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

1. Weather Update: More of the Same

Daytime temps are around 82-84. Nighttime, 76-77, though it sometimes feels cooler when windy. We're in the dry season and many fields look parched. Showers are much less frequent and shorter, usually. No snow. Ice only in glasses...

## 2. How To Get The Lowest-Cost Airfares, Hotels, Cruises, and Tour Packages Worldwide (Repeat)

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.

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

## 3. Now, Divi Little Bay Becomes The Target of Timeshare Owner Anger on SXM

A Facebook post today said that Divi Little Bay is sending out large bills for 2016 (sic!) timeshares -- in some cases more than double the usual maintenance fee. If you have received such a bill, please email [jmbweb\[at\]jmbcommunications.com](mailto:jmbweb[at]jmbcommunications.com) with details. If you can scan and send us any explanation provided by Divi, we'd appreciate it. Initial reaction from a few Divi timeshare owners was negative to the point of saying "time to sell."

We have asked Divi to comment.

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## 4. Oyster Bay Beach Resort Receiving Bouquets - and Brickbats

Winning awards and other accolades from its timeshare owners has become old hat to Oyster Bay Beach Resort, which has won quite a share of them in recent years.

The resort used to sell "flexible" weeks at a low cost, enabling people to stay there in the dead of winter for short money.

But eventually there are more would-be guests than rooms, so OBBR solved that by selling upgrades to time-specific dates -- that cost some money but guaranteed specific calendar weeks.

Selling upgrades reduced inventory available for internal trade further, so some formerly happy owners who always had traded found themselves unable to do so. Result, brickbats.

OBBR General Manager Ricardo Perez, who personally has received a number of OBBR awards, says it's a supply and demand situation. He said OBBR is willing to set aside specific weeks on a permanent basis, which timeshare owners want, but at a cost. Off season weeks are worth less; in-season weeks are more expensive, but some owners still aren't happy.

It's like trading a new Honda Civic (a great car) for a Lexus RX 350 (an outstanding car). The difference does cost money....

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## 5. Jeff's Interview on "Oral Gibbes Live" on SXM Cable TV (Gibbes is "SXM's Larry King")

Here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vgnToxVC9FY>

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## 6. Where to Rent Timeshares & Get What You Pay For

Almost 13 years ago, we founded JMB Website Supporters which funds our ability to provide about 225 benefits and discounts to its members. One of our most popular benefits enables members to post ads to rent out or sell timeshares they own both in St. Maarten and anywhere else worldwide.

We accept ads only from paid members, which means we know who they are, where they are, and how to contact them. Retail buyers and renters alike are shown on our page how to avoid scams. The program works, enabling countless buyers to obtain good deals directly from timeshare owners without anyone paying any commission or special fees. The ability to place ads comes as a normal part of our member benefits package without any further cost.

See the ad at the beginning of section 3 to join us. If you're already a member, use the automated form on the members-only secret website to place your ad any time around the clock. We moderate all ads and generally post them within a few days of receipt.

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## 7. Jeff's Interview With SXM Tourism Minister Claret Connor To Be Rescheduled

Jeff was scheduled to meet St. Maarten's new tourism Commissioner Claret Connor last Friday night, which Mr. Connor believed was a meeting to get acquainted but which Jeff had set up to be an interview about plans, policies, timesharing, and more.

Realizing that the latter type of interview would take considerably more time, Commissioner Connor asked for it to be rescheduled, which hopefully will happen soon. We'll keep you posted.

In the meantime, if you were affected by the Caravanserai debacle, please see the following:

As we've noted before, a deluge of Letters to the Editor has the attention of government. Here is where you can (and should) add your voice to the chorus of St. Maarten timeshare owners expressing themselves about Caravanserai: If you're a St. Maarten timeshare owner, particularly at Caravanserai, make your views known. It matters – far more than you think.

Today newspaper: [todaymanagersxm25@gmail.com](mailto:todaymanagersxm25@gmail.com)

Daily Herald newspaper: [editorial@thedailyherald.com](mailto:editorial@thedailyherald.com)

Feel free to share this information with other St. Maarten timeshare owners: <https://www.facebook.com/Caravanseraitimeshare> .

