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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

FLOATING WEEK 6/1/2018 12/8/2018 Week 2 **Simpson Bay Resort & Marina** Saturday to Saturday 1 bed with King Bed, Full Kitchen and 1 Bath, two Murphy beds. Unit sleeps 4. Refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker. Unit WiFi, 2 flatscreen TV's, private balcony overlooking Ocean or Bay. On premises: fitness center, pools, great beach, water sports, grocery store, nightclub, casino, restaurants. Unit location may vary depending on week you want. \$950 Alan 603-520-0976 aklsp@metrocast.net

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

1. Tropical Activity Heating Up Again

Just when you thought everything was fine, activity in the tropical Atlantic is heating up again.

Early in the weekend, tropical storm Kirk formed in the Atlantic — fortunately, not anywhere near SXM. We're posting the most recent tropical update from the National Hurricane Center on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). Also, if you click Weather on our main everythingSXM.com site, you'll find the latest watches and warnings for all active

storms plus the National Hurricane Center's latest tropical outlook.

2. AA Increases SXM Flight Activity

American Airlines has announced that it will finally resume its New York and Philadelphia SXM nonstops effective December 19. It also said it will be resuming nonstops from Charlotte effective November 4.

We don't know what took AA so long to do this. JetBlue resumed daily nonstops to SXM from New York late last winter and has essentially been eating American's lunch ever since.

Please see the next two stories for information about airline fees and a Draconian proposal from AA to slam the door on people who want to make flight changes.

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3. More Airlines Increase Luggage Fees

JetBlue announced several weeks ago that it was making a slight increase to the baggage fees it charges passengers using its least expensive ticketing tier. American quickly followed suit, despite the fact that its fees were already through the roof. Now United and Delta have jumped on the bandwagon.

Between you and us, the only thing the airlines haven't yet done to raise more money is install pay toilets. Let's not talk about it — they might get some ideas.

Although some airline insiders are telling us that the incremental fees are a response to a major-league increase in fuel costs over the last year, most consumers aren't buying that — especially passengers using the big legacy carriers such as American Airlines, Delta, and United. Those carriers in particular are raking in billions in seat fees and baggage/early boarding fees. Please see the next story.

4. Howling Consumers Force Congress To Examine Airline Fees

The United States Congress has sat by in recent years and watched the airline industry pile fee on fee — to the extreme consternation of the flying public.

The cacophony of complaints has become so boisterous that members of Congress are now saying that they're going to have a closer look at all the airline fares — seating, including extra legroom seats, baggage fees, early boarding, etc.

For many years, seats on most airlines have been uncomfortably small, too densely packed, and too uncomfortable to be tolerated quietly. Now, following in the wake of the latest hikes in baggage fees, Congress — many of whose members will be up for reelection in a few weeks — has decided to hold hearings on the matter, most likely so its members can go home and tell their constituents that they're doing something *when they actually aren't*.

We think Congress may give airlines a slap on the wrist with perhaps a side of jawboning, though we don't expect any significant changes in regulations.

So far, only one airline appears to be reacting to these hearings with over-the-top melodrama; see next story.

5. AA Threatens To Stop Customers from Changing Flights

To American Airlines, the threat of increased regulation to confront burgeoning fees for baggage, extra legroom, etc. is ample reason for a serious fit of AA corporate paranoia.

American, which a few years ago thanks to favorable bankruptcy laws was able to replace much of its fleet, modify some of its contracts with employees, and adopt what some passengers are calling a haughty attitude toward them, is now saying it might do what passengers may have thought unthinkable: it's threatening to forbid passengers from making changes to tickets.

Of course, this could be (and probably is) just a move in a corporate game of chess with the United States Congress. But regardless of whether that's the case, the airline has broached it, and we rather expect that AA passengers will regard it as a unique concoction featuring arrogance, haughtiness, customer disrespect, profiteering, arrogance, ignorance, etc. Apparently American doesn't give a hoot about business or personal events and changes in the lives of its passengers or it never would have said anything about doing away with ticket changes.

This isn't from our imaginations; [look](#).

6. AA Drops Some Fares Again

A few weeks ago, a reader on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) immediately booked low fares found through Google Flights.

