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Timeshare Rental and Sale of the Week

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.

To rent out or sell timeshares you own in SXM or anywhere else worldwide, for no ad charge or commission, join JMB Website Supporters. Visit http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml for info. Membership now delivers a growing list of about 300 St. Maarten and St. Martin-focused travel benefits -- and your membership subscription helps keep these weekly SXM newsletters coming.

SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 9/2/2017 9/16/2017 Week 35 and Week 36 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Two bedroom villa - can be split into a one bedroom suite or junior suite. Water front. Dutch side. \$1250 per week, ask if wanting one bedroom or junior suite Alison 1-301-580-5756 alison.helmstetter@gmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 12/17/2017 12/31/2017 51,52 Sun-Sun Royal Palm Beach Beautiful 2 bedroom 2 bath unit on 2nd floor overlooking pool and beach. Unit sleeps 6 privately with 2 king beds and queen sofa bed. Fully equipped kitchen. 3 lg flat screen TVs. Resort has restaurant, mini mart, shops, gym, beauty salon, free WIFI. Conveniently located on Simpson Bay (Dutch side) within walking distance to restaurants, shops and minutes from airport. Short ride to Marigot and Phillipsburg allows you get the best of 2 countries on 1 island. Discount for purchase of both weeks. Maintenance fee for 2017 has been paid. \$5000.00 per week; discount for both weeks Lynn. 703-623-2634 Bwsalesco@gmail.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

See them all at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW): [Click to access our recommended real estate agents](#)

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

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- C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads: Links are on the Secret Website (see a, above.)

Section Six: Where To Find Background Information for Travelers (**For New Readers**)
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Visit <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> , the *secret* site for JMB Website Supporters members only, for low fares to SXM from cities across the USA, Canada, and Western Europe, plus a total of a growing list of 200+ additional major travel benefits, including reduced-cost access to

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

Stories are numbered; scroll down for stories of interest.

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

1. NHC / NOAA Ups 2017 Hurricane Forecast

The National Hurricane Center has upped its forecast for the current Atlantic hurricane season. It now says this season will be more active than previously expected. There already have been six named storms.

Here's the [story in detail](#).

See story 4 in this section for access to complete, real-time St. Maarten/St. Martin weather info.

2. Climate Change Blamed for Increased Turbulence

Extreme turbulence caused several injuries a few days ago on an American Airlines flight from Athens to Philadelphia. That story is [here](#).

The bigger story: scientists are increasingly concerned that incidences of turbulence aboard aircraft will continue to increase thanks to climate change, which is making the jet stream rougher for airplanes.

And there's really no way to avoid it, industry observers say.

More is [here](#).

3. Protect Yourself from Turbulence When Flying

In most cases where passengers are injured in turbulence aboard aircraft, those passengers aren't wearing seatbelts.

So one helpful bit of advice is simply to wear your seatbelt whenever you're seated, and keep it snug. If you have your tray table down with drinks, electronics, or other hard items on it, and things start to get bumpy, simply keep hold of those items. It's better if liquid from a drink flies into the air rather than glass, which could easily come down and bang you in the head.

Also, if you don't absolutely need or are not actually using electronics, keep them securely stowed, so they can't fly loose if things get bumpy.

But the best advice is the simplest: keep your seatbelt fastened at all times.

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

[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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6. Who Is At 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.

Do it and let us know what you think...

7. Hundreds of SXM T/S Rentals for 2017, 2018 Available from Owners

The timeshare page of our everythingSXM.com website was again updated late last week. It offers hundreds of timeshare condominiums for rent from now through 2018. All rentals are directly from timeshare owners, so there are no middleman fees and no commissions. We accept ads only from our JMB Website Supporters members, so you're not dealing with strangers in these transactions.

To see the ads, go to everythingSXM.com and click Timesharing.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

8. "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 check this section in the coming weeks when we roll out many entirely new discounts and benefits.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, click the links in the next article.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

9.

Our First Annual
August "Dog Days" Sale Begins:

Join Our ***Island Discount Program***,
JMB Website Supporters, & Get

Hundreds of St. Maarten / St. Martin Discounts
& Other Benefits at Great Prices:

Sale Begins Sunday Night 8/13/17 9 pm. EDT
Click these links at that time for our low sale
pricing

Learn lots more by clicking the links below.

New JMB memberships:

http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal JMB memberships:

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

JMB Membership Reinstatements:

<http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/reinstate/index.shtml>

Hear Jeff Live On Island 92 Radio (91.9 FM or
www.island92.com)

Every Monday with Dr. Soc
Between 9:45 and 10:00 a.m. Island Time;
(same as EDT)

10. "Pearl of China" Future Still Murky

Tourists who were concerned about the massive Pearl of China monolith winding up either on Cupecoy beach or on

Mullet Bay beach can now issue a sigh of relief.

Sort of. And only temporarily.

