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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

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SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 2/24/2018 3/10/2018 Week 8 and Week 9 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Studio sleeps 4, totally renovated, beautiful view of Marina Pool, Caribbean and entrance to Simpson Bay Lagoon, pictures available on request, one king bed, one queen murphy bed. Very convenient. Many great restaurants on resort and with in walking distance. 7 pools, gym, play yard, 5000.00 per week John 401-965-2682 jnicolace@aol.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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

1. Storm Fizzles, But SXM Stays Ready

The tropical system that had been well East of St. Maarten this past week, which forecasters had believed could have an impact on the island this past weekend, fizzled — degenerating into a remnant low late last week. As of noon Sunday, that remnant low was almost due North of SXM headed for the Bahamas.

If the remnant low survives its current hostile environment, it could redevelop in the Bahamas and possibly affect the US East Coast at some point this coming week. Forecasters on Sunday said its survival was by no means certain.

We receive tropical updates directly from the National Hurricane Center around the clock. If this system regenerates, we'll post that information on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook site](#).

During hurricane season, which extends from June 1 through November 30, SXM residents never take their eyes off tropical weather. Another system already has pushed off the coast of West Africa, headed westward, and more systems are behind it.

For much more on tropical weather, click Weather on our main SXM site, www.everythingsxm.com. There, you'll find current satellite images as well as radar loops and other useful info.

2. How To Cope With Unruly Airline Passengers

There seems to be an epidemic of unruly behavior on board passenger planes. Some travel writers strongly suggest that the behavior is a direct result of the cramped, uncomfortable seating that most passengers endure on many airlines.

Regardless of its cause, it's uncalled for. Passengers may understandably worry about their safety when another passenger loses it.

What should you do if this happens? Airline crews are trained to deal with emergencies — including unruly passengers. Although it is not often discussed, thousands of air marshals are still on flights and they know how to react.

How do cabin crews react? Here's that info, from the [New York Post](#).

How should you react? Our suggestion — and it is only a suggestion — is that you leave management of unruly or disruptive passengers to the flight crew and to any air marshals who may be aboard. You may risk harm if you

attempt to get involved in subduing an unruly passenger. Nonetheless, many passengers over the last several years have felt it was appropriate to get involved; only you can make that decision.

Be careful up there.

3. Got Connecting Tickets? Keep Rechecking Your Flights

Although there are now many nonstop flights to St. Maarten, many passengers still must connect to reach their destination.

Airline schedules constantly change. If your flight to St. Maarten involves a connection, the likelihood of you being affected by a schedule change more than doubles. Why? If a flight change makes your connection impossible, you'll need an alternative — and a convenient one is not always available. In some cases, changes in schedules can force you to overnight in an unfamiliar city — or to arrive many hours after your original schedule.

Particularly if you have connecting flights, regularly check your flight information up until the day you're scheduled to depart. You may be in for a surprise that will take time to resolve. Airlines do not always notify passengers of changes.

4. "Today's SXM Weather" & Four Sources of Current SXM Weather Info

Check our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) each day for daily weather updates. You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com, and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at www.everythingsxm.com -- it has current satellite images and radar loops.
- 3) Our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#), which publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- 4) On or off the island, listen to Island 92 -- 91.9FM or see www.island92.com. They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.

See significant National Hurricane Center Outlooks and Advisories as they relate both to SXM and to the US East and Gulf coasts on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

Get a quick, current satellite look at the Atlantic basin anytime: <http://www.goes.noaa.gov/GIFS/ATWV.JPG> .

N. B.: *Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

5. Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Worldwide -- **Guaranteed**

[SkyMed Travel offers you a 110% Lowest Rate Guarantee for both hotel and car rental reservations.](#) You can't lose with this, so read this article, sign up free and make your travel reservations directly through [SkyMed Travel](#).

What it Is - How to Join (free for Our Readers & JMB Members):

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on travel reservations and packages worldwide.

The SkyMed Travel Club offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 110% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is real news.