Shortly after reading and acting on the posting, the reader said the low fares were gone.

Welcome to our world.

Now, airline fees seem to have the "stay-put" of your average Mexican jumping bean. It is not the least bit unusual

for any fare between any two points to change several times a day. That's why Google Flights has become, in our opinion, the best of the lot at reporting fare changes — but you must act on them immediately, before they fly away.

7. JetBlue Founder David Neeleman Founding New Airline

Although Southwest Airlines was founded decades ago, it took a while for it to have a major impact on other airlines.

Launched in 2001, JetBlue Airways has been spectacularly successful because of its rather extraordinary customer service and its low prices. JetBlue has been in SXM for many years; Southwest offers low prices and will likely be coming to SXM sometime next year, which will make things very interesting indeed.

Enter David Neeleman.

You may remember that Mr. Neeleman founded JetBlue some 20 years ago. He and the airline parted ways a number of years back, but JetBlue is one of his several legacies.

While JetBlue was (and is) based on superb customer service, Mr. Neeleman expects to go in a different direction with his new company. Code-named Moxy, a name that will be changing, the airline will fly all new state-of-the-art 150-seat Airbus A220-300 aircraft on routes that ignore larger hub airports (think perhaps Providence instead of Boston). The carrier promises to offer ultra low fares plus upgraded service for a price. Expect it to be just as innovative as JetBlue when it first came to market.

One of the reasons Neeleman is doing this is because of the availability of the A220-300, an all new aircraft based on the linkup between Airbus and Bombardier of Canada. The plane can carry 150 people and is very economical to operate.

More on the A220 is in the next article. See more about "Moxy" [here](#).

8. About The Airbus A220

Although the Airbus name is on the A220-300 that David Neeleman will be buying to start his new airline, the plane is actually made by Bombardier in Québec. The planes Neeleman will be receiving will have 150 seats, the same as the current seating capacity in JetBlue's A320 aircraft, now being reconfigured with thinner seats that the airline claims will be just as comfortable despite the addition of 12 more seats, bringing capacity up to 162.

In the case of the A220-300, the single aisle planes will have three seats on one side and two on the other in about 30 rows, totaling 150 seats. The seats are said to be fairly large with excellent legroom. Details such as the name of the airline, where it will be flying, routes, pricing, food service, etc., have yet to be announced. The airline is expected to start taking delivery of the new aircraft during 2020 and it expects to start flying in 2021. Don't be surprised later to see this new line compete head-to-head with some of JetBlue's Caribbean destinations including SXM.

Ironically, not long ago JetBlue announced that it is getting rid of its hundred-seat Embraer E190 aircraft and replacing them with the A220-300 — the same aircraft Mr. Neeleman is ordering. Both JetBlue and Neeleman will be ordering 60 of the aircraft, although JetBlue is also ordering A321neo jets which would enable it to fly both to Hawaii and to Europe, though Europe will probably come first.

We'll keep you posted about all airlines and aircraft serving SXM here, as always.

9. United Changing Its Boarding Process

Like some other carriers, United Airlines is having trouble in some of the busier airports that it serves with passengers spilling over into the concourse when queuing up to board flights. The result is inconvenience for all passengers as well as safety concerns within the Airports. Consequently, United is changing its boarding process in an effort to mitigate the problem. Here are [details](#).

10. At SXM Airport, Great Progress Toward Nov. Reopening

Our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) recently posted pictures of work on the interior of the first floor of SXM Airport. Facilities there are being readied for the return of passengers sometime in November, when both arrivals and departures will return to the first floor of the main airport building. To see the pictures, visit the site. Use the search window on our homepage to access all stories about SXM Airport.

We'll keep you posted.

11. Philipsburg Voted Best Caribbean Port

Cruise ship passengers have voted the Dr. A. C. Wathey Cruise and Cargo Facilities as the best Caribbean cruise port. It's one of many accolades the Port has received since the new facilities opened.

More is [here](#).

12. Good News, Bad News: Saharan Dust Returns to SXM

Tradewinds usually provide consistent, gentle breezes across much of the tropics. Sometimes, those winds carry dust from the Sahara desert thousands of miles across the tropical Atlantic to the Caribbean.

