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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 2/9/2019 2/16/2019 Week 6 **Simpson Bay Resort and Marina** Beachfront two bedroom, two bath unit. Directly on water. Pool, swim up bar, full kitchen, dining room, living room, two king beds, also features two Murphy beds in living room. Sleeps 6 comfortably. Patio overlooking water on both levels. Second bedroom offers upstairs privacy, with private deck . Spa, casino, restaurants on property. \$2,500.00 Karen 774-264-1267
Rinkydy151@aol.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 2/16/2019 2/23/2019 Week 7 **Simpson Bay Resort** and Casino Marina building deluxe one bedroom with king bed and two twin murphy beds located near Marina pool/bar and beach. Unit has the only extra large terrace in the Marina building. This Week 7 often falls during the Washington's Birthday holiday week. \$9,900.00 Rita (646)284-5217 rdk713@aol.com

Non-St. Maarten Timeshare Rentals:

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

1. Joon Airlines Flying To SXM: Who They Are

Large Airbus aircraft from Joon Airlines have been seen flying into SXM Airport a few times each week. They bear non-US registrations and are commercial jets, but who *are* they?

No, they're not a new low-cost carrier trying to compete with jetBlue, Southwest (which by the way is likely to start serving SXM some time next year), or any other. They're in fact flying to SXM from CDG (Paris) and are owned by Air France. Joon jets will be coming to SXM until October, when jets with the familiar Air France livery will be returning.

2. Sunwing Restarts SXM Flights in February

Canadian carrier Sunwing Airlines is expected to restart service to SXM in February. Hopefully the Canadian dollar, weak against the US dollar and even weaker against the Euro, will recover a bit by then.

3. Cruise Critic Article on SXM

For years, Cruise Critic has been a very well regarded website resource for Cruisers. They've just published an interesting [article](#) about SXM which we think you'll enjoy.

4. All Quiet as Hurricane Season Peak Approaches

Although a number of storms can form earlier, the actual peak of the Atlantic hurricane season is early September, a couple of weeks from now, which will also be the first anniversary of Irma.

Customarily, September is a busy hurricane month, especially for long-track hurricanes that form off the coast of Africa and chug through the tropical Atlantic toward Caribbean islands and North America.

Right now, things are relatively quiet but that is not expected to last. See our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) for updated posts about developments during hurricane season. For much more on tropical weather conditions, watches, warnings, etc., see the Weather Center on our big main [everythingSXM.com](#) website.

5. Airline / Yacht Crew: Share SkyMed Info With Co-workers

Because airline and yacht crewmembers are frequently far from home, they need to protect themselves against the catastrophic out-of-pocket cost of an emergency medical evacuation. That's why we're hearing from crewmembers increasingly often who have been told by other crewmembers about SkyMed medical evacuation protection. You can read more about SkyMed in story number 31, but the bottom line is that SkyMed *Takes You Home*® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling — home where your support network is, where your health insurance actually works, and where you have doctors and hospitals you know and trust.

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6. The Best Places for Tropical Updates; Hurricane Tracking Chart

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsexm.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.everythingsexm.com -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page.

3) Our [Everything SXM 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.: *Again...Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

Download your own NHC Hurricane Chart:

Years ago, before we were all saturated with weather information from cable TV to local (redundant and repetitive) news and forecasts plus weather updates and bulletins on our smart phones, gas stations and television stations offered printed hurricane tracking charts so people at home could try to figure out for themselves whether they were about to get slammed by the latest hurricane.

We haven't seen hurricane tracking chart handouts for years, but if you want one they are easy to get.

The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are available for download from the NHC [here](#). Select "Atlantic" and you're good to go. You can print out the chart and use it repeatedly, or simply print a bunch of them and use one for each storm that may approach an area of interest -- like, SXM. Bear in mind that this hurricane season may well be frontloaded — so you might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that

for later.

7. Get The Lowest Rates for Hotel Rooms & Car Rentals Around The World

*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.*

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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.

