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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 2/7/2016 2/14/2016 Week Six Royal Palm Beach Club Sunday to Sunday timeshare. Spacious and comfortable apartment located on first floor that is suited for children and handicapped people. 2 Bedrooms (King Bed each), 2 bathrooms. Sleeps 6 with queen sleeper in living room. Beautiful Ocean front views from master bedroom and living room; fully equipped kitchen with large dining room. Free internet in room. Resort has own beach, restaurant, mini-market, shops, complementary gym, and pool with swim-up bar. Free shuttle and facilities use of sister resort (Flamingo) nearby. More restaurants, entertainment and shops within 1-3 block walk. \$1,700.00 Loretta at 239-405-8661 lolstar@aol.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 3/12/2016 3/26/2016 Week 11 & 12 Flamingo Beach Resort Spend two glorious weeks in the same second floor beachfront unit with unobstructed views of the water with balcony. Sleeps 4, king size bed and queen size sofa bed in living room. Full size kitchen with laundry on site. Walk to restaurants, casino, pool, tennis, beach bar and shopping. \$3500.00 per week. Barry 561-434-5027 bklein2733@aol.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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Lead Story: Jet Blue To Charge for 1st Checked Bag, Add More Seats To Its A320 Aircraft

Some people think this is bad news, but they might not know all the details.

First, JetBlue has had "tiered" tickets for years. It has always charged extra for early boarding and for "even more space" seats in the front of its planes, sometimes up to \$70 or more per seat, per segment. Now it will codify that kind of ticketing as a specific fare level.

Second, regarding checked baggage, Jet Blue was one of two remaining carriers that didn't charge for the first checked bag; that will now cost extra, and again, it will be codified in a new fare level. The carrier insists its fares will remain competitive, and we believe they will. (Only Southwest now does not charge for the first checked bag. Southwest is likely to start serving SXM, probably from BWI, within the next year.)

Most of the worry on the part of JB customers regards the 15 extra seats the carrier says it will install in its A320 mainline aircraft. If you've assumed that the result will be cramped passenger space, like most other carriers, you'd be wrong. Jet Blue is using comfortable new slimline seats that *themselves* take up much less space. So, it says, there will be little or no change in the net amount of space passengers enjoy in the cabin. Were that claim false, the airline would face a huge customer backlash at a time when competition is intense and product differentiation is becoming muddy. It's essential that Jet Blue continue to differentiate itself as it has in the past -- and it insists that's exactly what it's continuing to do.

We'll keep you posted, as always. More: <http://finance.yahoo.com/news/jetblue-add-first-bag-fee-165623449.html>

1. SXM Airport's New Departure Lounge Gets Rave Reviews

Passengers love it – and so do the cash registers of the businesses that are part of it.

When passengers first experienced the new departure lounge at Princess Juliana SXM Airport, they got quite an eye full. The new departure lounge presents businesses in as bright and upbeat an ambience as you'll find in any airport worldwide. Products are oriented toward the needs of travelers and there is a marked presence of Caribbean oriented goods.

If you haven't yet experienced it, you're going to love it. Thousands of passengers already do.

2. After the Rains, Dry Weather Returns

A week ago, a tropical wave figuratively washed over the island, delivering much-needed rains. You may have read about a drought that has been plaguing the Caribbean for the last several years. It has also affected St. Maarten, but the economy here is nonagricultural and a great percentage of the water consumed on the island is desalinated seawater.

Nonetheless, a lack of rain creates real problems, like the fire we told you about last week. Dry conditions continue, though they will ameliorate soon if summer weather follows its normal pattern.

3. Cruise Port on Summer Schedule -- But It's Still Busy

Although St. Maarten's high season is limited to the coldest winter months, nonetheless tourists continue to flock here through much of the year — just in smaller numbers.

Cruise lines continue to sail passengers throughout the Caribbean, though in summer there are fewer ships carrying fewer passengers. That's the phase we are in now: a somewhat smaller number of ships carrying fewer people. The island is typically quieter in summer, but not by a huge degree. Families with kids traverse the island in summer, arriving by ships and planes. The cruise port and the airport are still quite busy, which is good news for the island.

