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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 Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 1/23/2016 1/30/2016 Week 4 Royal Palm Beach Club Spacious, comfortable and well-appointed with 2 Bedrooms (King Bed each), 2 Baths. Sleeps 6 with Queen sleeper in Living Room. Beautiful Ocean front views from Master Bedroom, Living Room and Kitchen. Excellent for children and handicapped individuals. Enjoy all of the amenities of a five star hotel. Resort has its own beach on the beautiful waters of the Caribbean, restaurant, mini-market, shops, complementary fully equipped gym, free internet, and pool with swim-up bar. Restaurants, entertainment and shops within 1 to 3 blocks walking distance. 1800 Jerry 2397327919 jlw9358@gmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

Totally Renovated New Unit Available; Steps from the Caribbean With All The Amenities You'd Expect

=== MUST SELL OR THIS UNIT THIS MONTH OR TURN IT BACK TO THE RESORT, WHICH WILL CHARGE FAR MORE WHEN THEY RESELL IT =====

SALE: 1/31/15 to 2/7/15 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, Newly Renovated completely redone (during 2015) luxurious 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, and a clothing optional beach is about two miles away. Unit features all-new stove, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, WiFi is on site, sleeps four, very convenient. 2016 occupancy. Further Reduced to BEST OFFER OVER \$2400. Please contact Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com or call 508-747-8281

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

1. Saharan Dust Causing Very Hazy Conditions

Unless you listen to the Weather Channel, you probably aren't aware that a great deal of dust from the Sahara desert is sometimes carried aloft by trade winds which take it across the Atlantic to the Caribbean. Dust from the Sahara can create hazy conditions in the Caribbean to the point where sunsets are sometimes obscured. One good thing: during hurricane season, its presence can help mitigate the development of some tropical systems.

2. Tropical Development Likely This Week of SE US Coast

Rob Lightbown, chief meteorologist at www.crownweather.com, says there is a 60% likelihood later this week that a subtropical storm could develop north of the Bahamas. If that happens, the storm is unlikely to bring much storminess to the southeast, but it could create some high surf which could cause local flooding. If you live along the US southeast coast, do pay attention to local forecasts this week.

3. Where to See Current Caribbean Weather Satellite Images

The weather page of www.everythingSXM.com contains a number of frequently updated radar images including satellite loops. To check on current tropical weather conditions in St. Maarten, do go to that page.

For current SXM forecasts, go here: <http://www.meteosxm.com/>

4. SXM Airport Growth Graphics - Where To Download The PowerPoint

We recently published an extensive article concerning the future of air travel to St. Maarten, particularly at Princess Juliana airport. The article discussed additional airlines which are expected to come to the island, additional US cities from which nonstop flights are expected to originate, changes in the airport's physical plant, and much more. If you missed the article, it is now live:

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

Also posted there are PDFs of all our other recent *SXM Weekly News* editions.

Since we wrote that article, the airport has released graphics showing some of the locations of some of its future facilities. You can download those graphics, if you are a JMB Website Supporters member, here:

www.everythingSXM.com/secret/.

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See story # 20, below, about our anniversary sale; it gives you hundreds of discounts across the island for short money, and will entitle you to future downloads as they become available. Sale extended one final week: get your own membership subscription today; see story 20.

5. 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, 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

6. Starz Casino, Formerly Atlantis, Confirms It Will Build a Hotel

In the last couple of weeks, we ran an article telling you about several hotels which we expect will be built in St. Maarten over the next few years. Most of the properties discussed in the article had never been formally announced.

Late on Friday, Starz Casino, formerly Atlantis, formally announced it will build a hotel adjacent to its newly rebranded casino. We've asked the owners for additional information and will publish it as soon as it becomes available in right here in *SXM Weekly News*.

Our expectation is that it will be an upscale property. Its proximity to both Mullet Bay beach and to Cupecoy beach, as well as to nearby French side beaches, may mean it will deliver heavy competition to the prospective new Alegria Hotel contemplated to be built where Caravanserai was near the end of the airport runway.

We'll be publishing more on this. Here are some details about Starz: <http://tinyurl.com/q74cc4d>

7. Simpson Bay Resort Reports on \$22-million in Improvements - Including a New Beach

Here's the letter Simpson Bay sent to its timeshare owners announcing the improvements:

Nearly four years ago, we promised to work as hard as possible to establish Simpson Bay Resort as the premier resort destination in the Caribbean. After nearly \$22 million in renovations most of the original part of the resort has been elevated to 5-star status, with the renovated units achieving Interval International's highest Premier rating. We have also implemented innovative new ownership programs that help our members get maximum flexibility from their memberships. We are not finished! We have more improvements planned, and we hope you will find them as exciting as we do.