8. Some Hotels Seeking Gov't Help in Rebuilding

As we've reported here over the last year, many insurance claims have taken forever to settle in the wake of hurricane Irma, and policyholders whose claims have been processed and settlements agreed to have not all received insurance company payments.

We'll comment a bit more about that in story 23, regarding the island's insurance disaster. Now, some hotels, particularly on the Dutch side where the "insurance disaster" seems to be centered, are asking for government help

to help expedite recovery and rebuilding in the wake of Irma. Here is [that story](#).

9. Still No Word from Westin

A few weeks ago, when we last ran a story about the status of the Westin, there were no new developments. Executives there have said that their claims have not yet been paid and until that happens, they are virtually powerless to rebuild the hotel.

As far as we know, there has been no change in that situation, as we are closing in on the one year anniversary of hurricane Irma.

We will keep watching this and update you as soon as we have new information.

10. Royal Islander Possibly Reopening This November

According to Royal Islander timeshare owners, they have seen very little communication from the owners of the three related Royal Islander resort properties on SXM — Le Plage, La Terrasse, and Great Bay. We've been told by people close to the properties that they may reopen as early as November, but information requests sent to the Spadaro family and the Maho Group have not been answered. Although there seem to be thousands of construction people working at all the Maho area properties, we've been able to confirm nothing further about the actual opening of the Royal Islander properties — only information about the reopening of Sonesta Maho and Sonesta Ocean Point. We've now sent more followups about this to those in charge.

We will publish additional news here as we receive it. See next story.

11. Sonesta Maho / Sonesta Ocean Point Reopening Details

Here is the latest information concerning the reopening of both the Sonesta Maho Resort and Sonesta Ocean Point:

*Re-opening February 1, 2019 as the brand new, **Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, Casino & Spa** is the largest, limitless, all-inclusive family-friendly resort in St. Maarten offering an exhilarating and fun vacation experience combined with stellar customer service. With limitless all-inclusive meals, drinks, Kids Club, Teen Zone and scheduled activity programs for all ages, Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, Casino & Spa is a destination within a destination, offering the island's most exciting nightlife, a variety of accommodations and first-rate amenities for singles, couples, families and groups. The 10-acre, 416-room beachfront property is conveniently located on St. Maarten's southwest shore just minutes from the airport and features the oversized signature Oasis pool area with swim-up bar and separate kids pool with mini aqua park; five restaurants and a pizzeria; five bars; fitness center; sports courts; oceanfront wedding gazebo; and more than 24,000 square-feet of meeting space and unique outdoor venues. Guest can enjoy other amenities including the signature Serenity Spa and the destination's largest gaming emporium Casino Royale as well as access to tours, car rental and motorized water sports for an additional fee.*

*Reopening November 15, 2018, **Sonesta Ocean Point Resort** embraces a contemporary Caribbean style, offering an adults-only, limitless all-inclusive vacation experience, while bringing style, luxury and outstanding service to St. Maarten. Set in the most spectacular location with breathtaking views over Maho Bay, adjacent to Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, Casino & Spa, the 129 all-suite ultra-luxurious yet sustainable "resort within a resort" sits on the westernmost point of the island and features three exclusive pools including the Edge pool with a zero entry cliff side beach, four bars and two restaurants including the signature Azul restaurant and other resort amenities such as 24-hour room service, state-of-the-art fitness center, an open-air wellness area and private cabanas. Amenities are complemented by exemplary service from personalized concierges and Butler service in the top 25 suite categories for extra comfort and next level luxury, all culminating in one of the most uniquely designed resorts in St. Maarten and the entire Caribbean. Apart from the exclusive amenities at Sonesta Ocean Point, guest have full access to all services and facilities at Sonesta Maho Beach Resort, Casino & Spa with five additional restaurants and bars, Serenity Spa with sauna and steam room, tour desk, sports courts, Casino Royale and more than 24,000 square-feet of brand new meeting and conference facilities.*

More about the Maho resorts can be found [here](#).

