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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](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) and features them here.

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### SXM Timeshare Rentals of The Week:

RENTAL 01/17/2015 01/24/2015 week 3 Royal Palm 2 King Bedrooms, 2 full baths, full kitchen, sleeper sofa in living room, balcony overlooking Simpson bay, 3rd floor entry door looks out over bridge for a perfect viewing point when the bridge is opened several times a day letting the large yachts in to the lagoon, lots of great restaurants within walking distance 1500.00 per week Jill please email [jillchaffin@aol.com](mailto:jillchaffin@aol.com)

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](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.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](mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com)

SALE 02/14/2015 02/21/2015 Seven 7 Divi Little Bay A non mandatory maintenance fee (no fee if not used for contract week) is available for this unit. Studio deluxe unit separate bedroom, bathroom, kitchen, living room with queen sofa bed and water view of great bay and phillipsburg from large lanai. Second floor unit 711 which was up-graded Jan 2009. 21 weeks left on contract with 5 weeks accelerated usage. Sale price @5200.00 paul 401-219-6243 [paulvmcgraw@yahoo.com](mailto:paulvmcgraw@yahoo.com)

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

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

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Now a growing list of 200+ benefits... and more coming soon.

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## THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

#### 1. Current Weather

We returned to SXM on Wednesday and the weather has been gorgeous. Highs in the 80s, lows at night 70s. No snow. Only some very brief passing showers Friday night and Saturday morning. The longest shower we saw lasted a minute and 17 seconds (we timed it).

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown of [Crown Weather](#) says there will be no tropical storm formation in the tropical Atlantic or Caribbean "in the foreseeable future."

Get down here. Now....

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#### 2. Customs & Border Patrol Expands Pre-Check and Global Entry

These services, which expedite the passage of pre-screened "trusted" travelers through airport security, are expanding. Global Entry speeds you through customs and immigration when you return to the US from overseas and is widespread now across the country. Precheck speeds you through security at departure points in the US. You keep your belt and shoes on and your computer stays in your computer case. Google either service. When you get Global Entry, you automatically get Pre-Check with it. Takes several weeks, so do it now. Fees and an airport interview are required. Well worth it for frequent travelers.

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#### 3. United / Continental Apparently Stopping Nonstops from Newark After Late April

We've seen folks expressing concern about United discontinuing nonstop flights to SXM from Newark starting early in April. But a search late Saturday showed flights during April until 4/28 -- with flights only operating on Saturdays after that.

If you have reservations with United from Newark to SXM, we again urge you to reconfirm. Airlines are slap-happy and making money hand over fist, and have no hesitation about slashing any flights that don't quite cut it. Our "reconfirm" advice applies to all flights to and from SXM on all airlines. They do not necessarily tell you when they're making changes.

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#### 4. How To Get The Lowest-Cost Airfares, Hotels, Cruises, and Tour Packages Worldwide

This is the single biggest piece of membership news we've had in the past 12 years and it bears repeating: 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](http://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 once you've booked through them.

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## 5. Why Cruise Prices Are Going Up

Before the Great Recession, cruise companies committed to build lots of new big ships and they were stuck with them when things tanked. They cut fares drastically to put bodies aboard.

The head of Royal Caribbean said in a recent interview that those low fares are going away. Carriers, he said, recognized the glut in the Caribbean even as demand from China was increasing. So... some ships are being reassigned to the Far East, reducing competition in the Caribbean -- and bargain cruise fares will be a quick casualty, affecting prices as soon as this winter, the official says.

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## 6. Why Airfares Are Going Up -- Reason to Buy Now

Airlines at the moment have quite good fares to the Caribbean; do what we suggest in article 4, above, to get them. With jet fuel prices plummeting and more new, efficient planes coming into service, airlines are doing quite well and the need to have sales has diminished.

Most planes are uncomfortable as dense seating seems to be a permanent malady. Jet Blue will keep its leadership in legroom even as it, too, soon adds seats to its mainstay A320 airbus aircraft. The new seats are thinner but just as comfortable as current seating. So they continue to deliver the "Jet Blue experience" (extra legroom and more) while adding more paying passengers to each flight.

But we digress. Do what we recommend in story 4, and buy your tickets now. At worst, airfares will stay flat -- but over the long term demand is high, capacity is controlled, and that inevitably means higher prices.

