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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

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In live issues only.

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

1. Weatherwise, So Far, So Good...

The heart of the 2017 hurricane season is next week, September, and October. Storms have passed to the north of SXM and well to its South, including Hurricane Harvey which is wreaking havoc now in Texas and Louisiana as you know.

Because SXM has escaped the wrath of any 2017 storms so far, it's in good shape but keeping its eyes open.

Please see next story.

2. ...But Island Looks Warily To The East

As Harvey stalls over SE Texas and "Irma" may be forming early this week off the Carolina coast, everyone in SXM is looking warily East to the waters off the coast of West Africa where a vigorous tropical wave has now moved off the coast. It's too early to say where it will wind up if it becomes "Jose," but its path may take it through areas that are "conducive for development."

The Northeast Caribbean has been here before. Click "Weather" on everythingxm.com for the latest satellite images and loops and for Tropical Outlook and storm forecasts, watches, and advisories as they're issued by the National Hurricane Center. See next story for details.

If a storm is headed where you are, never rely on any website for life or death information. Always rely on advice from local government officials.

3. Get Up-To-Date Tropical Outlooks, Watches, & Warnings

A major update to the Weather section of our everythingSXM.com website was completed late last week.

In addition to many new real-time tropical weather graphics — including satellite images and new loops — our weather site has now been updated with the National Hurricane Center's latest tropical outlook; tropical weather discussion (for true weather geeks); and the latest forecasts, watches, and warnings for all active storms.

You can access all this information free, as always: just go to everythingxm.com and click "Weather" in the masthead.

If you are prospectively in the path of any future approaching storm, we urge you to visit www.crownweather.com and

to sign up for their incredibly inexpensive detailed forecasting service. It's by far the best on the web and it will prove highly useful to you, your family, and your business.

As we've said before, if you are in the path of an approaching storm, never use any website for life or death advice: always rely on advice from local authorities.

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

(Revised 8/28)

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 and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well.
- 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.

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

SkyMed Travel offers you a 110% Lowest Rate Guarantee for both hotel and car rental reservations worldwide. 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. Our Favorite SXM Timeshares

Most of the accommodations available in St. Maarten for tourists are at the island's timeshare resorts. Renting from unit owners, you can get a full-fledged condominium with stove, refrigerator, cable TV, and all the amenities — much more handy than a traditional hotel room.

The costs are low, too, since you're dealing with the timeshare's owner who is usually interested simply in covering her annual maintenance fee.

Regardless of whether you're interested in renting or buying, it pays to know which timeshare resorts are best. This article, from our everythingSXM.com website, gives you all that information. [Check it out.](#)

Hundreds of timeshare condos are offered for rent or for sale on our everythingxsm.com site. Go there and click "Timeshare Condos for Rent / Sale" to pick yours.

7. 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, by emailing jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "Monday at Simpson Bay."

8. 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

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 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

10.

300+ SXM Discounts Will Be Yours

**In Our First Ever August
"Dog Days" Sale, Now Underway:**

**Hundreds of St. Maarten / St. Martin Discounts
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New JMB memberships: Three years, \$89; Five years, \$109; One year, \$39
http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml

Renewal JMB memberships: Four years, just \$89; three years, \$69; one year, \$34
www.everythingsxm.com/secret Go to the *Membership Renewal Center*

JMB Membership Reinstatements: Four years, just \$89; three years, \$69; one year, \$34

<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)

11. "Walking" Accidents Increase in SXM In/After Wet Weather

A Warning:

French St. Maarten and Dutch St. Maarten are both foreign countries with legal systems that are completely different from those in the USA and Canada. Because of the frequency with which tropical rainstorms may visit, stairs and walkways are made to survive very stormy weather during which winds can be destructive and rain occasionally measured in feet.

Most stairs are made of cement which can be slippery when wet, especially if you're wearing traditional flip-flops. Be very careful.

Several years ago a tourist from the US Northeast fell down a flight of stairs outside a resort and passed away from his injuries. This past week, there were two accidents involving falls by tourists, both of whom suffered painful injuries which fortunately were not life-threatening.