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## 8. Tourism Minister Comments on Commitment to Consumer Protection; How Owners are Reacting

Both St. Maarten newspapers give a lot of play last week to a news release from tourism Commissioner Claret Connor regarding his commitment to enact timeshare owner consumer protection legislation. Here are his comments: <http://tinyurl.com/ncunj83>.

Most of the timeshare owners who reacted online were both skeptical and critical of the commissioners comments. The bottom line was best summed up by one writer, who said: "I'll believe it when I see it."

As always, we'll keep a close eye on this for you.

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### 8a. You Won't Believe Alegria's New Slogan...

Late Sunday, on our main everythingstmaarten page on Facebook, we posted a picture of the new marquee at Alegria resort, formerly Caravanserai. Check out the site and see if for yourself:

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The page will welcome your comments.



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## **9. Valentine's Day Sale---**

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And it's just \$44 for one year (new memberships) or six years for just \$129. Low prices for renewals and reinstatements, too. Begins 2 p.m. EST Monday.

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. Begins Monday night.

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

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Story 10:

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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.

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 have 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 JMB member, join; it's now on sale at Holiday / Black Friday prices (usually it's just \$99 for four years or \$59 for one year). Sign up for JMB here: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_xsm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_xsm/paypal.shtml) . The cost of the best SkyMed plans is deeply discounted for JMB members. SkyMed will ask for your JMB membership number.

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## 11. Cupecoy Free Parking Near Ocean Club To Be Restored by Sudi Ozkan

Sudi Ozkan, the Turkish billionaire who owns Princess port de Plaisance resort, also owns the property behind Cupecoy beach next to Ocean Club. Allegedly at his direction, boulders were placed disallowing free parking next to Ocean Club for Cupecoy beach. We are hearing now that Mr. Ozkan will be moving those boulders away, re-enabling free parking for Cupecoy.

As of Sunday morning, the boulders were still in place.

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## 12. Finally, a Reason To Return to Marigot; More Special Nights...

In recent years, Marigot has had its share of problems, particularly crime. Hopefully, French side police understand how critically important effective policing is to the economic viability of that side of the island.

Like Tuesdays in Grand Case and Friday nights at the St. Rose Arcade in Philipsburg, Thursday nights in Marigot are a festive occasion. We were told about it briefly from one who attended who took pains to point out that security was high. Hopefully it will stay that way and let this be a success.

If you go, let us know what you think.

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## 13. "Seismic Activity" Recorded in Saba; What It Means to SXM

As most people know, much of the Caribbean is an active area for earthquakes. There is also volcanic activity here, most notably in



## Montserrat.

The island of Saba, only about 30 miles from St. Maarten, is shaped something like a pyramid and is readily visible on the island's Southwest coast.

Now, some seismic activity has been registered in Saba. Officials are moving to make certain that adequate sensing devices are in place to accurately detect any increase in activity. The island wants to be sure evacuations can take place in plenty of time should there be a need for them.

Prevailing winds would likely take any material coming from a possible eruption away from St. Maarten. However, when there was an eruption in Montserrat, which is considerably farther away, ash was deposited in St. Maarten.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

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## 14. Why You Must Make Dinner Reservations -- And Where Not To; [Discount Voucher Info](#)

One of the busiest St. Maarten restaurants is Mr. Busby's Beach Bar/Daniel's by the Sea in Dawn beach. Unless your party is six or more people, Daniel's will not take reservations. Not a problem; for the most part, they're not needed since the restaurant is quite big by St. Maarten standards.

But elsewhere, reservations are essential since high season is now at its height. If you cannot visit a restaurant where you have made a reservation, please call to cancel it out of courtesy.

If you are a JMB Website Supporters member, your voucher is good for you and your spouse or partner. Remember that anyone else in your party can not take advantage of your voucher benefits or discounts, and that you must present your membership card and a government-issued photo ID before any discount can be honored. Do not duplicate vouchers for nonmembers; doing so will cause your membership to be revoked.