Normally, SkyMed Travel charges \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members and now for **Weekly News** readers, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Join the Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330 — doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. **If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number here to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.**

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SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc.

6. SXM's Best Timeshare Resorts

If you're planning to stay in a St. Maarten timeshare unit that you'll rent for your next SXM trip, you should first learn a bit more about the island's timeshare resorts. Not long ago, we ran a series of feature articles here in *SXM Weekly News* on that subject. We then combined the articles in a feature on our www.everythingSXM.com website.

Here's [that article](#).

7. Go To Simpson Bay Resort's Owner Orientations

Simpson Bay timeshare owners should sit in on the Monday orientations there. Not only is the pastry delicious, but a surprise mystery guest will be there (in person or by video) and you might want to hear what he has to say and take a free brochure with you.

Also see stories 23, 24, and 25.

8. Reserve Extra Vacation Days Easily On Our Site

In addition to offering hundreds of timeshare weeks for sale and for rent, the Timeshare page of our EverythingSXM.com website offers direct links to sources of additional days for timeshare renters.

In an increasing number of cases, people wish to fly midweek — or, in fact, any day but Saturday or Sunday, when the airport can be a bit hectic. Before buying fares for midweek travel — which are almost always lower in cost than

weekend travel — timeshare owners may also need to reserve a few days at other resorts.

On our Timeshare page on everythingxsm.com, we now have links to daily rentals at Simpson Bay Resort, which offers a number of beautiful, newly renovated units through much of the year in convenient Simpson Bay. For those who prefer a smaller property, we also provide easy links to Baker's Suites in Simpson Bay which also just finished renovations. Simpson Bay Resort has restaurants on site and beaches on the property, while Baker's Suites has many restaurants nearby and is within walking distance of attractive beaches.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

9. "Section Three" -- Member Discounts / Benefits News & Updates

This section of *SXM Weekly News*, which appears weekly, will provide detailed information about current JMB Website Supporters discounts and benefits both for current members and for people thinking about joining JMB.

We now offer about 300 discounts (including those now being rolled out). We think you'll find many surprises here that will be of great interest and value. Please see this section next week when we formally debut several entirely new discounts and benefits.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, click the links in the next article. Our PRIME Summertime Membership Sale is underway; see below for info.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

Our "Prime Summertime" JMB SXM Discount Program Membership Sale Is Now Underway:

About 300 SXM discounts & benefits. Learn lots more by clicking the links below.

New JMB memberships: Three years, \$89; Five years, \$109 Sale Prices Other durations available.
http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

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www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements: Five years, \$109. Other durations available.
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10. SXM Weekly News Has Changed...

Last week we debuted a new format for *SXM Weekly News*. Here's what's new:

- We've switched to the first in a series of new mastheads, reflecting some of the most breathtaking scenes on SXM.
- Each newsletter section has been renamed to include all the types of news it covers. You'll find the new names both in the Table of Contents and atop each newsletter section.
- All news is in the first several stories in each section, getting the priority it deserves. Island features follow, then regular stories like "Restaurant of the Week." Features will appear as space allows; we hope to have two in most issues. This change should enable you to find stories you seek faster and more easily in every *SXM Weekly News* issue.
- Sponsor stories, delivering information of value to all readers, will usually be limited to two per issue.

As you may know, SkyMed is our chief sponsor. SkyMed members "get home free" when they become critically ill or injured when traveling. *The story about SkyMed shows you why what they do is so important to you and your family.*

-- After 40 years of spending time on SXM, we know a ton of useful stuff about the island -- way more than we can put here or on our site, everythingxsm.com. So we developed our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) which enables you to ask questions in real time, get or give answers, post pictures, and much more. *Even if you have never been interested in Facebook, this site will make it highly worthwhile.*

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11. Man Hurt in Late-Night Casino Robbery

St. Maarten has an individual responsible for press liaison whose job it is to make sure St. Maarten media, including *SXM Weekly News*, are properly informed when anything significant related to police activity is happening. He's currently on vacation. Though someone else takes over, the transition is not always smooth. So, the below information has been gathered from [multiple sources](#):

Somewhere between 2 and 3 AM Friday morning, some individuals apparently driving a white Suzuki entered Princess port de Plaisance Casino. Some stayed at the entrance as lookouts while another went inside toward the cashier window.