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## 7. Really Quick Connections from Boston to SXM

There are no Jet Blue nonstops on weekdays from BOS to SXM, but there's one connection that is lightning fast: via SJU.

Land in SJU. Exit the plane. Walk down a few gates. Go to the bathroom (unless your incoming plane is late). Then board the plane to SXM. Elapsed time from when you get off the arriving plane until you board, roughly 20 minutes.

Can't beat it... By the way, we are giving away round trip flights on Jet Blue (from any Jet Blue city to SXM and back) to the Grand Prize Winner in our nine-vacation "Thanks Four Million" vacation giveaway. Enter at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

*See our Island Status Update at the Beginning of Section 3*

## **SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares**

-- See Our Stories on The Latest Developments at Caravanserai / Alegria Resort in Section Three --

### 8. Sonesta Great Bay Update

Apparently the Sonesta Great Bay Beach Hotel suffered the worst damage from Hurricane Gonzalo several weeks ago (see our general hurricane story at the beginning of the next section).

That said, it will reopen for business around mid-December, an employee with knowledge of the situation told us. Our guess is that people with reservations before than are being switched to other Sonesta SXM properties. If you have questions... please call the hotel directly.

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### 9. Oyster Bay Beach Resort Update

OBBR had suffered damage to some of its rooftop a/c units. We will publish an update on the status as soon as we have it. See next story.

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### 10. Other Resorts...

As far as we know there is no other major unrepaired damage at any other resorts. If you have any questions, please contact your resort directly.

## **SECTION 3: Island**

### **[Just \\$59/month Gets You Global SkyMed Medevac Protection: Go Nowhere Without It](#)**

Story 11:

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## **Still Just \$59 For a Full Year Get The Biggest, Best SXM Discount Package -- 200+ Discounts Across SXM**

Get The Best SXM Discount Package: Get 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 just 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://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.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://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

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

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Story 12:

# On Thanksgiving & Later, Travel Nowhere Without Medical Evacuation Protection From SkyMed International -- **Now On Sale!**

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 far 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.

And now the best SkyMed plan is deeply discounted for our members.

There are a number of SkyMed plans available. Short-term plans are the least expensive in 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.* There are also never any increases in membership fees (premiums) related solely to your age or health: everyone pays the same low rates.

Six Big Reasons To Buy SkyMed Now: The first five -- we are giving away vacations to destinations worldwide to the next five people who buy new five-year SkyMed Ultimate memberships from us between now and December 15 (just expanded and extended.) You get a one week vacation (airfare not included) at your choice of many resorts worldwide and pay only the cost of maintenance *for one day*. That's a deal and a half. (Email us at [jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com) immediately after buying the new five-year Ultimate from us to tell us.) There's another reason to buy a new 5-year Ultimate: a 5-year free extension of your JMB membership. More on that is below.

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 one critical item: The cost of SkyMed never increases solely because of your advancing age, nor is SkyMed ever canceled solely for declining health -- in sharp contrast to other plans. SkyMed *Takes You Home*® -- what else matters?

Here's that steep discount. For five years of "Ultimate" SkyMed global protection, you'd prepay the five-year rate of \$699/year. But JMB Website Supporters members get \$1000 off -- they pay just \$499/year when prepaid in full, or \$2495. (If you'd rather pay monthly, it's \$59, \$49, or \$39/month depending on what you need /want). 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're 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](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml) . The cost of the best SkyMed plans is deeply discounted for JMB members. SkyMed verifies your JMB membership.

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Five-year Free JMB Membership Extension With New Five-Year Ultimate Purchase: Once you've joined SkyMed through us, email [support@jmbcommunications.com](mailto: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 both the SkyMed JMB-members-only discount and 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. Vacation offer expires when we run out of vacations; limited quantity available. Join now...

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## 13. If No One Had Told You About SXM's Recent Weather Events, You Would Not Know They Ever Happened: Island Update

SXM is in amazing shape. We got back on Wednesday and even in those few days more changes were noticeable. Our own sense is that if you didn't know the island had been hit by a hurricane several weeks ago -- and by 10 inches of tropical rains about a week and a half ago -- you'd think nothing of it.



There are very widely scattered piles of construction debris (we saw two in four days), some trees down (mostly now cut up and carted away), and not much else unusual. The recovery is, as we said before, singularly amazing.

The island is ready -- no need to delay anything. Come on down....