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## 15. If You Want Great Sushi and Teppanyakki, There's Only One Choice

There are many reasons for us to tell you that Sushiiito is the best of all St. Maarten Japanese restaurants.

Conveniently located at Princess port de Plaisance on the union road in Cole Bay, reason number one is Pierre Ferland, who also owns Pineapple Pete, SPN, and the alley. All of Pierre's restaurants have a few things in common: a very well trained, courteous, clean, efficient staff; excellent food and service; and very reasonable prices.

All of these apply at Sushiiito The atmosphere is great; the staff is very respectful and efficient; and the food is great and very well priced.

There's nothing wrong with many other Japanese restaurants on the island — but the service just doesn't compare with Sushiiito and the food elsewhere is, in our opinion anyway, overpriced. The prices at Sushiiito compare well to Japanese restaurants throughout the USA that are also reasonable.

Sushiiito is one of many additional SXM businesses about to start offering discounts to our JMB Website Supporters members. Watch for an announcement coming soon exclusively to JMB members.

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## 16. The Story of St. Maarten Johnnycakes

The Johnny cakes with which you may be familiar in the US Northeast are nothing like St. Maarten Johnny cakes. St. Maarten Johnny cakes are something like deep-fried rolls, although some restaurants now offer baked versions.

Mr. Busby's beach bar makes its own Johnny cakes in-house. A few years ago, we did a brief video showing the process. Here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XurYtUpZl20>

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## 17. "Johney Burgers" Could Make You Want To Go Home Early

"Johney Burgers" is a new burger emporium that recently opened in the departure lounge at Princess Juliana Airport. Its slogan: burgers so great you'll want to go home early. Almost.

The burgers really are outstanding, using a custom blended beef mix which you will love. The burgers are named after sections of the island and then try to match the culture and flavors of each area. Freshly prepared each day every burger is made to order and delivered on a freshly baked johnnycake.

Definitely go. Many have visited already and Johnny burgers is a huge hit.

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## 18. Restaurant Etiquette: Bring Your Own Celebration Cake?

If you go to a restaurant to celebrate a special occasion, let the restaurant do the cooking; it's why they're in business.

Were you to bring in a cake made outside, restaurants are entitled to levy a plating charge, sometimes several dollars per person. Besides, their cakes are usually better than what you would get outside....

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## 19. Rumble Strips Installed on French Side

There have been a number of accidents on the French side in recent months particularly involving two-wheel vehicles. Black cutouts with a human shape and a red thunderbolt in the head on the French side indicate where there have been two-wheel fatalities.

We don't know whether it's related, but now the French side is installing rumble strips as part of the white line at the side of the highway indicating the border of driving space. Center lines have also been carved so your tires will make a rumbling sound when you drive on the center line.

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## 20. An Absolute Must for Dinner: Spiga

One of the very best restaurants not only in Grand Case but across the entire island is Spiga.

The term Spiga denotes the top of a wheat plant, what pasta is made of. But the food at Spiga is far more than simply pasta. In terms of creativity, innovation, flavor, presentation, and overall a gastronomic appeal, Spiga easily makes its presence felt among the best of the best across the Caribbean archipelago. Regardless of whether your tastes are for beef, fish, poultry, or vegetarian selections, once you dine here you will easily understand why we place Spiga in such high regard.

For more information, see their website: <http://www.spiga-sxm.com/> . When you visit tell restaurant co-owner Lara Russo we suggested Spiga to you. .

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## 21. Sunday Afternoons are Music To Your Ears at Busby's

Mr. Busby's Beach Bar on Dawn beach has to be the busiest single restaurant on the island at lunch. Not only does it have an exceptional location on a beautiful tropical beach, but virtually the entire restaurant is located in gazebos on a large wooden platform on the beach just steps away from the main outdoor restaurant. It's all literally just a few feet from the beach, caressed by gentle trade winds day and night. As we mentioned in a recent restaurant of the week edition, their menu is huge, everything is fresh and delicious, portions are big, and service is prompt.