Which do you want first, the good news or the bad news? Well, we'll give you the good news first. Saharan dust is transported in dry air, and both the dry air and the dust inhibit the ability of tropical storms to intensify. That's the good news. Saharan dust also seldom lasts more than a few days at a time.

The bad news is that the dust can be annoying to people with respiratory issues. No worry, visitors to the island were saying that Saturday morning sunshine revealed a remarkably clear day, with easy visibility to Saba and Statia. Current beach pictures are often posted on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

13. Best Places for Tropical Updates; Hurricane Tracking Chart

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. 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.

14. 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*.

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

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

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

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

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

15. What is the Best SXM Timeshare? Readers Speak

Our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) is a main point of focus on the island for nearly 22,000 SXM devotees. Almost daily, we ask our group interesting questions about the island — favorite restaurant, top entrées, best timeshares, best small hotels, and many more.

If you want to know what many of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) members say about the best SXM timeshare, visit the site. You will be very much interested in the responses.

If you're not a member of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) yet, ask to join; just answer the simple vetting questions. We look forward to welcoming you to the group.

16. What Is The Best Small SXM Hotel? Readers Speak

We recently asked this question of our members — in two different ways. To see their answers, go to our Jeff Berger's [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Hint: Azure Hotel in Simpson Bay received more positive comment following the surveys than any other small hotel property. It's very small, very good, and also quite inexpensive. Baker's Suites, similar in size and near Kimsha beach, also received outstanding reviews -- and they recently completed a significant renovation.

Check them out: [Azure Hotel](#) and [Baker's Suites](#).

17. Simpson Bay Resort Gets Huge Accolades from T/S Owners

A couple of years ago, Simpson Bay Resort completed a mammoth upgrade costing tens of millions of dollars. Although three of the resort's buildings were damaged beyond repair by Irma and had to be demolished, the rest of the resort was repaired and renovated and the resort was one of the first to open just weeks after Irma hit. A number of employees had lost everything in the storm and they were welcomed to stay in resort accommodations while they waited for their residences to be habitable. Dutch Marines sent to the island to facilitate the recovery after Irma were also housed at Simpson Bay Resort and other Dutch side resorts.

In fact, SBR was one of the very first resorts to offer accommodations to tourists as soon as regular flights to the island resumed. Resort management has continued to work from one end of the resort to the other to make it the beautiful home away from home experience that timeshare owners expect.

To our knowledge, no large timeshare resort has received more accolades about its condition, service, responsiveness, etc. than Simpson Bay Resort, although as we've written many others are open and in excellent shape. You can check out SBR [here](#).

18. Timeshare Rentals Listings Updated; See Hundreds

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 [everythingSXM.com](#). Check them out: they have just been heavily revised as summer nears its end.. Get your rental weeks now. (Ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively.)

19. Thanksgiving Week Seminar Coming on Relocating to SXM

Plans continue advancing for a JMB Website Supporters members seminar/party on November 20 on SXM concerning both purchasing property on the island and relocating there.

We expect the presentation to be concise but thorough, examining all aspects of the process as they relate to foreigners buying on either side of the island.

The tentative location of this event is expected to be a large new restaurant not far from Philipsburg that is getting rave reviews from visitors and locals. So, this event will not only provide you with a great deal of useful information from our real estate partners, Arun Jagtiani's Island Real Estate Team, but at the same time it will also give you a great initial visit to this new, top-of-the-line restaurant set in a beautiful location. The date is expected to be November 20, the Tuesday before Thanksgiving. We are working on all the details now. As soon that process is complete, we will formally announce this event to our JMB Website Supporters members. Like most of our island events, we expect this seminar/party to be a members-only event however at this point we expect to encourage our members to invite some of their friends who also are interested in relocating to SXM to come to the seminar with them, provided all are pre-registered. There may also be a charge for nonmembers to attend.