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#### 14. Caravanserai Timeshare Owners Fighting Alegria in Court: Here's The Latest Update

A number of Caravanserai Timeshare owners have grouped together under the guidance of attorney Monique Hofman to fight Alegria in Court. Two weeks ago the judge told them to come to an agreement or he would rule on the case himself. Last Friday they said they had not come to an agreement so he gave them more time -- but the rope doesn't have much slack. The complete story is here:

<https://www.facebook.com/Caravanseraitimeshare>

We'll continue to make you aware of further developments. If you are a Caravanserai timeshare owner, contact attorney Hofman at

<http://www.bermon-law.com/monique-hofman.htm>

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#### 15. Sargasso Seaweed Slowly Slithering Seaward

Sargasso seaweed, which we told you about previously, usually doesn't affect any islands much beyond mid October. It is now going away, albeit slowly, and many Caribbean islands will be delighted to wave good-bye.

SXM beaches are still swimmable island wide and the water is still in the 80s.

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#### 16. Vesna Taverna Expands Nights Open for Dinner

Vesna Taverna, north of the Simpson Bay drawbridge, reopened for dinner on Friday night. They've been open for breakfast and lunch daily and in prior years served dinner Wednesday through Saturday. Starting this weekend (Nov. 16) they added Sunday evening to their dinner schedule -- so they are closed for dinner now only on Monday and Tuesday.

This great restaurant gives discounts to our JMB Website Supporters members, as do about 200 other fine businesses on SXM. Save yourself countable cash; join today at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

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#### 17. Celine Charters is Back in Business

Neil Roebert's Celine Charters is back in business -- doing Pub Crawls, Friday Fun Sails to Tintamarre, and more. Neil's charters are the best and he gives discounts to all JMB members. Learn more about all the benefits of membership here:

[http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

Learn much more about Neil and make reservations here: <http://www.sailstmaarten.com/>

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#### 18. The Most Fantastic Pizza

Lots of great pizza in SXM but there is one that does top the rest, in our opinion: Island Pizza in Dawn Beach, off the parking lot at Mr. Busby's Beach Bar. Lots of choices and you can build your own or pick one of their selections. Traditional thin crust and wow.. really outstanding.

Island Pizza, Busby's, and Daniel's, the three restaurants here, all give discounts to JMB members. Learn more about membership here:

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Learn much more about these three restaurants here: [www.dawnbeachxsm.com](http://www.dawnbeachxsm.com). See our Restaurant of the Week, below.

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## 19. The Freshest French Breads

Two choices: number two is Sarafina in Marigot (between the two roundabouts on the waterfront). Incredibly busy French bakery / restaurant, open early. An uncountable assortment of breads and French pastries. Challenging parking.

We also like the Simply market in Grand Case along the main road to Orient. Bakery turns out new baguettes every half hour or so. Really fresh, and quite good.

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## 20. Friendly Island Is All Smiles and Awaiting You With Hot Weather & More

That says it all; island is in amazing shape, weather is excellent, and the beaches and restaurants (and Front Street stores) are as inviting as they always were. Come....

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## 21. JMB Website Supporters Members To Benefit From New Car Rental Partners

We've long recommended three SXM car rental companies: 1) Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental, [www.tropical-tropicana.com](http://www.tropical-tropicana.com), which right now is replacing about half its fleet with brand new cars; 2) Unique Car Rental <http://www.uniquecarrentalsxm.com/>; and 3) Rodael Car Rental, for cruise ship passengers <http://www.rodaelcarrental.com/>

All of these companies give significant discounts to our JMB Website Supporters members. And we are about to add three more, which will soon also be offering discounts to JMB members: [Mickey's Car Rental](#), the new effort by Michael Daniel, formerly of Tropical-Tropicana; [Leisure Car Rental](#), from SXM's Jacqueline Joseph; and the largest of all SXM car rental companies, [Thrifty](#).

We'll let you know when these discounts are live on our JMB members-only Secret Website, where 200+ discounts are yours for pennies a day.

Learn more about membership here: [http://everythingxm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

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## 22. Andy & Cheryl's Baywatch Reopens

For about 25 years or so, a dining and drinking establishment under Andy and Cheryl has graced the French Side of the island. Andy passed away late in the Summer of 2013, and Cheryl has carried on with his unique style of cooking.