In the latest episode of this long-running Soap Opera, Chinese developers of the massive commercial project have decided to split it into two -- though to many, the change represents more of a schism than a rescheduling.

St. Maarten government officials and Chinese developers are still on their honeymoon, agreeing that this project is great for the island. St. Maarteners, however, seem to disagree.

Now, developers are saying that a new convention center / trade center will be built on land they are acquiring opposite the Raul Illidge Sports Center near the St. Maarten Medical Center. It's clear to most people that the area doesn't have the infrastructure to support such a development, but the government seems to be moving along anyway, remaining mum about infrastructure improvements or mitigations.

You'll find details about this project [here](#).

The bigger project — the huge apartment complex with hotel space, most of which will be used by Chinese commercial interests — will come later, but nobody seems to know or say where or when. The government continues to say this will benefit tourism, but it has been specifically characterized in the past as a Chinese commercial beachhead in the Western Hemisphere. Frankly, we see no relationship between this and tourism, but perhaps we'll understand that at some future time.

11. Gov't Official Wants More Taxes on Timeshares, Hotels

Sources close to the Dutch Side SXM government told us this weekend that Finance Minister Richard Gibson is preparing a proposal to go before Parliament to raise timeshare taxes to \$100/week and to double the hotel tax from 5% to 10%. We asked Minister Gibson about this late on Saturday afternoon and received no response by presstime.

The potential \$100/week fee has no relation to the proposed timeshare authority, which we've been told could add another \$200/week to timeshare owners' costs if it actually goes to parliament and is enacted.

We will keep you posted. If this is reality, it's a perfect definition of counterintuitive. You do not starve a cow to get more milk....

12. SXM-Taped "Below Deck" Premiers 9/5 on Bravo

Here's the story [direct from Bravo](#). We've been reporting on this year's *Below Deck* extensively since before taping started on the island last March.

13. Learn More about Jacky Rom's "From Villainy to Vegas"

She was featured on "Fresh Air in the Morning" with Dr. Soc on Island 92 radio. The published British author has created novels in the past with SXM as the setting. [Here's more on her latest](#).

14. All Eyes East as Hurricane Season Ramps Up

The 2017 hurricane season is getting busy both in the Eastern Atlantic and across the continent of Africa, as tropical waves move East to West heading for the Atlantic.

There, conditions have improved and the environment, as meteorologists say, is now conducive to further development. St. Maarten residents are keeping their eyes wide open as an already busy hurricane season promises to get busier.

See article 4 for much more on where to find tropical weather information. When storms approach, we will be publishing late forecasts and advisories on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

As always, if you are in the path of an approaching storm, pay attention to local authorities and never depend on any website for life or death storm guidance..

What If???

See many examples of people who were traveling exactly like you and unexpectedly / suddenly needed an emergency medical evacuation from SkyMed --

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You'll see exactly what SkyMed did for them and how it works. Get SkyMed protection before you need it -- just like fire insurance.

15. The Full Story About Sargassum Seaweed

This is a fascinating story of the Sargasso Sea and the sea life and seaweed with it. [Look](#).

16. Don't Forget The 8/21 Solar Eclipse

As is the case in most places, the August 21 solar eclipse in St. Maarten will only be partial, but it will still provide some interesting effects on the island and of course will be good reason to party.

If you will be on the island next Monday, 8/21, be sure to check newspapers in advance for eclipse parties and more.

Never look directly into the sun without eye protection intended for use during the eclipse. There are a number of inferior products now being sold everywhere for eclipse viewing — make sure you get something genuine, from a reputable source.

17. Now: Just \$59/month for SkyMed's Best Medevac Protection

How about SkyMed for \$59 a month for your family?

You probably know by now that SkyMed medical evacuation programs protect your pocketbook and your health when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. They protect your health because SkyMed takes you home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill while traveling. They protect your pocketbook by making it unnecessary for you to pay for a medical evacuation in cash in advance — which is the only way to get this level of protection without being a SkyMed member.

Those out-of-pocket costs are huge: upwards of \$45,000 in many cases, and often far more. Now, you can get a five year SkyMed Ultimate membership and pay for it monthly at just \$59 per month for your family, which makes it easily affordable to practically anyone (even retirees and AUC students).

Of course, if you prefer, you can prepay for five years at the sharply reduced rate of \$2495 for JMB Website Supporters members. When you apply, you can get a 10 year price guarantee as well simply by noting on the application that you want an automatic renewal. That's the equivalent of paying \$499 per year for 10 years— an extraordinary price guarantee in times that are tumultuous politically worldwide.

You can also pay the \$59 a month for a month or so then convert to the prepaid Ultimate membership to grab those prepayment savings. For more, call Jeff Berger at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only). He can answer all your questions and help you get signed up.

Learn more at www.getskymed.com.