Regarding the renovation project, we have completed the renovation of all original resort buildings with the exception of the Marina and Flamboyant buildings. We will proceed with renovating the Marina building this off-season, with this phase of the project on-schedule for completion by year's end. As in the past, we plan to gut the units and replace everything, including but not limited to the kitchens, the furniture, the bathrooms, and the air-conditioning. We will also replace the building roof and renovate all the exterior areas.

We are just as excited about upcoming changes to the public areas of the resort. We will be renovating the marina waterfront to make it an enticing destination for members and guests. Extensive renovations will include the removal of the model villa that currently sits in the middle of the waterfront area, and will add landscaped seating areas with charming amenities. We also plan to improve accessibility, improving the stairways and clearing out older decorative structures to improve sightlines. The marina waterfront will be more beautiful, more accessible, and will provide more food and entertainment choices for our members and guests. We will transform the marina waterfront into "the place to be" in St. Maarten. It is important to note that the members will not receive renovation assessments for these improvements – the developers are assuming 100% of the cost for the marina waterfront renovation.

We have also planned a number of beach improvements. The most dramatic change will be the creation of a new beach in front of the Villas building. We will also build a boardwalk to connect the beaches and provide easy access to a new beach bar. Again, the developers will bear all of the costs for these improvements.

Finally, we have been making many improvements you won't necessarily see, but that will greatly improve your vacation experience. All telephone lines are being replaced around the resort, individual Wi-Fi receivers have been placed in each villa, and we are upgrading our telecommunications infrastructure to improve performance and usability. We have also upgraded the water delivery system with added redundancy to prevent outages, and have automated the water and fuel systems. We are currently improving the air conditioning system that services the Villas building.

Due to the logistics involved in the extensive renovations to both the Marina building and the marina waterfront, it would have been impractical to renovate the Flamboyant building simultaneously. Had we renovated all areas at the

same time, construction staging would have eliminated almost all available parking and restricted access to the beach and the Marina pool. Therefore, we have rescheduled renovation of the Flamboyant building to 2016.

In addition to the renovation work, we will continue to modernize our membership program via the Royal Resorts Caribbean Collection ("RRCC"), which provides unparalleled flexibility for existing and new members. The RRCC points system allows members to take the week or weeks they own, convert them to points at the members' option, and then begin their vacation on different days of the week, stay in different accommodations, or take their vacation at a different time of year. Each year, our RRCC members can elect to use their fixed week as in the past, or to convert their fixed week annually to points and enjoy more flexibility without losing the security of their fixed-week membership. RRCC can be used at any RRCC property (currently Simpson Bay Resort and The Royal Sea Aquarium resort in Curacao) or exchanged for use at thousands of Interval International properties around the world.

The resort renovations have been met with industry acclaim, and the RRCC points system has become very popular with members. We have strived to create a resort you can feel proud to visit and to share with your friends and family, and we look forward to seeing you soon at your St. Maarten home.

Sincerely,

Mark Miller
Director
Simpson Bay Resort Owner Company, B.V.
and the Staff of Simpson Bay Resort & Marina

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Many helpful website-creation-related articles are on our site, which was recently revised. Check it out.

8. SXM Smaller Hotel of the Week, #5

Beyond the big hotels like Westin and Sonesta Maho, and timeshares like Simpson Bay and Oyster Bay, which we've covered here many times, SXM has numerous smaller hotels with lots to offer.

This is the fifth in a new series of brief articles on many of those hotels. Below, you'll see a list of all resorts covered so far, most recent first. Watch for other articles in this series coming for the next several weeks.

Only a couple of years old, Blue Pelican is operated by the same folks behind L'Esplanade in Grand Case, a tipoff that it is well-managed, exquisitely maintained, and totally focused on visitor satisfaction. Like its sister resorts owned by the same people, Blue Pelican is beautifully appointed, comes with all the amenities you expect, and it's in the heart of Simpson Bay close to lots of hotels and things to do. We know these folks and know you'll love this property.

Watch for another small SXM hotel here next week. Those listed in boldface type are prior winners of our Everything SXM Awards of Excellence.