And now, every Sunday afternoon features free live music. Busby's is open every day for breakfast and lunch (including great authentic thin crust Italian pizza from Island Pizza, next door). At night, it morphs into Daniel's by the Sea for gracious Italian dining under the stars.

Go here for more details: <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com>

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## 22. Souvenir SXM Paintings from Artist Patty Meotti

Italian artist Patty Meotti has spent many years in St. Maarten and has become very well known for paintings featuring people in hats.

Lately, she has been painting some of the island's best known tourist spots, including Maho beach where planes approach the airport runway while flying only a few feet above your head.

Some of her paintings are now on display at [Vesna Taverna](#) in Simpson Bay. You can contact her to see many more – and, in fact, if you want, you can commission her to do specific paintings of subjects you select.

Patty also offers discounts to JMB Website Supporters members. You'll find her on Facebook, too: <https://www.facebook.com/MeottiPatty>

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## 23. Walk the Causeway

The Simpson Bay lagoon Causeway is one of the island's most scenic new attractions. It has attracted many new fans because of its availability to joggers and walkers. Park on the lagoon side of airport road near the western end of the Causeway, put on your walking or running shoes, and go — but bring your camera. You find it quite enjoyable.

We always recommend people not leave valuables in their car or car trunk. We have never heard of any incidents here, but we do suggest caution regardless.

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## 24. How You Can Help Us Reach 250 SXM Discounts (And What You'll Get for Helping)

We are in the process of surpassing 225 discounts and other benefits offered to our JMB Website Supporters members. We expect to have roughly 250 benefits and discounts by the end of this year — and it will pay you to help us achieve that.

What we offer your favorite island businesses is increased foot traffic at a cost of zero dollars. For this, we seek unique offers from quality partners. Since we charge our partners nothing, the offers we receive for our members should be superior to offers available anywhere else.

If you have a favorite business that is not currently a partner of ours, suggest to them that they offer discounts or other incentive to our 26,000+ members. If you suggest a partner who later joins us in offering a discount as a result of your suggestion, we will extend your current JMB Website Supporters membership for a full year on us. There is no limit to this offer, which means your future memberships can be free simply by recommending new partners who join us; do it as often as you like. You must let us know the name of the business, its address, its phone number, the name of the owner, and his or her e-mail address since we *always* approach in writing by e-mail. It's also important, if possible, that you speak with them about us so they know to expect our e-mail.

If they're a business that's new to us and that has not been previously approached or referred by others, this offer is valid. Of course, this offer is available to JMB Website Supporters members only; if you're a nonmember and would like to participate, join during our Valentine's Day sale mentioned above.

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## 25. Valentines Day Restaurant Suggestions Taken From Our Restaurants of the Week Listings

Most of these restaurants offer significant discounts for our JMB members. See the Secret Site for details. Log in using the orange login box on all pages of [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). Your entire registered email address is your username (in lowercase). If you forgot your password, click "forgot password" in the login box. Learn more about membership at the top of this section.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://www.iziristoranteitaliano.com) (featured 12/24/14)

Canoa, [www.canoasxm.com](http://www.canoasxm.com) (featured 12/15/14)

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

Cugini (featured 12/8/14)

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

Daniel's By The Sea, [www.dawnbeachsxm.com](http://www.dawnbeachsxm.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 11/5/14)

Fusion, [www.fusionrestaurant-sxm.com](http://www.fusionrestaurant-sxm.com) (featured 1/26/15)

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

Stone Restaurant, [www.thestonerestaurant.com](http://www.thestonerestaurant.com) (featured 9/2/14)

Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 12/25/14)

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

Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 1/19/15)

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 2/2/15)

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)

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

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 12/1/14)

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

Bylbos, Simpson Bay

Sushiitto Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance <https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm> (featured 1/12/15)

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

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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- A. Where to Get Member Info: [www.everythingsexm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsexm.com/secret)
- B. Password Recovery Info: Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsexm.com](http://www.everythingsexm.com).
- C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads: See [www.everythingsexm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsexm.com/secret) .

### SECTION 5: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 12/31/14

Please see our site, [www.everythingsexm.com](http://www.everythingsexm.com).

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