4. Use the Web's Simplest Airfare Booking Site To Get Low Fares to Anywhere

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Inns, Timeshares

5. Your New Home Is Ready in SXM: Villa Onyi For Sale

Admit it: you've often thought of how wonderful it would be if you could spend significantly more time in St. Maarten during the coldest part of the North American winter. Right?

We may just have a solution.

We know there are many people out there just like you who have the same thought. Perhaps they are independent businesspeople who can run their businesses from anywhere — also possibly just like you.

Suppose there were a villa available at a price that would enable you to buy — either on your own or with a couple of friends or acquaintances. With two bedrooms, the villa could come very close to accommodating your desire for ritzy digs without decimating your pocketbook.

Villa Onyi is that villa. Featured during the past year on HGTV, this beautiful hilltop villa has two bedrooms and an office — and the office could be converted, in a pinch, to a smallish bedroom. The views are unbelievable, looking southeastward toward St. Barts. The furnishings -- included in the purchase price -- are top-of-the-line. Stainless steel top-quality kitchen appliances, too.

Location, Point Blanche, just outside Philipsburg. The new owner bought it a year ago intending to upgrade and resell it. We think it is vastly underpriced but don't tell her that: \$459,000. Again, you could do it yourself or collaborate with friends. Been there and love it. See lots of pictures here on our Everything St. Maarten Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/6297726366/>

Interested? Email jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject Onyi. Include your name, address, and phone number; we'll send your inquiry directly to the owner.

6. SXM Smaller Hotel of The Week

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.

Bleu Emeraude in Grand Case launched in 2009, the depth of the recession. A small, upscale boutique resort, it has all the amenities, and is beautiful everywhere you look or touch. We had seen it just after it opened and maintenance seems top-class. Give it a try. Previously featured:

Bleu Emeraude, www.bleuemergeraude.com (6/29/15)
The Horny Toad Guest House, Dutch Side <http://www.thtgh.com/index.html> (6/1/15)
Turquoise Shell Inn, Simpson Bay, Dutch Side <http://tshellinn.com/index.html> (5/18/15)
Le Petite Hotel, Grand Case, French Side <http://www.lepetithotel.com> (5/11/15)
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

7. SXM's Best Timeshare Resorts: Second in a New Series

Despite heavy adverse publicity about several SXM timeshare resorts, there are many on the island that are quite well-run, responsive to their timeshare owners, and reasonable in cost. Between now and this Fall, we'll talk about several of them in this new series. Each one we list will be added below, most recent first.

La Vista Resort and its across-the-street sister, La Vista Beach, are superbly well managed, well-maintained resorts overlooking or on the beach in Pelican Key, Simpson Bay. Fiercely loyal and happy clients (which means the world), great food in the Hideaway Restaurant (with entertainment), comfortable rooms, beautiful sun deck, and a true Caribbean feel. You can't go wrong at La Vista; tell the GM, Andrea, that we sent you.

Best timeshare resorts covered so far in this series:

La Vista (6/29/15): <http://www.lavistaresort.com>
Royal Islander (6/22/15): <http://www.royalislander.com/>

Watch for another next week.

8. Sell Your Full-Share SXM Condo, Villa, or Home On Our Site

JMB Website Supporters members now can not only sell or rent out their timeshares in SXM or worldwide on our site, they can also sell or rent out their wholly owned SXM condo, villa, or home on our site. The page where it all happens is: http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

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10. This Is Our 999th Issue; Win a SXM Vacation Celebrating Our Upcoming 1,000th Issue

To celebrate the 1,000th edition of *SXM Weekly News* [this is issue #999], 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). Previous JMB vacation winners are not eligible.