No one is immune to falls or other accidents. Be careful but be prepared; see story 17.

12. Carrefour Express Market Opens Near Starz Casino

A new Carrefour Express market has opened in the area behind Starz Casino in Cupecoy, Dutch Side.

Modeled after but smaller than the main Carrefour market off the Union Road near the French/Dutch border, the market has a wide variety of merchandise at reasonable prices. It is perfectly located for students at the growing campus of the American University of the Caribbean's Medical School, all the new condos in the area, as well as Cupecoy area hotels.

Give it a try.

13. Fresh Market, in Madame Estate, Closing

Increasing competition has taken its toll on the Fresh Market in Madame Estate, just North of Philipsburg on the main road to the French side and Orient beach: it's closing.

Another fairly large market in the area, about a mile North near the McDonald's roundabout, had closed a couple of years ago.

The closest markets to this area are Cost-U-Less and Le Grand Marché, both northwest of Philipsburg on the road

toward Cole Bay and Cay Hill ("the hill").

14. Opening of New Super U in Hope Estate, French Side, Delayed

The opening of the much anticipated new Super U Supermarket in Hope Estate near Orient beach on the French side is again delayed.

Originally scheduled to open late last spring or this summer, the market was delayed last winter. At that time, officials told us it should be open by November, 2017.

Some technical issues have bogged down construction. Officials are now saying they don't know when the new market will open: all they'll say is that it will be sometime after November, 2017.

The Super U market in Marigot became a smash hit a few years ago when it opened at the former location of the popular Match market. Its prices were highly competitive, its food was fresh, and Dutch Side residents flocked there when the Euro and dollar were one for one.

When the new market opens in Hope Estate, it's likely to grab some business from Dutch side markets including Le Grand Marché and Cost-u-Less, the two nearest large markets - depending on the value of the Euro compared to US dollars when it finally opens.

We'll keep you posted.

15. Le Grand Marche Market Getting Major Renovation

While new competition in the supermarket arena has consumers smiling, it has seasoned providers working hard to increase their market share.

Le Grand Marché, the island's largest, busiest traditional market, owned by the same people who opened Carrefour on the Union Road, is expected to get a major renovation soon, possibly this year as we previously reported. We expect the market may look a lot more like Carrefour once the renovation has been completed, with brighter lighting, more attractive displays, and easier, faster access to sought-after products. We'll keep you posted.

What If???

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

www.getskymed.com

You'll see exactly what SkyMed did for them and how it works.

Get SkyMed protection before you need it -- just like fire insurance.

16. Two-Month Low Season About To Begin

High season in St. Maarten is January through Mid-April, or thereabouts. Thanksgiving is also an extremely busy week on SXM. Summer is a shoulder season — without the big winter crowds.

But September and October, when many restaurateurs take their seasonal vacations, are the two quietest months on the island since they are the height of hurricane season and the time when the fewest tourists venture here.

Nonetheless, it's usually an attractive time to be on island. Weather is generally decent, although showers tend to last longer and as noted some restaurants may be on their seasonal / annual closing.

If you have questions about SXM's two-month low season check out our [Everything St. Maarten Facebook Site](#) where your questions can be answered by people who visit at that time.

17. Rare SkyMed Sale Now Underway

Buy a new SkyMed one, three, or five year membership --OR-- upgrade to a three or five year membership at getskymed.com or by phone at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only)...forward your approval letter from SkyMed to support@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed Sale along with your full street address and daytime phone number... and we will issue you a new or extended JMB membership for the same number of years.

Limited time only. You've been thinking about doing this -- now is the time. *Upgrade bonus applies to SkyMed memberships bought from us.*

SKYMED Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. Global coverage is available and it's standard on Ultimate three- and five-year memberships. Call us for details.

18. Sonesta Maho Adds Attractions for Teens

When some people first heard that the Sonesta Maho resort was adding attractions for teenagers, they reacted with surprise. Some said, "I thought Sonesta was just for adults."