A patron saw what was going on, picked up a chair, and hurled it at the alleged would be robber. Apparently while the robber was trying to fend off the flying chair, another chair was hurled by the same individual. When this was about to happen for a third time, the robber allegedly aimed his weapon at the chair-hurler and shot him, causing non-life-threatening injuries. Reportedly, the robber and his accomplices escaped with an unknown amount of money from the cash office. During the chair hurling, the person in the cashier's office beat a hasty retreat, which we'd expect may have limited the cash haul.

Police found the abandoned Suzuki after the escape and seized it as part of the investigation.

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12. Daily Herald Reports Spike in Car Thefts: Preventing Them

The *SXM Daily Herald* says Dutch side police are reporting a spike in auto thefts. Police say stolen vehicles are often used in robbery attempts.

There are several ways you can help prevent your car from being stolen:

First, never park your car at night in an unlit or poorly lit area.

Second, always make sure your windows are closed and your doors are locked.

Third, never leave any valuables of any kind either visible within the car or in the car trunk. We see people do this all the time — and if we see it, so do bad guys. Car thefts can also happen if the thieves want what you left in the car.

Fourth, park in an area with heavy pedestrian traffic — not someplace remote where thieves can pull off a robbery with few or no witnesses.

For much more information about protecting yourself from any criminal activity, please see [this page](#) on our site.

13. French Side Officials Intro Ten-Year Tourism Strategy

There has been extensive talk over the last few years on the French side regarding a major rebuilding of the Marigot waterfront to make it far more attractive to tourists.

So far, that project is all talk and no action. Now, the French side has introduced and superficially discussed a 10 year tourism strategy for its side of the island. The discussion was more on the importance of having a cohesive strategy than it was on a specific strategy. Nor were there any project specifics discussed, according to reports.

Here is [the story](#). Among other things, the Daily Herald article noted:

"The President spoke of the urgent need to structure the destination, this strategy framework having been built around ... employment, urban planning, education, safety of the environment, in accordance with the general interest." "Urban planning" is a term we've never heard on the Dutch Side -- hopefully they're listening.

"...an economic development scheme will be initiated in the same spirit to define a strategic road map for traditional activities such as fishing, agriculture, crafts and other small cottage industries to ensure diversification of the economy, particularly in innovative areas such as digital or energy transition."

Our opinion: SXM is one island with one tourism product shared on two sides of the island. Although each side has its own personality, it's kind of like a Siamese twin — it's not really all that practical marketing-wise to separate one side from the other. We've always felt that both sides should develop a cohesive marketing plan for the entire island together and pool their funds. That has never 100% happened and consequently, SXM continues to be almost invisible in the global press with the exception of private media like ours.

Cuba appears not to be the threat it was, for the time being, but SXM still has strong head-to-head competition in the region and it must actually compete. Right now, it isn't.

We'll keep you posted.

14. Caribbean Nations Move To Protect Coasts from Climate Change Effects

Our changing global climate is getting serious attention from most governments. One area that may be profoundly affected by climate change is the Caribbean, where erosion is a fact of life and where rising ocean levels threaten the islands' existence.

Most of the islands of the Caribbean are getting together to protect their coasts. [Here's the story.](#)

Part of the *Daily Herald* story on this reads, "The initiative seeks to improve practices of preservation and restoration of beaches in the Caribbean, by establishing a regional network to monitor erosion, developing a coastal engineering manual, training technical and professional staff, generating scientific exchanges, and providing equipment, among other objectives.

"Part of the topics we are discussing ... is the collaboration of scientific institutions ...to contribute a basic infrastructure with some modern technologies such as drones and coastal radars...."