As soon as everything has been finalized, we will email JMB Website Supporters and announce initial registration. A similar announcement will also be published here in *SXM Weekly News*, although this event is not expected to morph into something public. *If you are interested in attending this event or any other JMB members-only parties, we strongly suggest you join JMB Website Supporters and take advantage of the hundreds of discounts and benefits it offers. You can find out more by clicking the page curl on the homepage of our main site, everythingSXM.com. A Sale is currently underway but it ends very soon.*

In answer to many questions that have already been posed to us, we do expect this event to be recorded, and we hope to make that recording available to all JMB Website Supporters members through our members-only secret website. Attendance will be limited, so after you receive the details from us, we urge you to preregister quickly.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

20. 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.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#).

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

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

21. Court Orders Halt to Parking on Great Bay Beach

Despite objections from a number of people, it has been going on for quite some time: parking near the West end of Philipsburg off Front Street actually on Great Bay beach.

Arguments against parking on the beach are numerous and varied, but to us the most potent arguments are the environmental concerns — things cars leave behind after parking anywhere. A trip to a busy parking lot after hours gives you ample evidence of why parking on a beach is a bad idea.

Fortunately, a judge has now ordered it stopped. Here's [the story](#).

22. Don't Park on Front Street or Back Street

When Front Street was completely redesigned a number of years ago, and when Back Street was similarly redesigned a few years later, the intent was to make the streets more attractive for all tourists while making them convenient for everyone.

Except for commercial vehicles delivering goods, parking on both Front Street and Back Street in the downtown area was prohibited. Word was spread through publicity carried in local media, and has been spread widely by word-of-mouth ever since.

There are no signs throughout most of the downtown area about the prohibition of parking. Consequently, if you park in violation of existing regulations, your car will be towed and you won't know it until you return to the scene of the tow.

Fortunately, there's quite a bit of parking available a couple of blocks behind the courthouse in the center of town (for a fee), plus free parking along the Salt Pond on the Pondfill. We do suggest you avoid parking on Front Street and Back Street, however, when in Philipsburg.

23. "Below Deck" Returns With Accolades Toward SXM

For the past few years, the Bravo cable TV program Below Deck has been filmed in SXM. The most recent filming, in March of last year, was off the coast aboard a megayacht normally docked in Marigot. Series filming normally takes place in March, with airing late in August or September.

The last episode of the show aired last fall featured Capt. Lee with some poignant comments about St. Maarten, where the captain and crew had lived and worked while the series filming was underway.

In recent promos for this year's episodes, which are just starting to air, Capt. Lee's comments were repeated. As we reported here last winter, series filming for the 2018 episodes was done in Tahiti.

We don't know yet where filming will be done this winter for 2019 episodes — or in fact whether the program has been renewed, though we expect it will be. We'll do our best to keep you posted.

24. HGTV Shooting Again in SXM

It's not unusual to see HGTV filming episodes concerning people from the US and Canada who are relocating to SXM. In fact, the cable TV network did some shooting on the island at the end of last week, as you may have seen if you were in Philipsburg.

Beyond that, our lips are sealed. As soon as information about future SXM-related episodes on HGTV is released, we'll be publishing it here.

25. Volunteers Remove Tons of Trash from SXM Beaches

If you've ever lived very close to a beach anywhere in the Caribbean, you know that one of the most irritating things about it is that sometimes people leave garbage. If there are beach boys, they get the unenviable task of cleaning up after tourists.

Many people now say something to people who are walking away from their garbage. And every Fall, groups on both sides of the island fan out across a number of beaches and clean them up. Over the last few weeks, almost three tons of garbage was cleaned from SXM beaches. True, some of it came in on tides, where mother nature had placed it after hurricane Irma. But even in seasons when there are no hurricanes -- there is still garbage.

More is [here](#).

Please remember: Take only Pictures, Leave only Footprints....

26. About Getting US / Canadian Meds in SXM

Remember this before you finish packing for SXM: the Dutch side of the island is essentially part of the Netherlands and the French side is essentially part of France. That means that on the Dutch side, you will tend to find patent medicines and prescription drugs sold in the Netherlands, and on the French side you'll find patent medicines and prescriptions sold in France.

If you want to be certain that your prescription drugs will be in your hands when you are on SXM, get a vacation override from your health insurance company (if you have prescription coverage) and bring the medication you need with you. Never put prescribed meds in checked baggage — you don't want important medications to be lost.