There are three Sonesta resorts on the island. The first is Sonesta Great Bay, not far from the Divi resort at the West End of Philipsburg. The second is the Sonesta Maho, just North of the ocean end of the airport runway beyond the Royal Islander timeshare resort. And the third is the Sonesta Ocean Point, a separate entity from the Sonesta Maho at the far end of the Sonesta property beyond the Sonesta Maho resort. Sonesta Ocean Point is strictly adults only.

For more on teen amenities at Sonesta Maho, [look here](#).

19. All Inclusive - Or Not?

It is, of course, a tourist's choice whether to stay in an all-inclusive resort or someplace where the choice of restaurants is theirs.

As experienced St. Maarten / St. Martin visitors are well aware, one of the top attractions of the island is its spectrum of extraordinary restaurants. Taking full advantage of them requires something other than a package tour which features restaurants inside the property where you stay.

Although years ago the best restaurants on SXM were confined to the former fishing village of Grand Case in the northwest corner of the island, today fine restaurants are also found in Oyster Pond, Cupecoy beach, Simpson Bay, Marigot, and elsewhere.

The decision is yours — but if you appreciate extraordinary dining, the best way to experience SXM is to plan dinners across the island at its finest restaurants.

For guidance, look at our Restaurant of the Week listings in this issue of *SXM Weekly News* — you'll find a great deal of info there. That article also includes links to top seafood and Italian restaurants on the island. Check them out.

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

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

SkyMed medical evacuation programs protect your pocketbook and your health when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. That's 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 --- 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 two then convert to the prepaid Ultimate membership to grab those prepayment savings. For info, call Jeff Berger at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only). He can answer all your questions and even help you get signed up. *Please also see the next story.*

Learn more at www.getskymed.com.

21. 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, simply obtain your SkyMed membership more than 90 days ahead of the date your travel begins.

Jeff can answer all your SkyMed questions and 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 November, December, or January? 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.

22. 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. This offer flies south for the winter in October....

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

23. A Look Back at "Old" Restaurants: #36

From Tom F.:

"In the early 1970s I found a great restaurant in Marigot called David's. It was owned and operated by David Tyzack, a friendly Brit who had wonderful food (especially the beef Wellington) and entertainment two times a week via a game of trivia. The restaurant would be divided into teams and a game host would ask questions on various topics. This game became so popular that people would return each year with team signs etc. David's was a magical place that closed due to David's untimely death."

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 \[susan@jmbcommunications.com\]\(mailto:susan@jmbcommunications.com\) 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 nearly three 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
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- 11 - La Gondola D
- 12 - L'Alabama F
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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. It has just been updated....

24. Be Ready...

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

An MD from Florida on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed *which arranged and paid for* an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: big time.

Mary Beth and her partner Don were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

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.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in 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 \$1.35/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 or certain other countries.

Nobody is immune: anything can happen anywhere. Do it today. To learn more, visit www.getskymed.com. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters at the beginning of this section.

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25. Restaurant of the Week:

Taking a week off this week. See below:

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 everything you buy in SXM. Get hundreds of discounts and other benefits: see www.everythingsxm.com and click the page curl for more info.

Celine Too Motor Yacht, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17)
Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishxm.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.avantikaxm.com (featured 2/6/17; added 2/17)
Canoa, www.canoaxm.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 8/21/17, Eclipse Day)
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)

26. 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.)

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

27. 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.

28. 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/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>

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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.

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

Now when you join SkyMed through us with a one-year, three-year, or 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 (send us SkyMed approval email) and we'll give you an extension of your JMB Website Supporters membership on us for the same number of years. See *story 17*. Got questions? Call Jeff at (508)-747-8281. SkyMed calls only, please.

Join today at www.getskymed.com.

30. Avoid Hiking to the Top of Pic Paradis

For the past several years, there have been occasional incidents as people hike up pic paradis where the road ends. There is little if any police protection there and we do advise not to hike to the summit... same as we have for years but it bears repeating.

Email Jeff now: jeff.berger@skymed.com

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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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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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Contact Us (Revised 8/21/17)

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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