The restaurant was one of many that was hit hard several weeks ago by Hurricane Gonzalo, but last week repairs were completed and the restaurant has reopened. Andy, a favorite of thousands, lives on.

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## 23. Island's Best Small Supermarket

It's convenient for most folks. Reasonably priced by SXM standards. It's absolutely immaculate. It has just about everything a small supermarket should have plus wine and spirits, delicious fresh-baked pastries, baguettes, bread and rolls, ice cream, souvenirs, and much more. It's "Pier Grocer" and parking in front or across the quiet street is easy. It's opposite Mr. Busby's Beach Bar and near the entrance to Oyster Bay Beach Resort in Dawn Beach. Come early for the pastries -- they're wonderful. Great coffee, too.

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## 24. "Halo" Nail Salon To Offer Discounts to JMB Members

Another new discount coming within the next couple of weeks is from the all-new "Halo" nail salon in the blue building about 1/10 mile south of Pineapple Pete in Simpson Bay. Details are coming soon.

In our JMB discount listings, Halo will replace Sun Nails, which is no longer in business. It's time you joined JMB -- learn more about membership here: [http://everythingxm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

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## 25. Butterfly Farm Reopens

Located near Le Galion and the southern end of Orient Beach, the Butterfly Farm provides a fascinating live look into the life cycle of many kinds of butterflies of all sizes. Come early, wear something colorful, and butterflies may land on you to check you out. Do it -- great fun for everyone. And of course, the Butterfly Farm also offers discounts to our JMB members.

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## 26. The Future of Orient Beach and Le Galion

We expect to run a feature on these items soon. For now, the bottom line is this:

a) A couple of years ago, the French Side government announced plans to tear down the old Le Galion hotel and restore the area as a marine sanctuary. It has reiterated that plan and says Tropical Wave, the popular 38 year-old business at Le Galion, will have to go as part of the change.

b) Other nearby businesses may have to move "to private lands" at a future time, including the stables and the Butterfly Farm, just rebuilt and reopened after being destroyed by Hurricane Gonzalo.

c) There are unrelated questions about the future of Orient Beach itself; Stay tuned...

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## 27. "Restaurant Of The Week": Daniel's By The Sea

"Daniel's By The Sea" started life about 15 years ago (give or take) as the nighttime incarnation of Mr. Busby's Beach Bar. It is unique in that it is a quintessentially Caribbean culinary experience that in fact is a fine Italian and seafood restaurant. Its location on the northern end of Dawn Beach is almost always caressed by gentle trade winds, but for those rare warm nights without breezes -- fans cool you as you dine under the palms.

Under the seasoned direction of Daniel Jurczenko, Daniel's operates with an experienced staff on the floor and in the kitchen -- and the consistent quality of their outstanding food is evidence why Daniel's never closes and always serves many guests, tourists *and* locals.

Everything is scrupulously fresh, prepared using authentic Italian family recipes, and delivered piping hot to your table. Want lighter fare? Our article in this issue about Island Pizza regards their partner business -- your pizza can be served at the table at Daniel's. There is truly something for everyone. And do save room for their lusciously decadent desserts.

Daniel's has won our Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence each of the last several years. When you come, you'll know why. Do it soon. For more, see [www.dawnbeachxsm.com](http://www.dawnbeachxsm.com).

Like so many other SXM businesses, Daniel's, Busby's, and Island Pizza all give discounts to JMB members (as do dozens of other SXM restaurants). Get hundreds of discounts; it's time you joined JMB -- learn more about membership here:

[http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml)

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.dawnbeachxsm.com](http://www.dawnbeachxsm.com) (featured 11/17/14)

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

Spiga, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 7/14/14)

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

IZI Ristorante Italiano, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 6/23/14)

Stone Restaurant, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.jimboscafe.com)

Canoa, [www.canoasxm.com](http://www.canoasxm.com) (featured 3/31/14)

Vesna Taverna, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://www.vesnataverna.com) (featured 11/10/14)

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

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[Club Fantastico](#), [www.clubfantastico.net](http://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.

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[Summit Resort Hotel](#), atop a cliff in Cupecoy, is a favorite. See why; check out [www.thesummitresort.com](http://www.thesummitresort.com)

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### 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](http://www.dkgemsint.com) .

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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](http://www.zhaveri.com) .

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### 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](http://www.legrandmarche.net) .

### **SECTION 4: For Members Only (Constantly Updated)**

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

Returns soon.

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