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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 11/24/2018 12/1/2018 Week 47 **Simpson Bay Resort** 1 bedroom sleep 4 Saturday-Saturday check in. King bed plus 2 murphy beds in living room all newly remodeled unit. Fully equipped kitchen, large balcony with beautiful ocean view & fantastic sunsets. Close to beach, pool, watersports, deli, restaurants & casino. Renter pays \$50 timeshare tax upon check out. \$1,500.00 Bonnie 603-321-7631 sxmdream@hotmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 2/9/2019 2/16/2019 Week 6 **Sapphire Beach Club** One privacy bedroom, Pull out couch which makes it a sleep 4 unit. Full kitchen. Balcony looking over ocean. Parking garage underneath or parking in front of building. Bar-restaurant on premises. Also have a convenient store & salon for all your needs. 14,998.00 Susan 609-476-4166 slzang1@aol.com

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1. Weather Update: It's Complicated

As of Sunday, a tropical system was forming east southeast of SXM and was expected to move west northwest, winding up north of Puerto Rico and East of the Bahamas by midweek. If the system develops into a tropical storm or subtropical storm, it will be named Patty - 2018's 16th named storm.

The last few days on SXM have been rainy, with a fair amount of street flooding. This storm, which will bring more rain today (Monday) to SXM and abate tomorrow morning (Tuesday), may also bring some gusty winds to the island.

For much more information, please see recent posts on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) and in the weather center of our main site, [everythingSXM.com](#). If you are potentially in the path of this or any other storm, see [crownweather.com](#).

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2. 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.

3. Guaranteed 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.

4. Your Invitation To Our Seminar on Relocating To SXM

On November 20 in St. Maarten, we will hold an important, well-detailed seminar designed to help people who are interested in relocating to SXM; buying a vacation home there; buying a retirement home; acquiring an income property on SXM; or even starting a business there. .

The seminar will be led by Arun Jagtiani, head of Island Real Estate Team and widely regarded as SXM's top realtor and will feature other subject matter experts. The Seminar will be opened by Jeff Berger.

Although it is expected to last only two hours, the seminar will be packed with information that applies to both sides of the island. Subject matter experts are creating this event in such a way that it will answer all your questions — even many you may not have thought of. Nonetheless, there will be a substantial audience question and answer period as well following the presentations.

In the past, our audiences for special events like this have always been JMB Website Supporters members, in most cases exclusively. **We have decided this event, however, will be different: we are opening it up from the get-go to both JMB Website Supporters members, who can register now at no cost, and to others interested in possible relocation or property investment on SXM.** Nonmembers will be allowed to preregister now as well, and they will be approved on a space-available basis at a cost of \$35 per person assessed by the venue and collected by the venue upon check-in on the day of the seminar. *We expect to publish the complete seminar agenda sometime this coming week or next on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#), following which it will also be published here in SXM Weekly News.*

Preregister Now. Attendance will be strictly limited to 100 people. To preregister, send an email to susank@jmbcommunications.com with the subject Relocation Seminar. We will need your JMB Website Supporters membership number if you are a member, plus the full names of all attendees and their email addresses and telephone numbers. JMB Website Supporters will be allowed to bring two guests to the seminar — two people who are also interested in relocating to SXM or buying property there. Children are not invited to and are not welcome at this event. The nonmember guests must pay the fee noted above (though they can of course join JMB and avoid it). We will acknowledge attendance quickly for JMB Website Supporters members and we will add nonmembers to a wait list. They will be contacted in the order in which they registered soon, at which time we hope to accommodate everyone to the maximum of 100 total attendees.

If you are serious about possibly relocating to SXM, you may want to become a JMB Website Supporters member by the middle of this coming week which is when our membership sale must end; once you become a JMB member, you will not only get our 300 discounts and other benefits across SXM, but we will have priority access to the seminar and will not have to pay to attend it.