12. Introducing Azure Boutique Hotel & Art Studio

We haven't talked about it much -- you'll see us writing about it more in the months ahead, but the AZURE boutique hotel on Simpson Bay Beach merits your attention. Here's more info:

Michael and Fawnette invite you to The Azure Hotel & Art Studio, a boutique hotel centered on the most beautiful beach in Sint Maarten. The Azure houses an art studio where they create original works of art (by appointment only). Located within a few minutes walk to all the action in Simpson Bay Village and nestled in a perfect piece of paradise, Azure is the place to be!

All units include:

- FREE high speed Wi-Fi (it works on the beach too)
- FREE international calls from the cordless phone in your room (to most countries)
- Free Hawaii beach loungers with umbrellas
- Air conditioning (silent wall mounted)
- Kitchens or Kitchenettes
- Satellite TV with Premium channels
- Each room is uniquely adorned with original paintings by Michael and Fawnette

The Azure Hotel is a proud winner of Certificate of Excellence. Many travelers on TripAdvisor chose The Azure Hotel as one of their favorites. More: <http://azurehotelsxm.com/>

13. Simpson Bay Resort Getting High Marks

Simpson Bay Resort was one of the first properties on SXM to reopen in the weeks following Irma's devastation. Two others in the same area, Atrium Resort and Baker's Suites, both also reopened quickly.

Despite the fact that apparent tornadic activity spawned by hurricane Irma all but destroyed Simpson Bay's Dieffenbachia, Croton, and Calladium buildings, which the resort was forced to demolish, it nonetheless quickly reopened many rooms in its other buildings to give shelter to its newly homeless employees, Dutch Marines, and people involved in the reconstruction of the rest of the property. It also kept all its employees on the payroll busily cleaning the resort, very much unlike other nearby resorts (Flamingo and Royal Palm specifically).

As a consequence of its actions, Simpson Bay Resort did reopen quickly and has been well able to handle high demand from SXM visitors, who are giving it very high marks — the same kind of high marks it received after its huge renovation was completed early in 2017. It definitely merits your consideration if you're looking for a larger resort on the beach with a spectrum of guest services. Links to help you get reservations are on our everythingSXM.com website, on its Timeshare Rentals page.

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With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, Simpson Bay Resort, with Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners are now posting units available for rent on our [timeshare rental site](#) on [everythingSXM.com](#) and on our new companion Villas for Rent page, also on everythingxsm.com. Check them out: they have just been heavily revised. Get your rental weeks now. (Ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively.)

15. Thinking of Buying Property in SXM? Stay Tuned

The long-duration surge in the number of people from North America moving to SXM shows no signs of abating. In fact, it appears that that surge may well be accelerating.

You'll find increasing numbers of people discussing the advantages and disadvantages of relocation to SXM on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#), on the beach in SXM, and elsewhere in SXM.

Evidence of the increasing demand is clearly evident across the island in the number of large-scale condominium projects either now underway or about to begin construction, mainly on the Dutch Side.

In response to this surging interest in relocation, JMB Communications is planning to offer JMB Website Supporters members a very special and very different "party" focused on relocating to the island. We are still researching dates, but as of now the first in a series of such presentations appears likely to occur sometime late in November, perhaps before or, more likely, soon after Thanksgiving.

Our sponsor, Island Real Estate Team, headed by Arun Jagtiani, the island's top realtor, will be the sole focus for this "party" though it more is expected to resemble a seminar with food and drink, according to our current thoughts on the matter. For additional information, please keep an eye on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) where we will post late information.

Of course, since this event is expected to be for JMB Website Supporters members only, we will also email the information initially to JMB members exclusively. If you are still not a member of JMB Website Supporters, join our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program today, which also gives you invitations to all of our private members-only events on the island. You can learn more by clicking the page curl on our main SXM website, everythingSXM.com.