Blue Pelican Resort, Pelican Key, Dutch Side www.bluepelicansxm.com (5/4/15)
Summit Resort*, Cupecoy, Dutch Side www.thesummitresort.com (4/27/15)

L'Esplanade Hotel*, Grand Case, St. Martin, FWI, www.lesplanade.com (4/20/15)

Mary's Boon Beach Plantation, Simpson Bay, www.marysboon.com (4/13/15)

Baker's Suites*, Simpson Bay on Billy Folly Road near Kim Sha Beach, www.bakerssuites.com. (4/6/15)

*Winner, Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin Award of Excellence

9. New To The Rental Market: Hilltop Villa Onyi in Point Blanche With Fantastic Views

We've known the owner of this property for many years. She decorated this beautiful villa on her own, so you'll get to see some real talent once you're inside. For lots of pictures, go here:

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

Here are the details:

Property Description:

Villa Onyi is located high on a hill in Point Blanche, Dutch Side, minutes from the cruise ship facility, the famous Great Bay Beach, and Philipsburg, the shopping center of St. Maarten. It is the last house at the end of Trush Rd. in a very private neighborhood with excellent views on a clear day of five different islands: St. Barths, St. Kitts, Nevis, St. John, and Saba. It is self enclosed with it's own pool, fans, inverter air-conditions, two bathrooms, two bedrooms, a laundry room, and a living room that opens to the pool area.

The main bedroom has a king size bed and a lush orthopedic mattress. The main bathroom has a generous stand up shower. The second bedroom has a queen size bed and a detached bathroom with a tub. The villa is turnkey and fully equipped with cooking utensils and additional linen, pillows, and other amenities.

Rental Rates:

All rental rates include both electricity and water, for which many other places charge separately. Rental from November 1 to April 30 is USD\$2500.00 weekly which also includes: Cable TV, Free WiFi (4GB), Free washer / dryer for personal washing, once a week maid service (Wednesday), free pool service. The property is equipped with a safe. Taxi pick up and drop off from the airport can be arranged for an additional fee. Additional cleaning can be requested at the rate of USD\$75.00 per request (does not include doing laundry). A two-car car port is on the property.

Rental from May 1 to October 31 is USD\$1750.00. This includes: Cable TV, Free WiFi (4GB), Free washer/ dryer for personal washing, once a week maid service (Wednesday), free pool service. The property is equipped with a safe. Taxi pick up and drop off from the airport can be arranged for an additional fee. Additional cleaning can be requested at the rate of USD\$50.00 per request (does not include doing laundry).

Additional requests:

Chefs / catering services, decorations for special events (like small weddings / vow renewals / celebrations), room orders / requests, shopping etc. can all be done prior to and during our guests' stay. Interested clients can contact onyinyechi.llc@gmail.com for bookings and any further information. Unfortunately we are not accessible via wheelchair. Pets not allowed.

Making reservations:

To secure booking, a security deposit will be requested in the amount of USD\$500.00 per week for reservations booked from May 1 to October 31 and a security deposit of USD\$750.00 will be needed for reservations booked from November 1 to April 30. In the unfortunate event that the reservation is cancelled one month (31 days) before arrival the full amount (minus charges) will be refunded. If the reservation is cancelled one month (30 days) or less before booking the full amount will be forfeited.

Contact the villa owner directly at onyinyechi.llc@gmail.com to secure reservations.

SECTION 3: Island

Story 10:

Talk Directly With Jeff Berger About SkyMed Medical Evacuation.

Jeff has been recommending SkyMed for years and thousands of you have joined. SkyMed takes you home® to the USA and Canada, home to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. Home -- where your health insurance works and where your support system is there for you.

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Call Jeff any weekday from 10 a.m. Eastern to 5 p.m. at 508-747-8281. If there's no answer, leave a message. He'll answer any questions you may have and can sign you up by phone.

Note: SkyMed's top plan is the SkyMed Ultimate, a five-year family plan with global coverage available to JMB members for a low prepaid fee or just \$59/month if you prefer to pay monthly (requires payments for at least two years). There are several plans available to meet any need.

Call today for answers to all your SkyMed questions. SkyMed Takes You Home®.

11. Elisa Cohen, Former "Bikini Beach" Owner, Wins Case Against Former Landlord

Both Elisa and the former owner of Kon Tiki Restaurant have won what many are regarding as a landmark case against their common landlord. Both restaurants, since rebuilt and run by others, are on Orient Beach north of the area to be demolished and rebuilt by French authorities in a project that kicks off in June and was previously covered here in *SXM Weekly News*.