"A key goal is obtaining data to assess the effects of coastal erosion up to [year] 2100 in the area of the Greater Caribbean, which must ensure sustainable use of sandy beaches, its main natural resource for the tourism industry."

The article did not list either the Dutch or French side of SXM as current participants in this program. Hopefully they will be.

15. Got Pot? Leave it At Home

Although laws governing the sale and use of marijuana across United States are slowly being liberalized, no such liberalization has taken place by the federal government in the US or by either Dutch or French St. Martin. For that reason, if you have marijuana and use it in the US, we strongly recommend you not bring it to SXM. It is still illegal on the island; it is illegal to bring it on airplanes from the US to St. Maarten; and punishments remain severe.

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16. Adopting an Island Dog

We recently asked visitors to our rapidly growing [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) who have adopted a rescue dog from St. Maarten to tell us about their experience — and many have.

There are still many dogs available for adoption from St. Maarten. For more information, see the dog adoptions thread on our site. Also click the files heading at the top left of the page on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) for more.

17. Many Useful Topics Added To "Files" on Our Everything SXM Facebook Site

We have continued to expand the "Files" reference material on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#). A tremendous amount of highly useful island information is now there. Go to our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) and click files, one of the headings below the masthead on the top left corner of the page.

18. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: Story #30

Over the years, St. Maarten/St. Martin has been home to many restaurants of varying descriptions. This series briefly describes a number of restaurants from both sides of the island that have passed into history but have not left our memory.

For more than 20 years, Saratoga Restaurant in Simpson Bay was arguably the most popular hi-end restaurant with timeshare owners dining in Simpson Bay. Located in its own standalone structure along the water, Saratoga had a wide variety of delicious entrées along the lines of many other non-ethnic fine dining restaurants. Ultimately, many restaurants run their course, although Saratoga remained a great favorite through its entire business life. It was taken over by new ownership a few years ago, thoroughly remodeled, renamed, and is now open as Charterhouse 1863.

Readers: We're looking for your suggestions about other restaurants; let us know your past-era SXM favorites so we can feature your complete reviews. Email your suggestions *with detailed information please to susan@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Look Back."* **Please be sure to include as many details as you can; you may well be the source of a future column.** Do check below first -- we've already featured over two dozen former SXM restaurants.

Check next week for another article about another former SXM restaurant.

Featured so far in this series (D=Dutch F= French):

- 1- West Indian Tavern D
- 2- Sam's Place D
- 3- Turtle Pier D
- 4- Scavenger's D
- 5- Surf Club South F
- 6- Laguna D
- 7- Le Perroquet D
- 8- Ric's Place D
- 9- La Raviolina F
- 10 - Da Livio D
- 11 - La Gondola D
- 12 - L'Alabama F
- 13 - Andy & Cheryl's F
- 14 - La Calanque F
- 15 - La Diva F
- 16 - Antoine D
- 17 - Sambuca D
- 18 - Peg Leg Pub & Steakhouse D
- 19 - Tutta Pasta D
- 20 - Wendy's (D)
- 21 - Risdon's Drive-In (D?)
- 22 - Dawn Beach Hotel Restaurant (D)
- 23 - Paradise Cafe (Contributed by Laurence Aiello) (D)
- 24 - Callaloo (D)
- 25 - Mario's Bistrot (Marigot) F (updated name and moved to Dutch Side, D)
- 26 - Pinocchio's (D)

27 - Cugini (French Side) (F)
28 - Zachary's (D)
29 - Sweet Tooth (D)
30 - Saratoga (D)

Coming soon:
Frigate (D)

You can read about all of these past restaurants by checking back issues of *SXM Weekly News* on our PDF archives page. A link to it is near the beginning of this issue.

19. A Special One-Time Message From Jeff...

Ever since *SXM Weekly News* first started publishing as a monthly nearly 25 years ago, we've stuck almost exclusively to news of interest to St. Maarten tourists. Although we have no intention of changing that, we had to bring you the following story:

Our long-time friends Tim and Bill from here in Plymouth have serious health issues which have made it very difficult for them to work -- and now they are facing eviction. Please give them anything you can -- they've always helped others, now it's our turn to help two very good people who are going through very hard times: [Gofundme link](#).