If you find yourself on SXM without enough prescription medications, take your prescription bottles to a pharmacy. Our favorite pharmacy is Orange Grove pharmacy in the Orange Grove area off the Union Road, Dutch side. Other pharmacies are noted both in discussions and in the files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

Just bear in mind that you may not be able to get specific American prescription medications on SXM — so if it's important stuff you need, get it before you leave and take it with you.

27. SkyMed Medevac Just \$1.35/day; Global Coverage Available

Just \$1.35/day* for SkyMed's BEST Family Peace-of-Mind Medevac Protection:

Protect All Your Upcoming Travel Worldwide with SkyMed, the

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See www.getskymed.com for details,

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See the [rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits.](#)

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pricing differs.

Global coverage is included in Ultimate memberships, and an inexpensive option on annual memberships. Annual memberships "Take You Home" when you travel in the USA, Canada, Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Global coverage includes the rest of the world except places on the U. S. State Department Watch List.

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

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See getskymed.com. SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

[See the rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits](#)

28. 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.

29. 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.

More stories follow.

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30. Less Money, More Benefits, Ten Year Price

Guarantee on SkyMed Ultimate

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That's a 10-year price guarantee.
More benefits... same price.

Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See getskymed.com.

31. "WHY?" 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, everythingxsm.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?

32. 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...

33. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

CAR RENTALS:

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#)

Starlite Car Rental (Belair Resort; just joined)

Sax Car Rental

CIGARS HAND-MANUFACTURED ON SXM:

[Das Cigars](#)

CUBAN CIGARS:

[Cigar Mack](#)

[SXM Cigars](#) (New)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS::

[SkyMed International](#) (Scottsdale, Az.)

JEWELERS:

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

[Little Europe Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

Caribbean Gems

Oro Diamante

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

Art of Time (new)

Artistic Jewelers (new)

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES:

[Island Real Estate Team](#) is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Site*.

RESORTS:

Simpson Bay Resort

Baker's Suites

RESTAURANTS:

[IZI](#)

[SPIGA](#)

[VESNA TAVERNA](#)

Melange (new; Port de Plaisance)

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES:

If you're interested in making a villa reservation (doing it with close friends can be fun and more economical than you'd imagine), contact our top recommended Villa rental/sale partners at [Island Real Estate Team](#). Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent

know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Site*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

Jennifer's Vacation Villas has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Site*.

Heavily Updated 9/16/18

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:

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

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 8/26/18 Mario's Bistro reopened a few weeks after Irma hit and looks forward to your return. Phenomenal dining.

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 Sushiiitto) (6/18/18) is the new name of Sushiiitto, 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.

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 has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

Domino's Pizza <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.
The Hideaway, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.
Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.
Le Pressoir, <http://www.lepressoir-sxm.com> (featured 7/6/15) Reopening in September.
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.
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; dinner reopens in October (annual closing for Dinner).
Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 2/27/17) Reopened quickly.
Taloula Mango <http://www.taloulamango.com/> (featured 4/20/15) Reopened.

The following restaurants are all closed permanently thanks to Irma.

Big Fish Restaurant www.bigfishsxm.com/ (featured 5/1/17). Big Fish has closed but will reopen later this year; different ownership expected and probably a new menu / name.
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.
The Boathouse, <https://www.facebook.com/CDayDay777> 10/3/16 Just got insurance settlement, not yet reopened.
Stone Restaurant, www.thestonerestaurant.com (featured 9/2/14) Stone is permanently closed.
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. Sold by Lal to new owners, but same kitchen staff and menu.
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.
FIG, Maho complex at Le Terrasse Had closed permanently before Irma hit.
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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Our Sponsorships enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email susan@jmbcommunications.com with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". We'll get complete information to you quickly. Summer is here and with it, plenty of 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.

St. Maarten / St. Martin Homes, Villas, Businesses, Commercial Properties, and Residential Properties for Sale (NEW):

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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SECTION 5: For Members Only

- A. **Where to Get Member Info:** www.everythingsxm.com/secret
- B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at www.everythingsxm.com. To change your password, click that same link.
- C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See www.everythingsxm.com/secret. Your username and password are required.

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

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