Unspecified damages will be paid to the plaintiffs. Whether they will move forward with new restaurants is unknown. We've left messages for Elisa but have not yet heard from her so we don't know what she plans next. She had put her heart and soul into Bikini Beach for many years.

Here's the story from the *SXM Daily Herald*: <http://tinyurl.com/kat7muo>

12. The Changing Face of Sunset Beach (Maho)

Maho Beach, known more for its proximity under the approach to Princess Juliana airport, is otherwise largely similar to some of the other Southwest facing beaches on St. Maarten — particularly the several beaches called Cupecoy.

Rough surf can eliminate the entire beach within a few hours. But the sand doesn't go far, and can return within a day or two. If you like Maho but find insufficient sand there, don't worry; it's likely to be back quickly.

13. Hawksbill Turtles Hatching on a SXM Beach

As we previously reported, it's now sea turtle nesting season in the Caribbean. Mammoth sea turtles return to the beaches where they were born, dig holes, lay many eggs, bury the eggs, then take off for parts unknown. Before long, the eggs hatch and the hatchlings head seaward.

This is a sea turtle nesting video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2w5PANyqgnU> and this second video shows

hatched turtles heading for the water: <http://tinyurl.com/l6chpdg>. Do NOT approach any sea turtles or their nesting areas.

14. For Your Car & Hardside Luggage: SXM Euro Ovals Available by PayPal or Check

For years, we've printed and distributed our own SXM Euro Oval stickers -- green lettering on a white background with twin palm trees in the background. They measure 5 3/4" x 3 3/4". You've likely seen them across SXM.

They're back and you can now order your own... We're currently offering them to our *SXM Weekly News* readers at economical pricing. They are one for \$5 or three for \$10. We use them on our cars and on smooth hard-sided luggage, which makes the luggage very easy to spot on carousels. They're printed on durable vinyl to last long. And they have a varnish coating to help protect against fading.

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N. B.: Orders are shipped only to the USA and Canada. Allow four weeks for delivery. Questions about the ovals? Address them to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SXM Ovals. JMB members, please see our recent emails to you about SXM Euro Ovals and luggage tags for important info.

15. Oversize Green SXM Euro Oval Luggage Tags Make Finding Your Suitcase a Breeze

They're big (5 1/2" x 3 1/2") bright green luggage tags with white lettering on the front, and plenty of room to enter your contact info on the back. Thick, durable, pliable translucent vinyl, very long-lasting in our experience. We've used them for years on checked baggage with no need for replacement. They really stay put in our experience.

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Pay through PayPal or by check:

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Or pay by check payable to JMB Communications but please specify what you're ordering and where they're to be shipped; US and Canadian addresses only. Include your phone number. Mail your check to SXM Weekly News Luggage Tags, c/o JMB Communications, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812.

N. B.: Orders are shipped only to the USA and Canada. This offer is for *Weekly News* readers only. Allow six weeks for delivery.

Got questions about these offers?

Email them to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "SXM Weekly News Lugs." JMB members, please see our recent emails to you about SXM Euro Ovals and luggage tags for important info. .

16. Denise Stuard, Voice of SXM, Heading Home; Where To See Her Off

If you've listened to radio in SXM or have read *SXM Weekly News* for a while, you know that Denise's warm,

melodious voice has been on countless island commercials and on other broadcasts. She played Jeff's radio "wife" in some Everything St. Maarten ads, and she was the recipient of an urgent call from Tamara Rodriguez, first mate on the Celine Too motor yacht (and former owner of Ric's Place in Simpson Bay) calling for emergency medical evacuation in a long-running SkyMed ad.

Denise is headed home to the USA where she will floor it fighting a non-contagious illness she's been dealing with. The going away party for Denise and her husband -- who happens to be Tamara's dad -- is Sunday May 3 at La Bamba 7pm-?

Go; we're sure they'll be back to visit but it will be very nice to be there and meet a very special lady.

17. The One Place To Go For The Best Caribbean Recipes

Chef Jim Gray spent years doing the Tastiest Two Minutes in Television from his home studio in Montana, but these days he is in the Phoenix area teaching many others how to create gourmet meals at Sur le Table. The good news: his recipe archive, including many Caribbean dishes, is still available to all. Go to www.kitchenguy.biz or his recipe archive at <http://kitchenguyarchive.com/> -- great stuff. Chef Jim has been a frequent visitor to SXM and we hear he may be returning later this year.