Complete Seminar Agenda:

- Legal Requirements for purchasing property in St. Maarten
- Financing Options to purchase real estate
- Pros and Cons of renting vs buying
- Pros and Cons of owning on the French Side / Dutch Side (Presentation with Pablo Yahuda)
- Finding the right property (price, amenities, neighborhood)
- What to look for in an agent (why choose IRET)
- Absentee Ownership Challenges (property management / vacation rentals)
- Getting used to island time!
- Legal Requirements to move here full time (retired / residency process)
- Legal Requirements to work in SXM (Dutch / American Treaty, presented by Soc from Island 92)
- Legal Requirements to open a business
- How to open a bank account in SXM

- Insurance (health, property)
- Sky Med (Presented by Jeff Berger, about two minutes)
- Sneak Peak of new development coming soon, special price incentives for anyone at this event!
- Introduction to Norman & Sue... Emilio's plug
- Q&A

5. Royal Islander La Plage Reopening Dec. 8

From the Royal Islander Timeshare Owners Group:

Update November 10, 2018

The News You Have Been Waiting For From Royal Islander Club Royal Islander La Plage opens December 8th 2018

We are very happy to share our positive news with you! On December 8, 2018, week 49, Royal Islander Club will reopen La Plage, following the devastation sustained by Hurricane Irma over one year ago.

Despite the unprecedented damage sustained throughout the resort, our passionate team and construction crews have been working above and beyond to ensure that the renovation is completed for you.

You will return to a newly refreshed La Plage! All of your favorite amenities including the hot tub and Tortuga Beach Café have been reconstructed and improved.

Throughout the resort, most units are now equipped with upgraded windows and doors, and the 38 units that were severely damaged are fully outfitted with new furniture. All units are now equipped with upgraded WiFi.

Also, we have made significant progress in the reconstruction and restoration efforts at La Terrasse, and we are now focusing on the interior of the units. We hope to be able to set a reopening date for La Terrasse very soon.

Maho Village is also making remarkable progress and it's getting to be its busy, buzzy self again. Casino Royale underwent a massive renovation and its façade is one of the island's most stunning contemporary architectural masterpieces. Some of your favorite restaurants are also now open.

It has been a major endeavor and, while there is still much to be done, we hope that you will be pleased with the massive work that has been done to restore the resorts to their original Caribbean splendor.

Thank you for your patience and your overwhelming support during the past months. We look forward to welcoming you back to your home away from home.

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6. One Club O Company Declares Bankruptcy; the Other is Fine

Published reports have said that Club Orient has declared bankruptcy. We knew that the corporate organization was fading into the sunset, as we reported here a few weeks ago. We contacted those concerned and asked them about the bankruptcy; this was their reply:

"OBC the management company (not the Copropriété) has been liquidated. The copro still has the project to rebuild."

We have contacted the Copro about rebuilding but had not heard from them by presstime.

We visited Club Orient earlier this week. The current version of the Perch snack bar is open, as is the beach for clothing optional use as always. Some of the accommodations units on the waterfront were destroyed altogether, while waves washed through all the rest during Irma leaving them is rather ghostly relics dotting the landscape of the

resort. The grounds, always so well maintained, are all overgrown now. There is still the intent to rebuild, although the French side government has thrown challenging requirements in the face of all construction planning, particularly when it is close to the coast.

As always, we'll keep you posted.

7. Places to Stay: Many Available, Take Your Pick

With several timeshare resorts back online — Belair, Sea Palace, Divi, Atrium Resort, Simpson Bay Resort, and Oyster Bay Beach now open too -- timeshare owners continue to post 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 been heavily revised.

Get your rental weeks now. Note: ads on those pages are from JMB Website Supporters members exclusively.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

8. 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

=====LAST CALL=====

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9. Overview of Returning to SXM: One Phenomenal Recovery

Although thousands of our readers have already visited SXM since Irma hit, most readers have not yet returned — but the vast majority plan to do so this winter, some as early as this month.