Thank you....

20. Restaurant of the Week: Lal's

Although Lal's Indian restaurant is called Lal's Curry in a Hurry, it has way more than curry. Its offerings go from bland spices (my kind of dining) to flamethrower hot (the hotter, the better). The offerings are not all vegetarian, either, though there is plenty here for any vegetarian.

My favorite is chicken korma served over basmati rice, with a mild flavorful cream sauce. A huge variety of Indian dining is here, and lack of experience in Indian dining is no reason to stay away. Lal knows his stuff, speaks perfect English, and will be delighted to help you.

Now, Lal's has expanded from nighttime dining: they now have lunch from 12 to 2, a special menu that's served quickly with lots of delicious selections. Economical, too. Definitely try it and tell Lal we sent you.

A new JMB member benefit for Lal's Curry in a Hurry is expected to go live on our secret website this week, for JMB Website Supporters discount program members only. If you're not yet a member, please see the beginning of this Section.

Sill not a JMB member? You're spending way too much for practically everything you buy in SXM. Get hundreds of discounts and other benefits: see www.everythingsxm.com.

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 5/1/17)
IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 3/6/17)
Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17)
Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/29/17)
Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)
Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 4/10/17)
Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 3/13/17
SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/19/16)
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)
Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 3/25/17)
La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/30/17; added 1/17)
Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16)
Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 5/21/17)
The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16)
Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 9/2/14)
Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17)
Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15)
Temptation, <http://www.temptation-sxm.com/> (featured 7/5/17)
Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 7/10/17)
Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/26/17)
Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/19/17)
Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 9/19/16)
Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16)
Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach; follow the car path the turn near Shore Pointe to get there). (featured 4/17/2017)
FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse
St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge
Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 6/12/17)
Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 1/9/17)
Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17)
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 2/13/17)

21. Enter Our Summertime SXM Vacation Giveaway

Our Summertime SXM vacation giveaway is underway and you can now enter. *SXM Weekly News* readers (NOT pass-along readers) can enter up to 10 times per subscribed email address. The drawing will be late in October, 2017. Here is our current prize list. Since this giveaway promotes non high-season visits to SXM, most of these vacations are yours from mid April to mid December, 2018. All vacations are subject to availability.

- an 8-day, 7-night vacation at La Vista Resort, May through December 2018.
- a 5 night stay (based upon availability April 10-Dec 18, 2018) in an ocean front room at the Westin St Maarten Dawn Beach Resort, Spa, and Casino.
- a 4-day, 3-night stay at the beautiful Oyster Bay Beach Resort.
- Dinner for Two at Davide Foini's legendary IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort. (One winner)
- Dinner for Two at Spiga, the highly acclaimed Italian Restaurant in Grand Case. (One winner.)

More may be coming.

Enter here: http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml

22. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

Look here for our PDF archives: http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/free_newsletters/sxmweeklynews.shtml. Most issues for the past few years are now online.

23. Traveling This Fall? "Beat" SkyMed's 90-day Pre-Existing Conditions Exclusion

On its annual and multiyear memberships, SkyMed, the medical evacuation membership company, has a 90 day exclusion on pre-existing conditions; after that, they're covered in full. To solve this issue, simply obtain your SkyMed

membership more than 90 days ahead of the date your vacation begins. Jeff can answer all your SkyMed questions and can help you through the brief application process and even submit your application electronically. There is no upper age limit to apply, and pre-existing conditions should not deter you from applying either. Going to SXM or anywhere else in October, November, or December? See www.getskymed.com for more information or call Jeff directly weekdays during normal East Coast business hours at 508-747-8281. (SkyMed calls only.) You can learn more about SkyMed online as well at www.getskymed.com. Email jeff.berger@skymed.com.