15a. Grand Case Beach Club Slightly Delays Partial Reopening

It appears that Grand Case Beach Club is slightly delaying its partial reopening. Attempts to book on their Facebook page on Sunday did not succeed until the date November 16 was brought up — and then the reservations were being taken.

If you have any questions about reservations, contact Grand Case Beach Club directly.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

16. JMB 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 some 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 months as we continue to roll out a number of entirely new discounts and benefits.

We recently started adding new discounts and benefits. Please stay tuned; special messages will be sent to all JMB Website Supporters members as more new benefits are rolled out.

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17. Sint Maarten General Hospital Seeks Building Permits

Dutch political figures and other Dutch Side notables have been saying for years that the St. Maarten Medical Center needs to be replaced. That conversation seemed to gather steam when it became obvious that the so-called "American Clinic's" medical tourism facility proposed for Kimsha beach wasn't going to happen.

Plans for the new St. Maarten General Hospital appear to be sufficiently close to completion to allow building permits to be requested — and that is now exactly what is happening. The location would be very close to the current St. Maarten Medical Center.

We don't know officially how soon after permits are granted construction will begin, much less have an estimated completion date. Everyone has the same hope: the sooner, the better.

18. Lots of Big Restaurant News

We have lots of significant restaurant news for you this week — plus one repudiation of a widely spreading rumor concerning an extremely popular restaurant. There are also several other restaurant-related articles in the rest of this edition of *SXM Weekly News*.

Here goes:

1. The widespread rumor that **Lee's Roadside Grill** is going to move to the site of Cugini restaurant in Simpson Bay near the carousel is false, according to the folks from Lee's. They wrote us: "Cugini would be a great location but no this is not true. Lee has always held his ideas and passions to a certain level of quality and while the offers have been plenty nothing has matched the standards he requires. Yet we believe we will be operational and have a new location in the Simpson Bay area within the next 3-6 months, a location that will respect the size and legacy that Lee wants to hold up with his brand." We of course will keep you posted on what happens with Lee's. (Other speculation regards Kim Sha beach. In any case, we'll keep you posted.)
2. **Sale E Pepe** we are told is moving to a new building next to the gas station in Simpson bay (used to be Sol). The current Sale E Pepe location, we're told, will be turned into a pizza place. Fine dining will go into the new building.
3. **Alina Sushi & Sake Bar** in Simpson Bay moves to new space on top of Casino Royale, Maho district..
4. **Taste Factory** we are told is for rent.
5. **The Boathouse** is for sale.
6. **Bajatzu** is moving from Maho to the current location of the French Touch (formerly So French) Restaurant (opposite Buccaneer, near Atrium and Simpson Bay Resort.
7. **Lal's** "Curry in a Hurry" has been sold to Indian investors from Prime Distributing. The entire staff is still there and the menu is unchanged. Lal has decided to take a rest after decades of work and many thousands of late nights. If we know Lal, though, he'll be into something else in 2019; we'll keep you posted, as always.

More restaurant news is below; please read on.

19. SkipJack's Targeting Reopening Later This Year

SkipJacks has always been one of the islands largest and busiest and of course most popular restaurants. Although it looks a bit small from the street, the restaurant had a very big dining deck over Simpson Bay lagoon until Irma decided to blow it apart.

The good news is that the main building survived, but the entire deck and the adjacent decks had to be rebuilt. That is all underway. The owner told us that they are expected to reopen sometime late this year. We will recheck next month to see if there has been any change in that scheduling, although our bet is that Skipjacks will open as stated.

20. IZI Planning Seasonal Vacation, October Reopening

iZI Ristorante Italiano, open for lunch and dinner, under its founder and owner David Foini has been the most dominant Italian nightspot in Simpson Bay and clearly one of the island's top Italian restaurants ever since it was founded more than 10 years ago. It has been open for lunch and dinner since several weeks after Irma struck.

iZI closely guards its recipes — developed painstakingly by David through years in business. The quality of David's food has long been unexcelled and the service is always impeccable.