We know many readers have been concerned about the condition of the island and whether it can support tourism.

We've now been here more than a week and have spent virtually that entire time touring the island and talking to people, mostly people involved directly with tourists because they manage major resorts or restaurants. We've also spent a great deal of time simply eyeballing the island.

It is crystal clear that SXM's recovery from Irma has been absolutely phenomenal. If we had spent the last year and a half in a cave and had no idea that a storm as colossal as Irma had hit, we'd know by looking around that something had happened, since some structures have disappeared, a few boats are still sunk in the lagoon, and a relatively small number of structures have been abandoned since they no longer have roofs. But all of those are rare exceptions to an island which appears to be thriving now from all perspectives.

The airport was busy, though it is still operating from tents that are now in their last few weeks of use. Restaurants are busy, some so busy that we saw them turn away some groups of people last week who had not made reservations.

Everything is functioning normally — telephones, Internet, electricity, and of course traffic in Simpson Bay is heavy as usual.

If you're expecting something semi-functional or nonfunctional here, you won't find it. The island is as it always has been — greatly welcoming, 100% capable of accommodating thousands of guests every week, feeding them, entertaining them in its casinos, etc. -- in other words, same as it ever was, with very minor exceptions.

We were received by long-term friends with wide smiles and open arms. What's not to love about this great island? If you haven't already done so, make your reservations today and join us.

Many timeshare units and villas are offered for rent on our main site, everythingSXM.com, where you can also see links to our two rental partners — Jennifer's Vacation Villas and IREvacations.com. There is no reason whatsoever for you not to come to your favorite island in the months ahead!

10. Butterflies Everywhere

They aren't in homes — at least as far as we know, but the light yellow Great Southern butterflies that have been residing in SXM for years are here in abundance right now, clearly enjoying each other's company, benefiting from the lush countryside, and grabbing a quick lunch or snack from hundreds of thousands of blooms across the island. Bring your camera and plan to shoot video — it's like a Light Snowstorm of Butterflies here right now.

11. Mother Nature Turns SXM Green, Beautiful

Mother Nature is a very fickle lady, capable of great beauty as well as great destruction — as SXM knows from past history.

The island right now is gorgeous, as lush as it ever gets, festooned everywhere with gorgeous flowering plants that provide great opportunities both for local and visiting artists as well as photographers. It's quite a show....

12. Update on Club Orient's C/O Beach

The beach was busy when we went by this week — lots of umbrellas and lots of people over a wide expanse of beach.

But competition now is stiffer, if you'll pardon the expression. Groups of naturists also enjoy Cupecoy beach where there's a bar, refreshments, plus umbrellas and chairs — similar to Orient and more convenient for many people.

If you want to tan all over, you might want to consider both.

13. Dany's Beach Bar Greet's Cupecoy's Nov. Lemondroppers

Dany's Beach Bar at Cupecoy beach has been a mainstay of that beach for decades.

Cupecoy may well be the most scenic of all SXM beaches, with its backdrop of sandstone cliffs that take on brilliant rust colored hues late in the day. Dany provides chairs and umbrellas, parking which he keeps an eye on, a bar, and on busier days Lolo type food including Lobsters. It's a great take and a tradition. Right now, lemondroppers are on their November trip, though it ends before Thanksgiving. Come and enjoy and you can get an overall tan as part of the bargain.

There is also no discernible Sargassum seaweed either at Cupecoy or virtually any other SXM beach right now.

14. At Toppers, There's Fresh Lobster Every Day...

We've heard that some people believe they can only get lobster on SXM during certain special restaurant Lobster Nights.

We're here to tell you that at Toppers in Simpson Bay, that's not the case — fresh lobster from the island of Saba is available every day at Toppers, caught by their very own fishermen.

It's also perfectly prepared and absolutely delicious — and you can get a lobster dinner for the paltry price of only about \$29, an incredible bargain compared with lots of other places on the island.

It's getting busy on SXM, so reservations are highly recommended.