18. Get Our SXM Euro Ovals

Printed with green ink on durable bright white stock, varnished for long life, our copyrighted SXM euro ovals have been adorning cars on SXM and around the world for more than 15 years.

You can now get two for \$10 or five for \$15 mailed first class to your home in the US or Canada. You can pay for them by PayPal or by check. If you pay by PayPal, make sure US dollar funds are sent to Jeff@JMBcommunications.com and in the comments section be sure to tell us what you're buying — two for \$10 or five for \$15, SXM euro ovals, and include your current, correct mailing address.

If you pay by check, we accept US dollar checks only drawn on US banks — sorry, no Canadian checks. You can mail them to SXM euro ovals, care of JMB Communications, PO Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Make the check payable to JMB Communications.

We have a decent supply but we suggest you order quickly. Allow 30 days for shipping.

We periodically publish pictures of these on our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#).

19. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants:

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.

Readers - What's Your Suggestion? 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 sole source of info for 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 previously 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
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- 26 - Pinocchio's (D)
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- 32 - The Deli at Mullet Bay Beach Resort (D)
- 33 - Crocodile Cafe (D)
- 34 - Pelican Reef (D)

Note: 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.

20. Be Ready...

Think your vacations are full of eventful hours? Look at these:

A recent Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cole Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A member of the clergy fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A man suffered severe respiratory failure and lapsed into a coma on the island. He too was airlifted and returned to Texas where he recovered. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in just about all these cases. *SkyMed took its members home in a private, ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works.* That one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone. You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian expat living in SXM.

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21. Restaurant of the Week: Daniel's By the Sea

Daniel's by The Sea has many distinctions.

First, it is located right on the northern end of Dawn beach -- one of the most scenic places on the island. In the distance, you can see the beautiful island of St. Bart's — and regardless of the weather this quintessentially Caribbean style Italian fine dining restaurant is cooled by nearly constant gentle trade winds.

Second, this time of year it pays to know that Daniel's by the Sea never closes — unless a hurricane is coming. That means it's open 365 days a year for breakfast and lunch as Mr. Busby's Beach Bar, which late in the day becomes dining by candlelight at Daniel's by the Sea.

Family recipes handed down through generations are featured here with plenty of room for a bit of Caribbean improvisation. For example, they have one of the biggest lobster pools on the island -- with fresh lobster from Saba. It's prepared as you like it and is even offered in a salad, which is quite delicious.

Dinners here at Daniel's can't be beat and the service is outstanding. Treat yourself to dinner soon; you'll find yourself becoming a regular in short order.

By the way, ask to be seated in "Jeff's Office": it's one of the most scenic parts of the entire restaurant.

Both Daniel's and Busby's give discounts to JMB members. Still not a member? Join today: see our August Dog Days Sale article at the beginning of this section.

The article we published about SXM's Top Seafood Restaurants is on its own page on our website — see a complete list of [top seafood restaurants here](#).

The article we published about SXM's Top Italian Restaurants is on its own page on our website -- see SXM's [top Italian restaurants here](#).

And we recently updated our SXM dining page on www.everythingsxm.com -- check it now, and again before you go.

Sill not a JMB member? You're spending way too much for practically

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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 7/17/17)
Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16)
Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 8/14/17)
La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/30/17; added 1/17)
Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/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 7/31/17)
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)

22. Enter Our SXM Summertime 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://everythingxm.com/sxm/getting_here/entry-form-for-our-seven-vacation-giveaway.shtml

23. Where to Find Past Issues of SXM Weekly News

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

24. 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.

25. Answers to Your SkyMed Medevac Questions

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
- See Many Examples of People Who've Needed Emergency Medical Evacuations and Were Taken Home by SkyMed: www.getskymed.com**
- 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/reinstatement/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.

Get The Current Low Price
on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership
and keep the current low price on a future 5-yr. renewal.
That's a 10-year price guarantee.
More benefits... same price.

Ask Jeff for details -- see preceding article.

26. ... 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 JMB Website Supporters [at support[at]jmbcommunications.com] upon approval and we'll give you a five-year extension of your JMB Website Supporters membership on us. Got questions? Call Jeff at (508)-747-8281. SkyMed calls only, please.

Join today at www.getskymed.com.

Email Jeff now: jeff.berger@skymed.com

SkyMed Takes You Home® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you become critically ill or injured while traveling, saving you upwards of \$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance (if you aren't a SkyMed member) to set up an emergency medical evacuation yourself. Get SkyMed BEFORE you need it. Email us today. SkyMed emails only. Visit www.getskymed.com.

*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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[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

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

Want to rent or buy a week?

2017 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.

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.

About Email Address Changes / How To Unsubscribe (Updated 4/17/17)

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Contact Us: [Revised 4/23/16]

All member discounts and benefits are explained in detail on the members-only *secret* website, <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> . If you're a JMB Website Supporters member and have a question not answered there, contact ***support@jmbcommunications.com***

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.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: www.everythingsxm.com .

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