If you have not yet visited iZI Ristorante Italiano opposite Pineapple Pete in Simpson Bay, just do it. The only bad news is that their annual closing starts next week (about the 26th) and they won't reopen until October. If you haven't added them to your list, do it — you won't regret it. They are also our Restaurant of the Week; see story number 36.

21. Cost-U-Less Plans Early-Sept. Reopening

Cost-u-Less near Philipsburg, SXM's only warehouse-style store, has a huge variety of items at reasonable prices for SXM — and it is now planning an official reopening early next month, which will be a big relief to many shoppers. If you like Kirkland products sold by Costco, you will be happy to know that a number of Costco Kirkland products are also sold at Cost-u-Less. The bad news is that due to shipping costs, pricing in SXM isn't what it is in your nearby Costco warehouse back in the USA. But you will find a large variety of fresh food here. Liquor, as well.

22. On Philipsburg's Carrefour & New Super U in Hope Estate

Progress continues toward the reopening of the large Carrefour supermarket near Philipsburg, which was heavily damaged by a roof fire almost two months ago. We have not yet heard a reopening date but knowing these folks, we're sure it will be as soon as humanly possible. Our hunch: some time in October, possibly late.

Construction of the large new Super U supermarket in Hope Estate on the French Side, between Orient and Grand Case, continues. We don't know their grand opening date but we've asked someone to check out the progress this coming week. As soon as we learn anything, we'll pass it along. It's possible that they could be open by late this year or next winter.

23. For Many, SXM's Disastrous Insurance Mess Drags On

The reality is that SXM didn't suffer just one disaster over the last year. It suffered three.

The first of course was hurricane Irma which, with its 180 mph winds and recorded 240 mph gusts, and its 18 foot storm surge gave the island a pummeling that was beyond belief. Fortunately, the island's recovery has also been beyond belief even though it has had to cope with two additional disasters.

The second disaster was hurricane Maria. Irma ripped the roof off many homes and businesses.. When Maria came not long after, it dumped copious water into buildings left roofless by Irma. The result was lots of mold.

The third disaster in the view of most people was 100% avoidable: the unconscionable delay in processing and paying claims from policyholders of NAGICO, the St. Maarten-based insurance company that dominated the insurance market at the time Irma hit.

We absolutely understand that Irma broke all records for intensity and damage ever suffered on SXM, and that it was the most powerful Atlantic hurricane in history. Since that was obvious days before it struck, NAGICO's emergency plan for a natural disaster should have involved post-storm intense claims analysis and processing activities to match the challenges presented by the storm. Instead, NAGICO in particular has, according to its own policyholders, nickel and dimed people by requesting records destroyed in the storm, allegedly failed to pay legitimate claims, and has also allegedly stonewalled payment of claims it already has agreed to settle, according to NAGICO policyowners we spoke with. Those actions have hurt the economy of the entire island though we must point out that many businesses and individuals ingeniously have worked to recover on their own, using whatever resources they can lay their hands on, even though they say they were legitimately entitled to insurance payments they still have never received.

There is no doubt there were three disasters on the island and the third of them, SXM's insurance debacle, is not yet over.

24. Captain Frenchy's Looking Toward Bigger / Better

The former Capt. Frenchy's restaurant on Boulevard de Grand Case in the heart of Grand Case is going to make a major comeback. Its owner has said he plans to build a new restaurant and a small hotel in Grand Case; here is [that story](#).

25. Sargassum Seaweed Still an Issue

There is good and bad news today about Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea.

The smelly, ugly stuff has been invading virtually all of the Caribbean plus much of the Gulf of Mexico, the Texas coast, and the Mexican Gulf coast for the last several years.

First the good news: much of the island is virtually unaffected by the seaweed, particularly western and southwestern

facing beaches like Simpson Bay..