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11. Now: July 4 Membership Sale - Low Priced New, Renewal, & Reinstated Memberships

We're celebrating Independence Day and our 1,000th edition of *SXM Weekly News* by giving you low prices on our island discount program, JMB Website Supporters, which delivers a growing list of 237 island discounts:

Sale prices for new memberships:

1 year \$44, 5 years \$109 (other durations available)

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And Sale prices for JMB membership reinstatements:

5 years \$89, 7 years \$109 (reinstatement prices post Tuesday night)

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

12. Huge "Taste of SXM" Celebration Coming This Weekend

Like food, a variety of it? Like lots of food from renowned chefs across SXM?

Scheduled for Sunday, July 5, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Toppers lot at Kim Sha Beach, Simpson Bay, this annual community event is organized to promote SXM by bringing to the people of St. Maarten and visitors a delicious assortment of great food available with a day of entertainment, socializing, and family fun. Food lovers will sample one delicious treat after another while enjoying live music, family, and friends. With an eclectic mix of restaurants serving dishes sure to tease one's taste buds, guests can explore the incredible variety of flavors in one great outdoor festival. Everyone is sure to find something to arouse the palette and a new restaurant to try after the Taste!

FREE ADMISSION - Donations for Rotary Club of St. Maarten are accepted.

30 Different Restaurants serving up "Taste-sized" portions of food with prices ranging from \$2 - \$9.

PARTICIPATING RESTAURANTS:

Topper's Restaurants, Cugini's, Beirut, Barnacles, The Palms, Burger Madness, Taco Macho, Mary's Boon, Charter House, Janine's Catering, Piece of Cake, Katsiaryna Delights, Harbor Queen, Topper's Rhum/Tropics Drinks, ILTT Wine Tasting, Rendezvous Lounge, Delights, Sushi To Go, Maleo, Luna Rosa, Shiv Shakti, L'isola, Crazy Cow, Hard Rock Cafe, 3 Amigos, Boca Marina, Earth & Sea, Cookies & More, Karakter, Avantika, Ginger, Little Bamboo

FREE ACTIVITIES for the kids including a Water Slide, Giant Slide, Jumping Castle & Dunk Tank,

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT by The Jolly Boys, Dance Theater of SXM, Art Now, Island 92 Live Broadcast

The KIDS CORNER by INDISU Dance Theater of St. Maarten with Princess Makeovers, Princess Mani/Pedi, Hair braiding, Face Painting by Funtopia, Tattoos, Candy, Games and more.

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SPONSORED by: Heineken, Island 92, Fun Shaq, Topper's, ILTT International Liquor and The Daily Herald.

If you're on the island this will be a great event.... More: www.tasteofsxm.com.

13. Orient Beach Demolition Moving Very Quickly

Pictures are coming in daily now from SXM visitors. Thanks to Mike Ebersole who has supplied many pictures to our Facebook site over the last week-plus. See recent pictures here:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/6297726366/>

Since these are news pictures, we post them only on Facebook which now has roughly 1.5 billion users and charges nothing for its mainline service.

The entire multi million-dollar renovation program is expected to be finished in November.

14. What Will New Orient Beach Bar / Restaurants Look Like? We'll Show You...

Most current restaurants will relocate in November to new facilities they'll lease from the French Side. The new restaurants will be set farther back from the beach, effectively increasing the size of the beach and enabling, proponents say, better protection against storms. See an artist's drawing here: <http://tinyurl.com/oshb284>

15. Excellent New SXM Novel, a Crime Thriller, is Great Beach Reading

Jacky Rom, a long-time author of children's books, loves SXM and decided it was time to write a SXM-centric murder mystery based on the island.

The Sandra Bernstein Chronicles Book 1, titled *From Makeup to Murder*, chronicles 'Sandy,' a quirky, charismatic and extremely loyal lady. From the makeup studios of a long running TV Soap to a film set on the exotic Caribbean Island of St Maarten, Sandy takes us on an adventure of discovery, murder, intrigue, and suspense. This classic murder mystery is the first story in the Sandra Bernstein Chronicles.