By the way, if you're going to be here on Thanksgiving, Toppers is always one of the island's busiest places on the holiday — and you can get lobster then, too, if you're not a turkey lover. See story 16.

15. Restaurants Get Very Busy: Reservations Recommended

We've had dinner across the island a few times this week, and each of those outings had one thing in common -- the restaurants were all very busy.

In fact, as we mentioned in another story here, a couple of the restaurants were turning people away who came in without reservations and for whom there was no room. Lots of restaurants are open now, as usual, with lots of people on the island — so it's wise to do as you would always do on SXM and that is make reservations before venturing out.

16. For Thanksgiving, Reservations are Essential

Many Dutch side restaurants offer complete turkey dinners during Thanksgiving — and this year, that number has increased.

For a complete list of participating restaurants, see our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). Among the restaurants offering Thanksgiving dinners this year (plus Thanksgiving dinners at lunchtime) are **Toppers**, which has offered Thanksgiving feasts for years, along with their regular menu; **Vesna Taverna**, just north of the drawbridge in Simpson Bay; **La Patrona**, which offers valet parking to make accessing this Simpson Bay resort restaurant easier (also offered all day); and the newest restaurant to join the Thanksgiving tradition will be **David Foini's iZi Ristorante Italiano**, which is offering complete Thanksgiving dinners with all the fixings all day long, with smaller portions available for young children.

Our listings on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) will be expanded as we hear of other places with Thanksgiving dinner offers. Regardless, make reservations — Thanksgiving is an exceptionally busy day on the island and reservations are essential.

17. Seat Belt Use / Drinking / Car Trunk Use

Here are three things for you to remember when you are traversing SXM:

First, wear your seatbelt. It's the law here, and there are heavy fines for disobeying — especially on the French side.

Second, avoid drinking and driving, or pick a designated driver. Here as at home, There are heavy fines for drinking and driving — and that particularly applies to the French side. If there are four people in your car who aren't wearing seatbelts, you will be fine for every person disobeying the law.

Third, never leave valuables in your car and never put them in your car trunk. I've seen hundreds of people do that over the years — and if I've seen it, so have people with a real desire to see what you stuck in your trunk....

You're Invited to Our Two Thanksgiving-Week Parties:

Please see story #4 about our Relocation Seminar on 11/20.

Meet & Greet at Snoopy's Bar, at the Entrance To Isle De Sol Yacht Club (on Snoopy Island), Simpson Bay;

You're invited to a
**MEMBERS MEET AND GREET &
HOLIDAY TOY DRIVE**
for SXM island children
Preregistration Required:

When: Wednesday, 11/21/18 6PM to ?
That's Thanksgiving Eve.

Where: Snoopy's Bar next to the main
entrance of Isle de Sol Yacht Club /
Snoopy Island (next to SkipJack's).
Address: 80 Welfare Road, Simpson

Bay, Dutch Side.

Who: JMB Website Supporters
Members (see "Guests" below).
No one under the age of 21 admitted.
You **MUST** have your current, valid
JMB Website Supporters Membership
Card with you. **Not a member?**
See *below!* We want **TOYS!**

Features: 2 for 1 well drinks and free
appetizers. SNOOPY'S BAR is home to
SXM's only recognized "Singing Bartender"
who many of you know. KARAOKE too.

Guests: JMB member couples may
bring up to two guests to this event
but they also ***MUST*** be preregistered.
Again **ABSOLUTELY NO CHILDREN.**
Not a JMB member but want to go?
See below.

Relocation Seminar: This event is
separate from the Relocation Seminar
we're sponsoring on the island the prior
evening at Emilio's. You also must
preregister for that as outlined in
separate messages to JMB members.