The bad news is that Eastern facing beaches like Guana Bay and even the Point Blanche area have been heavily affected by the seaweed.

Here is an [up-to-date article](#) on the issue.

26. Police Station Fire Alarm Caused by Drone Battery

Firefighters poured into SXM police headquarters the other day to find out what the source was of smoke which set off the building's fire alarm system. [What they found](#) was that a police drone battery being recharged had overheated and was generating smoke. The charging process was stopped before any real damage could occur.

Drones are powerful tools long used by businesses, law enforcement agencies, the military, news gathering organizations, firefighters, and search and rescue personnel. But like other devices containing batteries, they may function improperly and at times become dangerous.

If you charge anything containing a lithium-ion battery in your home or business, make sure there is a smoke detector nearby just in case.

27. SXM Monuments Suffer Severe Damage from Irma

The Dutch side has national monuments spread across the country. A just-completed analysis has found that they have suffered severe damage from hurricane Irma. [That story is here.](#)

28. We Want Your Irma Story

Thousands of people -- including more than 4,000 American tourists -- were on SXM when Irma struck the island. Our Labor Day and September 10 editions are expected to feature reader stories about those fateful days. Whether you're a tourist or an island local, please email your story to Susan in our office, with the subject Irma, to susan@jmbcommunications.com; you may also send them to us as a PM through our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). We reserve the right to condense articles to meet space requirements and ask you to stay below 600 words. We'll publish as many of these stories as possible, and we intend to publish many of them on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) as well.

Please write and send yours today.

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29. Are You Military?

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

Visit everythingsexm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership. We'll also need a DD214 with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you.

30. No Age Limit To Join SkyMed

Many people have wrongly assumed that SkyMed medical evacuation memberships are limited to people who are of a certain age, and that older people shouldn't apply. That information is wrong: *there is not and there has never been an age limit to join SkyMed*. And, applying for membership costs you nothing unless you are accepted, as most people are.

We can answer your questions and help complete an application by phone for you in less than 10 minutes. The questions we ask are brief and straightforward, including birth date, medical conditions, recent hospitalizations, and your prescriptions. It's not complicated and it's not time-consuming — but ***it's also something you do not want to put off. Like fire insurance, when you need it you need it — so get it before you need it.***

Contact our office at 508-747-8281 during normal office hours Eastern time and we'll be happy to return your call. Or, just email us at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with your phone number and time zone and we'll still be happy to call you back at a mutually convenient time. We've helped more than 4500 people get SKYMED; *we can help you get protected against the enormous cost of an emergency medical evacuation quickly and easily and at a very reasonable cost.* Call us and we'll show you how.

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31. About Our SXM Summertime Vacation Giveaway

Entries are now locked. We'll soon set a giveaway date, expected to be in the next few weeks:

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, though for obvious reasons those dates will change. 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.)

Dates for all vacations will change thanks to Irma...

32. "WHY?" You Asked; Here's the Answer

My wife and I were returning from dinner with friends in Grand Case several years back, when my wife suddenly felt hot and had breathing difficulty.

It got worse, when she nearly passed out as we approached Sapphire Beach Club and I immediately asked for an ambulance to be called. She was hot one minute, cold the next.

I thought it might be a stroke because she had trouble talking. The ambulance arrived quickly, walked through what we had for dinner, and after a tortuous hour trying to figure out what had happened, she started feeling better and declined a visit to the hospital.

Only some time later, back home, did we find out she has a severe allergy to a certain cheese -- and that had triggered the entire episode.

Although it was a relief, it was also the first time that I realized *talking* about medical evacuation wasn't enough -- it was about 14 years ago and that scare is what made me buy what I had recommended for the prior two years to others, but had never bought myself. It scared me into realizing that anything can happen to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

A number of readers have asked me over the years why, exactly, do I talk about SkyMed medical evacuation protection. An emergency trip home on a medevac jet today could easily cost upwards of \$50,000 payable in cash in advance -- *without* SkyMed. No money, no medevac jet home. From overseas, the cost can easily be twice that. Now you know why I've been a bit evangelical about it: it really is a remarkably big deal.