24. Get SkyMed Family Medevac Protection: Its Key Features & Benefits

We've divided this article into a few sections. They are:

- About SkyMed
- Types of SkyMed Memberships
- Ten-Year Price Guarantee on New Five-Year "Ultimate" Memberships**
- Best Bang for the Buck
- JMB SkyMed Bonus
- Answers to a Frequently Asked Question
- Detailed Features of SkyMed Memberships & Detailed FAQ
- Contact Jeff About SkyMed

About SkyMed:

What SkyMed Does: SkyMed *Takes You Home*® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. *SkyMed is your free ticket home aboard an ICU-equivalent emergency medical evacuation jet with an ICU-certified medical attendant on board to help make sure everything goes as it should.*

How SkyMed Works: Like clockwork, you're taken from the hospital by ambulance to a waiting aircraft at SkyMed's expense; SkyMed makes all the arrangements and pays all costs for the medical evacuation jet and for the ambulance at the destination which takes you to a waiting team at your destination hospital, which already has your medical records and is ready to start helping you. There are no co-pays, no reimbursements, and no deductibles for SkyMed services, ever. SkyMed arranges everything and pays for all the services it provides.

Anything can happen — but you can trust SkyMed to take you home when you need it most.

What's It Cost? *Without* SkyMed, you'll need \$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance to pay for an emergency medical evacuation — if you can make the dozens of calls necessary to set it up in an emergency. SkyMed does all that for you, for a small membership fee; you simply make one phone call 24/7/365 to get things going.

Why Buy Now? We're offering SkyMed now at very special pricing *for JMB Website Supporters members only — but if you're a nonmember and care to join SkyMed now through us*, we'll enroll you in JMB Website Supporters at the same time (five-year SkyMed memberships only). This offer is available only by phone; email jeff.berger@skymed.com and give Jeff your phone number so he can call you. He'll be happy to answer your questions, tell you about the different types of programs available, and their respective costs. He'll also be happy to fill out your application for an annual or multiyear SkyMed membership by phone and at the same time you can set up a JMB Website Supporters membership (required to get the biggest multiyear SkyMed discounts). Americans, Canadians, and ExPats only.

See www.getskymed.com or email Jeff at jeff.berger@skymed.com (use the subject "SkyMed inquiry") to learn more and get your questions answered.

Types of SkyMed Memberships:

First, short term memberships are for brief trips in North America, the Caribbean, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and Mexico -- over 30 countries total. Short-term memberships are very inexpensive, about \$9 per day per person, maximum of about \$15 per day per family. *The disadvantage is that they only cover you for the short term you are traveling; when they expire, your protection disappears, and when you're ready to travel again, you must reapply for a new short-term membership. The process is quick, but **you still must be medically approved** and at some point, that may be impossible. Bear in mind that many people travel more than once or twice a year, even if it's only a few hundred miles from home. We recommend annual or multiyear SkyMed memberships instead of short-term memberships when you make multiple trips because the cost is about equal. More important, **annual and multiyear***

memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of changes in your health or advancing age. *You do not want your protection to end just when you may need it most.*

Second, both annual and multiyear SkyMed memberships are essentially permanent coverage. *Once you've been approved and as long as you continue to pay your membership fee on time, **your membership cannot be cancelled as a result of advancing age or declining health*** — two critically important advantages that ensure you have coverage when you may need it most.

Third, Ultimate memberships cover multiple years and provide protection worldwide. The only exceptions are places like Syria, Afghanistan, Somalia, North Korea — places you won't visit anyway. (Ask before going anywhere dangerous/unusual.) Ultimate memberships also offer the greatest breadth of coverage. You can see a complete list of all the features and benefits of these coverages [here](#).

Fourth, if you're an American or Canadian ex-pat living in St. Maarten / St. Martin or elsewhere outside your country for six months or more per year, you can still get SkyMed protection in the form of an **ex-pat** membership. Email us (see next paragraph) and we can tell you how it works and answer your questions.

In addition to everything else, Jeff Berger has been a SkyMed rep -- and now a SkyMed Ambassador -- for over 15 years. He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com. He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. To see [online frequently asked questions, go here](#). You can also see his SkyMed site at www.GetSkyMed.com.