How To Register for the Party at Snoopy's:

Email SNOOPYPARTY11212018@GMAIL.COM
with your JMB Website Supporters
membership number and expiration date
and your name and your spouse / partner's
name. Your attendance is confirmed when
we respond in writing after membership
verification. Remember, if you plan on
bringing guests, they ***MUST*** be
preregistered by you **NOW**. Maximum
two guests. When you receive our
response, please print it out and bring
it with you to the party: it will serve as
your admission. You cannot register for
this party by writing to Membership
Services or any other JMB address.

Not a member? We still have space!
Register as noted above but note
that you're not a JMB member; we'll
admit everyone we can until we hit
the attendance limit of 100 people.

18. Big Carrefour (Le Grand Marche) Reopening This Month

The Carrefour Market in Philipsburg, formerly Le Grand Marché, will be reopening this month. Its sister market, the Carrefour in Cole Bay off the Union Road, is expected to reopen sometime next year, although the date is not yet clear.

The Carrefour in Philipsburg suffered twin disasters — first from Irma, and then a roof fire not long after it had reopened. It has now been completely reimaged and rebuilt. From what we've heard, it sounds much more like an

advanced US supermarket. We'll be visiting once it reopens and will tell you more then.

19. New Hope Estate Super U Months Away

We took a close look this past week at the new Super U, being erected on the site of the former Simply market in Hope Estate between the Orient area and Grand Case.

The large cinderblock building now under construction looks like it will be housing multiple businesses, not just Super U. Regardless of that, it does look like this Super U location will be larger, perhaps by a significant degree, than the current Super U in Marigot.

The shell of the building is pretty much done, from what we can tell. Our guess is that the interior will not be finished and the market will not likely be open for another few months. Nonetheless, we'll keep an eye on it for you and let you know what we see.

20. Spiga and Vesna Taverna Reopen after Fall Vacations

Both Café Spiga in Grand Case and Vesna Taverna in Simpson Bay just north of the drawbridge had been closed for their annual vacations until this past week, when they reopened. Vesna Taverna continued to stay open for breakfast and lunch, and had been closed for dinner only.

Both restaurants have long been on our short list; they are two of the best on the island, though they're vastly different spots. Café Spiga offers creative Italian dining in a beautiful setting, while Vesna Taverna offers an eclectic collection of continental and American dining with touches from around the world. Vesna Taverna owners Vesna and Yannick offer classic French, Greek, and Continental food along with many American dishes. They have classic American breakfasts and lunches, and are open for dinner Wednesday through Saturday.

Find more information at Spiga-SXM.com and at vesnataverna.com.

21. Traveling Next Winter? Why It's Critical To Get SkyMed Now

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24. About Our SXM Summertime Vacation Giveaway

Entries are now locked. We'll very 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....

25. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)

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[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

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Caribbean Gems

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RESORTS:

Simpson Bay Resort

Baker's Suites

Azure Hotel & Art Studio

RESTAURANTS:

[IZI](#)

[SPIGA](#)

[VESNA TAVERNA](#)

Melange (new; Port de Plaisance)

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

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Heavily Updated 10/1/18

26. 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](#).

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

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

28. Restaurant of the Week: iZi Ristorante Italiano - Big Changes!

iZi Ristorante Italiano, which reopened just weeks after hurricane Irma, has reinvented itself in ways that customers

will very much appreciate.

First, the food here is Italian culinary creativity at its best, as has been the case since the days when David Foini owned and operated his legendary La Gondola restaurant in the Cupecoy area. He brought that level of creativity to this upbeat, lively Simpson Bay location about 10 years ago and has had great success ever since.

Second, in response to the needs of the local market, Zi Ristorante Italiano has added inexpensive lunches and reduced the prices on its dinner menu. It has also introduced several two-for dinner offerings to meet hearty appetites at very reasonable pricing.

Third, on Thanksgiving Zi will be introducing its first annual Thanksgiving feast in addition to its regular menu throughout the day and evening. It's the complete thing that you would expect with some creative Italian touches. It's a great year to give Zi a try on your Thanksgiving holiday..

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 11/12/18, 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.

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 Terasse 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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