Sexton, Vince Van Patten, and the Royal Flush Girls® on the WPT Cruise to the Caribbean, and we are proud to expand our partnership with the premier brand in cruise vacations," said WPT President Adam Pliska. "While a player will need good fortune to win the Royal Caribbean International Royal Flush Bonus, this is a fun way to celebrate our relationship and provide even more value to our players."

*Both hole cards must be used to qualify. Not to exceed three (3) winners per season. Prize does not include taxes, fees, or gratuities, airfare transportation to and from the port, or any charges incurred by customer onboard. Cruise tickets are for December 2015, are non-transferable, and cannot be rescheduled. No cash substitutions. Prize is subject to all conditions, rules or regulations required by Royal Caribbean and WPT.

15. First French Side McDonald's Coming

It will be in Marigot near the Super U super market. Food and building layout will differ from Dutch Side emporiums, and the prices will be in Euros. Handicap access will be easier thanks to laws similar to the US -- Holland's handicap access laws aren't nearly as favorable as those in the US, Canada, and France.

We might go to give the place a look-over, but other than that -- there is far, far better food on SXM than McDonalds.

16. "Restaurant Of The Week" Returns: It's Toppers

We've recommended Toppers for years. Toppers in Simpson Bay -- and its companion restaurant Toppers By The Sea -- offer outstanding food at reasonable prices in a friendly family dining setting. Toppers has everything -- including those huge turkey dinners we note elsewhere in this issue. His chicken parm is legendary. Steaks are succulent. Lobster is notoriously fresh and delicious. Watch the chalkboard out front to see what the daily special is at Toppers on Welfare Road in Simpson Bay. Great stuff, strongly recommended.

Recently featured 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 8/4/14)

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 8/11/14)

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 7/14/14)

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

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 4/28/14)

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 6/23/14)

Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 9/2/14)

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 6/28/14)

Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/28/14)

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

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 5/5/14)

SPN Cafe, <http://www.pineapplepete.com/sport.html> (featured 8/18/14)

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.vesnataverna.com (featured 7/28/14)

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 11/2/14)

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

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

Bylbos, Simpson Bay

Sushiito Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance (featured 3/17/14)

We'll write about another SXM restaurant here next week as we continue our weekly SXM restaurant coverage.

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Long-Term Plans -- The Best of SkyMed -- as Little as \$1.25/day

(\$1.25 is approximate)

Having your own medical evacuation membership enables you to get home in a hurry when you or your spouse / partner become critically ill or injured away from home. Without membership, you must pay for the evacuation in cash, in advance -- if you can set it up -- and the cost can easily be \$45,000 or more, sometimes lots more.

Only SkyMed guarantees to take you home should you become critically ill or injured throughout the SkyMed universe, which consists of the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba, plus Belize and Costa Rica. Should you need protection anywhere in the world, you can get that, too. But the point is simply this: don't travel anywhere without making sure you have medical evacuation protection from SkyMed.

There are a number of SkyMed plans available. Short-term plans are the least expensive in terms of initial outlay, but you must be medically requalified every time you want a new short-term plan. By contrast, both SkyMed annual and Ultimate plans require only one medical qualification when you first apply.

When you renew SkyMed, your membership continues uninterrupted and is renewable indefinitely without further medical requalification regardless of your age or health.

Six Big Reasons To Buy SkyMed Now: The first five -- we are giving away vacations to destinations worldwide to the first five people who buy new SkyMed Ultimate memberships from us between now and November 10. You get a one week vacation (airfare not included) at your choice of many resorts and pay only the cost of maintenance *for one day*. That's a deal and a half. (Email us at jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com immediately after buying the new Ultimate from us.)

The Sixth Reason: Buy any new SkyMed membership other than short term now and even pre-existing conditions are covered once the 90-day waiting period (for pre-existing conditions coverage) has passed. If you're going to SXM in February or after, that's gangbusters news for you right now.

Let's repeat what we said above: The cost of SkyMed never increases solely because of your advancing age, nor is SkyMed ever canceled solely for declining health -- that's in sharp contrast to other plans. SkyMed Takes You Home -- what else matters?

Get yourself protected against the high cost of medical evacuation and you will simultaneously find yourself with great peace of mind. Call SkyMed any weekday Mountain time at 1-800-475-9633 and ask for Nan or Jim. Tell them you are a JMB Website Supporters member to get the best rates. If you're not a member, join; it's just \$99 for four years or \$59 for one year. Sign up for JMB here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml. The cost of SkyMed is as little as \$59 monthly or just \$49 monthly if you do not require global coverage (beyond the "SkyMed universe" we described above).

For one-year or other duration memberships, buy online at www.skymed.com/jmbspecial (JMB members only) or www.skymed.com/jmbxsm (everyone else).

Five-year Free JMB Membership Extension With New Five-Year Ultimate Purchase: Once you've joined SkyMed through us, email support@jmbcommunications.com and tell them you've bought a new SkyMed Ultimate five-year membership. Upon verification, we'll extend your current JMB Website Supporters membership for five full years. Offer open to U. S. and Canadian citizens only. You must join JMB first to be eligible for this JMB membership extension. And you must join SkyMed only as described above and not by any other means to qualify for the JMB membership extension. Offer extended; ends December 15, 2014. The five-year JMB membership extension will be terminated if you cancel your SkyMed Ultimate membership before its five-year term expires.

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

Want to rent or buy a week?

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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/jmbxsm . Highest recommendation by JMB.

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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 (Constantly Updated)

Please see www.everythingsxm.com/secret .

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

Returns soon.

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