18. Totally Renovated Unit At Simpson Bay Available for Very Short Money...

Totally Renovated New Unit Available; Steps from the Caribbean With All The Amenities You'd Expect

Jeff must sell this unit or he'll turn it back to the resort during May. Must sell now.

SALE: 1/31/15 to 2/7/15 (week 5) Simpson Bay Resort Marina 207, Newly Renovated completely redone (during 2015) luxurious 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, and a clothing optional beach is about two miles away. Unit features all-new stove, refrigerator, microwave, cable TV, WiFi is on site, sleeps four, very convenient. 2016 occupancy. Reduced to best offer (preferably over \$2400). Please contact Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com or call 508-747-8281

19. SXM Dutch Side Carnival in Full Swing; Where To See or Post Pictures

The Grand Parade occurred late last week and you'll find lots of pictures here <http://tinyurl.com/mkh6652> and here: <https://www.facebook.com/EverythingStMaarten?fref=ts>

20. Thanks To You, We've Extended Our Sale on 237 Discounts Across SXM

We've heard from a lot of you and we're doing what you asked. Many readers were in SXM during late April and are finishing Carnival trips now. You asked us to extend our Anniversary Sale (it was to end 4/30) and we're doing precisely that. But it will only go a few more days, so buy now.

What You Get: Discounts across SXM on everything you do on the island -- from our low fare grid which tells you what fares are bargains to hotel, car rental, restaurant (dozens of restaurant discounts), activities, jewelry, shopping -- if you do it in SXM chances are we offer discounts for it. And we are adding new ones too.

How Much: Sale price for new memberships is just \$49 for one year but five years is \$99. Renewals and reinstatements are similarly discounted.

Buy a new membership here: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Reinstate your former JMB membership here: <http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Renew your current JMB membership at the Membership Renewal Center on the members-only "secret" website. Login through the orange login box below the masthead on each page of our site,

www.everythingsxm.com.

Our SXM discounts are worth lots of money; why spend more than you have to? Sign up today. Below is a small sample of the 237+ companies across SXM offering discounts to JMB members:

[AIA Massage](#), Tricia Altenau, Ti Spa, L'Esplanade Hotel, Grand Case
[Baker's Suites](#), Simpson Bay
[Mr. Busby's Beach Bar](#), Dawn Beach
[Canoa Restaurant](#), Dawn Beach
[Caribbean Gems](#), Philipsburg
[Celine Too Motor Yacht](#), Simpson Bay
Cugini Italian Restaurant, Simpson Bay (no website; they are located between Fedex and the Carousel)
[Daniel's By The Sea Restaurant](#), Dawn Beach
[Island Pizza](#), Dawn Beach
[iZi Ristorante Italiano](#), Simpson Bay
[Le Pressoir](#) French Restaurant, Grand Case
Orange Grove Pharmacy, Cole Bay
[Pineapple Pete Restaurant / Coconut Grove Bar & Restaurant](#), Simpson Bay
[Spiga](#) Italian Restaurant, Grand Case
[Summit Resort Hotel](#), Cupecoy Beach
Super Dollar Store, (no website, located on L. B. Scott Rd., Mary's Fancy, Dutch Side)
[Sushiitto](#), Port de Plaisance Casino, Cole Bay
[The St. Maarten Party Bus](#) (There's only one Party Bus)
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Beach
[Toppers and Toppers By The Sea](#), Simpson Bay
[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#), SXM
[Vesna Taverna](#), Simpson Bay
[Zhaveri Jewelers](#), Philipsburg

21. For Mothers Day, Get a SkyMed Family Membership -- and Protect Everyone

There's only one thing that matters on Mother's Day, and that honoring mom like the amazing woman she is. One thing you can do is make 100% sure she gets home to her own doctors and her own support system should she become critically ill or injured when traveling. That is exactly what SkyMed does.

Without SkyMed, a trip home in an ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet may cost up to \$45,000 or more. With your SkyMed membership, the cost is \$0 and the whole thing is carried off with military precision.

Do it... she deserves it most of all...

22. Cold In The Northeast Sends Thousands South to SXM

SXM is always busy in April, but somehow this year it seemed busier. A severe winter that broke all records in Boston battered much of the Northeast. April started with more snow in some places and felt like the coldest first month of Spring anybody could remember.