Please allow me a few very quick facts:

First, there is **no age limit** to buy SkyMed; you can apply at any age. Pre-existing conditions are covered at once on short-term memberships, and after a short 90-day waiting period on annual and longer memberships.

Second, annual and multi-year SkyMed memberships are **guaranteed renewable** as long as you like, regardless of advancing age or declining health. You just pay your renewals on time.

Third, **SkyMed memberships don't get more expensive as you get older or have illness issues**; everyone pays the same reasonable rates. SkyMed won't cancel your membership or increase its cost just because you've reached a certain age, either. Keep it until you're 109 if you like.

Fourth, basic coverage "Takes You Home" when you travel in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Available global coverage includes the rest of the world except places on the State Department "watch list" (North Korea, for example.)

Fifth, SkyMed delivers far more than just medical evacuations. Its entire list of all key Features & Benefits is here: <http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

Sixth, JMB Website Supporters members get **substantial discounts** on all multiyear SkyMed memberships. If you're not a JMB member when you call, we'll sign you up on the spot, if you like, giving you instant access to discounts available only to our JMB Website Supporters members. (More on JMB membership is on our site, [everythingxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com); JMB has over 300 SXM discounts and many other benefits.)

For still more info, please see our SkyMed site, getskymed.com.

We can answer all your questions; call us any day or evening up to 8 pm EDT at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only please). If you're ready to protect yourself and your family, we can take your application by phone -- usually in under 10 minutes.

Please do it now. Everything can change in a heartbeat.

Here are examples of SkyMed in action:

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.

An MD from Florida who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he 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: huge.

A 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 Cay 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 takes its members home, usually 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's just one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for not much more than \$1.30/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

Anything can happen anywhere, at any time. Call Jeff at 508-747-8281 during business hours EDT.

To Sum Up - Many Special Features:

- a) **SkyMed Takes You Home®.** Others in their fine print say they take you home or to the nearest appropriate facility, at their option; that could be thousands of miles from home.
- b) **No age limit to apply.** No age limit for services.
- c) **Pre-existing conditions covered in full** after only 90 days for one-year and longer memberships, and immediately for short-term memberships.
- d) **Guaranteed renewable regardless of advancing age or health changes** (applies to annual and multiyear memberships).
- e) **No membership price increases due solely to advancing age or declining health.** You pay what everyone pays.
- f) **Ten-year price guarantee for five-year Ultimate SkyMed memberships:** When you apply for a five-year SkyMed Ultimate membership and indicate "renew automatically" on your application, you are guaranteed the same price upon renewal that you paid when joining. The SkyMed Ultimate, which is prepaid for five years at inception, currently offers more features and benefits than SkyMed's annual memberships (see details in our [list of benefits](#)) at a highly advantageous annual cost. SkyMed Annual memberships have no price guarantee (though their price has been unchanged for several years). Jet fuel price spikes can affect the cost of Annual memberships. But with the Ultimate's 10-year price guarantee, you're solid no matter what.

Where to Get Answers To Your Questions: Call SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger any weekday or evening (EDT) at 508-747-8281. He can answer all your questions and even complete an application with you in about 10 minutes. Often, you'll have SkyMed's reply in one or two business days. You can also email Jeff at jeff.berger@skymed.com or jeff@jmbcommunications.com (with the subject SkyMed); please include your phone number and area code.

SkyMed Takes You Home®: What else matters?

33. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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Melange (new; Port de Plaisance)

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34. Use Our Weekly News Archives

Our recently updated *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published in the last four years, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and our *SXM Airport Special Edition*, which has a great deal of useful future information on what's going to happen at the airport.

Check it out [here](#).

35. Got SXM Questions? Here's Where The Answers Are

Check out our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) and our main SXM website, everythingsxm.com.