Ilene, our Reader-in-Chief, read it cover to cover in two days last week. "A great summer piece of reading," she says. "It's exciting, fun, fast-paced and a fast read. You'll know all the many places she visits on land and on the water. Great descriptions. I can't wait for book 2 in the Chronicles. You will want to read this book."

Amazon has it: <http://www.amazon.com/From-Makeup-murder-Bernstein-Chronicles-ebook/dp/B00X7O3J9K>

16. Fresh From Victory, Former Bikini Beach Owner Elisa Cohen Fighting in Court

Elisa won a major court battle on the French Side as we reported a few weeks ago. Now she wants to get truly vindicated.

She told us: "We are appealing the eviction and reimbursement of rent verdicts and I am reapplying for the AOT." That means -- if things go her way -- you could well see a new restaurant from Elisa returning to Orient.

Stay tuned...

17. Lee's Roadside Grill May Face Eviction in Less Than a Year; What May Be Coming

The relationship between Lee and his landlord has been contentious for quite some time, with claims and counterclaims. Right now it's still in court so anything can happen, but the bottom line appears to be that Lee could be evicted as early as next May. If so, his landmark restaurant will be bulldozed and replaced by something much more modern -- and he might well not be there. Barbara C. posted this excerpted photo / story from the *Daily Herald*: <http://tinyurl.com/ppxxrc5>

18. How To Get Your SXM Euro-Ovals

We are continuing to accept orders for our very popular copyrighted SXM Euro Oval stickers -- green lettering on a white vinyl background with twin palm trees in the background. They measure 5 3/4" x 3 3/4". You've likely seen them across SXM.

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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19. Give Us Discounts, We'll Give You Something In Return...

We are at 237 SXM discounts and will soon start adding more. Here's how you can benefit from that besides using them....

If you're a JMB member, talk to your favorite SXM businesses about offering discounts to our members. Businesses currently pay nothing to participate and the result is increased business. If the business owner likes the idea, you need to contact us and give us her/his name, position, and email (that is required) and we'll contact them by email. Once they sign up, we add a year to your JMB membership. There's no limit; bring on three new discounts, and you'll get three years added to your JMB Website Supporters membership.

If you're not a member, do it anyway. We'll give you a free one-year membership when you have three people agree to sign up and provide benefits.

Email us when you have people ready to go. If you're a JMB member, email susan@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Member Discount Referral." If you're a nonmember, use the subject "Nonmember Discount Referral." We keep the records here. Sorry, no credit for prior referrals or for businesses we've already approached. We *must* have the business owner's name and email to proceed.

20. Restaurant of the Week:

One of the most well-respected restaurateurs on SXM is Massachusetts' own Topper Daboul, who has spent decades in the Caribbean. His two signature restaurants are Toppers in Simpson Bay and Toppers by the Sea at Flamingo Resort, also in Simpson Bay.

Topper is extra particular about everything he does. Listen to his weekly appearance on Thursday mornings on Island 92 radio (or www.island92.com) and you'll see exactly what we mean. He knows exactly what ingredients are perfect for each dish -- and what commonly used ingredients may well be less desirable.

That attention to detail translates into two very good, very busy restaurants. The food is terrific. The service is fast and accurate without being obtrusive. Great attention to detail. And both Toppers restaurants have won our coveted *Everything St. Maarten Award of Excellence* for each of the last three years. Please say hi to Topper and Melanie for us on your next visit.

See past Restaurant of the Week businesses 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 soon.

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 6/15/15)
Cugini (featured 12/8/14)
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 5/11/15)
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 5/18/15)
Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 2/2/15)
Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 5/4/15)
Coconut Grove (formerly 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). (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 / Topper's By The Sea <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 6/29/15)
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)

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

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2015 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale are posted at http://everythingsexm.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 / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com. To change your password, click that same link.

C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: 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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JMB Website Supporters members wishing to contact us should visit the secret site, www.everythingsxm.com/secret, for detailed JMB Website Supporters information. JMB members can email us at support[at]jmbcommunications.com. If you have misplaced your password, you can get a new one by clicking the orange "forgot password" link below the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com.

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