JMB members get serious discounts on all multiyear SkyMed memberships. If you're not already a JMB member, join today and take advantage of those discounts.

New JMB memberships: Three years, \$89; Five years, \$109 Sale Prices Other durations available. http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal JMB memberships: Five years, \$109. Other durations available. www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements: Five years, \$109. Other durations available. <http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Ten-Year Price Guarantee on New Five-Year "Ultimate" Memberships

SkyMed is now offering a remarkable 10 year price guarantee on its best memberships, the SkyMed five-year Ultimate. SkyMed ultimate memberships cost only \$499 per year when you pay for their full five year duration at inception. When applying, if you indicate on the application that you want to renew automatically, that renewal will be charged at the same \$499/year rate (prepaid for five years at \$2495) that you had paid *for the full five year new membership at its inception.* *All SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable regardless of health or attained age: this ten-year price guarantee is remarkable especially considering what you get: see the details [here](#).*

The best way to get your questions answered is to call Jeff directly on his SkyMed line, 508-747-8281. He can also take your application by phone and send it to SkyMed electronically. Most applications are processed within a few business days. Get it today, before you need it — make your next trip worry-free.

Best Bang for the Buck

SkyMed's biggest bang for the buck comes in its five year Ultimate memberships, which offer the broadest selection of benefits and features of any SkyMed membership as well as the lowest price per day of any membership — roughly \$1.30, or \$499 yearly total for your family when you pay for the five-year term at inception.

JMB SkyMed Bonus: Now, when you purchase a SkyMed five-year Ultimate through us either by phone or by visiting www.getskymed.com, notify us as soon as you receive SkyMed's letter of acceptance and we'll extend your current JMB membership by five full years on us. (JMB members only.) If you're not a JMB Website Supporters member, join now — the savings for our members on all Multiyear SkyMed memberships are very, very substantial.

Answers to a Frequently Asked Question:

What's the upper age limit to join SkyMed? There isn't any: apply today regardless of age.

What's the upper age limit to renew your existing SkyMed membership? *There isn't any.* Just pay your SkyMed renewal on time and your membership will continue regardless of your health or age at the time of your renewal. There is no membership cutoff for advancing age or declining health, unlike so-called competitive programs. *And the price of your renewal membership will not increase due to declining health or advancing age.* We know we repeat this... we do it for very good reason.

SkyMed *Takes You Home*® -- what else matters?

Detailed Features of SkyMed Memberships:

Read it for yourself: it beats every would-be competitor hands-down. Look:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

And you'll find Frequently Asked Questions here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2015SkyMedFAQ.pdf>

This is an Adobe Acrobat PDF Document. Your system most likely already has a PDF Reader (free) but if not you can get one here: [download Adobe Acrobat Reader](#).

Contact Jeff About SkyMed:

He'll be happy to answer questions; email him at Jeff.Berger@SkyMed.com. He generally returns messages within 24 hours, weekdays. You can also phone him, about SkyMed only, at 508-747-8281 during normal business hours, Eastern time.

25. ... Plus The SkyMed JMB Membership Bonus -- and More Info...

When you join SkyMed through us with a five-year Ultimate membership (SkyMed's lowest cost per day but its most feature-rich medevac membership), notify us upon approval and we'll give you a five-year extension of your JMB Website Supporters membership. Got questions? Call Jeff at (508)-747-8281.

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*When applying at www.getskymed.com, you must approve an automatic 5-year renewal. When you do, your renewal will be at the same price you paid when buying your five-year Ultimate through us. Applies to new SkyMed 5-year Ultimate memberships purchased through us only.

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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SECTION 5: For Members Only

- 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 .Your username and password are required.

SECTION 6: Background Information for Travelers (For New Readers) Updated 7/2017

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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NON-members who wish to contact us should write to ***jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com*** with the subject *Free Newsletter Recipient,* but due to the huge volume of mail received, we may not respond individually.

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