36. Restaurant of the Week: iZi

Please see story #20 concerning iZi.

Coming soon: **Domino's**; **Pineapple Pete**.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 8/20/18, see story 20) David is back and the restaurant has reopened. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too. Now open for lunch and dinner.

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 7/2/18) Skipjack's main dining deck overlooking the lagoon was wrecked by Irma and is being rebuilt. They should be open late 2018.

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 6/25/17; added 1/17) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (6/18/18) is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

Rum & Peas (featured 6/11/18) is the newly iconic island hotspot for island flavors and lots more. It's the creation of Sherman Marten (Canoa). Limited hours this time of year.

Emilio's at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured June 4 2018) is the new property run by renowned chef Dino Jagtiani, whose Temptation Restaurant was wrecked by Irma.

Isola Ristorante Italiano (featured 5/28/18) Marco Ferrante's Isola Ristorante Italiano next to Hollywood casino in the middle of Simpson Bay Resort was one of the first restaurants to reopen soon after Irma struck, and it has been open ever since. It is now also fully enclosed and fully air conditioned - no street noise.

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 5/14/18) Avantika is open. SXM's best Thai.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 4/30/18 Mario's Bistro reopened a few weeks after Irma hit and looks forward to your return. Phenomenal dining.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 4/9/18) Reopened as Cafe Spiga, new menu; redesigned. New bar, new bar snacks, same great staff, service, and wonderful food. **Closed for the season until October.**

Celine 3 luxury Catamaran, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it enters service soon. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 5/1/17). Big Fish has closed but will reopen later this year; different ownership expected.

Busby's Chicken Rotisserie (featured 6/5/17) Wrecked by Irma. The owners are awaiting insurance resolution.

Canoa, www.canoasxm.com (featured 4/10/17) Canoa has established a gofundme campaign to help it rebuild. We have no information on timing, but our guess is probably 2019 or later.

Trattoria Pizza Pasta, Maho Plaza near Casino Royale (featured 9/12/16). The Maho area was hit very badly by Irma and Pizza Pasta has closed permanently. Selena has moved to St. Kitts where her mom, Ilde, and dad, Dario, operate their Ciao restaurant.

Daniel's By The Sea, www.dawnbeachsxm.com (featured 8/14/17) Wrecked by Irma. Closed permanently and for sale.

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16 Just got insurance settlement, not yet reopened.

The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for

details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 9/2/14) Stone is permanently closed.

Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15) Reopening in September.

Temptation, <http://www.temptation-sxm.com/> (featured 7/5/17) Permanently closed. Dino has now relocated to Emilio's at the Emilio Wilson Estate, which will be featured here soon.

Lal's Curry In A Hurry Indian Restaurant, Airport Road, Simpson Bay (featured 7/10/17) Open now for lunch and dinner.

Mr. Busby's Beach Bar <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/26/17) Wrecked by Irma, closed permanently, for sale.

Island Pizza, <http://www.dawnbeachsxm.com> (featured 6/19/17) Wrecked by Irma. Closed permanently and for sale.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 7/31/17) Reopened.

Papagayo, <http://www.cluborient.com/papagayo.php> (featured 10/17/16) Club Orient was wrecked by Irma; rebuilding is planned. ETA not yet known.

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) Reopened. Their sign blew away in Irma -- to Virgin Gorda's airport 192 miles away.

FIG, Maho complex at Le Terasse Had closed permanently before Irma hit.

St. Maarten Yacht Club, at the Dutch Side Drawbridge Reopened.

Jimbo's, www.jimboscafe.com (featured 6/12/17) Recently reopened.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 1/22/18). Reopened. Now open Wed through Sunday B/L/D.

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17) Reopened quickly.

Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

Bylbos, Simpson Bay Not known.

You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Site](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

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37. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot Traffic

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opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases throughout this year and into 2019. Contact us today for more information.

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