Result: thousands of folks headed straight to SXM, where lately the high has been in the mid to upper 80s and the nightly low was upper 70s.

Best place we can think of to beat the chill -- dependably.

23. Once Carnival Ends, Crowds Diminish: Great Time To Add a Trip to SXM

In May the crowds diminish but everyplace is still open -- restaurants, shops, and of course beaches and all those excursions. Great month for SXM vacations... and JMB membership gives you great discounts in May and all year long. See story 20 for more.

24. How To Win a Week's Vacation in SXM from JMB

Our Three Vacation Giveaway is only about 10 weeks away from giving away vacations.

To celebrate the 1,000th edition of *SXM Weekly News*, coming this summer, we're giving away three SXM vacations. Here's where:

[Summit Resort Hotel](#), Cupecoy Beach;
[L'Esplanade Boutique Hotel](#), Grand Case; and
[Club Fantastico Naturist Resort](#), Orient Beach

These vacations will be awarded only to *SXM Weekly News* readers who enter the giveaway. If you're a pass-along reader of *SXM Weekly News*, subscribe directly to become eligible. Only subscribers can enter and win these vacations. (*Weekly News* is free).

To subscribe, go to www.everythingsxm.com and select our 2014 Weekly News list among our "Free Newsletters." We will check all entries to be sure they are *Weekly News* subscribers; if not, the entry will be discarded.

Enter here: <http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxm/weeklynews1000/index.htm>

25. Disappearing Coral Reef Has Numerous Implications

Great article here on the disappearance of coral reefs and its effects on the planet's ecosystem. The article has significant emphasis on SXM and on the Nature Foundation's work to make things better:

<http://www.cnn.com/id/102611775>

26. Eight Reasons You Should Not Move to the Caribbean

This is serious stuff to think about; look:

<http://nextstopcoconut.com/8-reasons-you-should-not-move-to-the-caribbean/>

27. Restaurant of the Week: Papagayo at Club Orient

Papagayo at the southern tip of Orient Beach at Club Orient is the ultimate "come as you are" restaurant. If you happen to be sunbathing or swimming nekkid at this clothing optional section of Orient Beach, no worries. Clothing is optional at Papagayo, just bring a towel to sit on.

The restaurant is outstanding: by all means go for lunch or dinner. It competes head to head with some of the best on the island. At lunch the burgers are great. Go, look at the full menu, and give it a try. You will not be disappointed. If Judy is there (she usually is late in the day) say hi for *SXM Weekly News*.

See more below. Most of the listed restaurants offer discounts to JMB Website Supporters members; see the Secret Site for details. We'll cover another restaurant here next week.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 4/6/15)

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 3/23/15)

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 (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 (featured 2/23/15)

Fusion, 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 (featured 9/2/14)
Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 3/16/15)
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 2/23/15)
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/28/14)
Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 2/2/15)
Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 5/4/15)
SPN Cafe (now Coconut Grove), <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). (featured 4/27/2015)
FIG, Cupecoy opposite Rainbow Beach Club
St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge
Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 4/13/15)
Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 11/10/14)
Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/23/15)
Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15)
Bylbos, Simpson Bay
Sushiitto Japanese Restaurant, Port de Plaisance <https://www.facebook.com/sushiitto.sxm> (featured 1/12/15)

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

28. Last Call: Membership Sale Ends In About One More Week

To celebrate the 22nd anniversary of Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin, we're offering you 237+ discounts and other benefits at special low anniversary sale prices. But it ends quickly.

What you get: Discounts on everything you need for a great SXM vacation, including where to get the lowest airfares; high quality hotel stays at low cost; discounted car rentals; dozens of restaurant discounts; dozens of shopping discounts; activities discounts; jewelry gift cards, and lots more. The pages below provide much more info.

New memberships, renewals, and reinstatements are heavily discounted in this sale. Prices begin as low as \$49 for a new one-year membership **but** five years is just \$99 **total**. Renewals and reinstatements are sharply discounted now too.

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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_xsm/paypal.shtml .

Want to rent or buy a week?

2015 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale are posted at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.

Meet Our Sponsors (updated 9/27/13) Returns Next Issue

SECTION 4: For Members Only (Constantly Updated)

- A. Where to Get Member Info: www.everythingsxm.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.everythingsxm.com.
- C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads: See www.everythingsxm.com/secret .

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

Please see our site, www.everythingsxm.com.

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