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### SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

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### SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

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

## **1. What The Future Holds at SXM Airport**

Late last week, we interviewed Ravi Daryanani, CFO and Acting CEO of SXM Airport. Here are major items from that interview:

**Jeff Berger: What effects is SXM Airport feeling from the delay on the part of the Nagico insurance company in paying claims on your policies in the wake of hurricane Irma?**

**Mr. Daryanani:** They have paid the injunction court-ordered amount but not the final claim; the final claim settlement is currently under arbitration. The full amount we hope to receive through arbitration is still not clear but we hope to get close to our full claim. The amount received from Nagico so far is the collateral of the current Note Holders. None of that will be released until either a) a settlement is reached for the full amount of reconstruction, b) a loan is given to SXM Airport by the World Bank/EIB, or c) we finalize our refinancing plan.

*Whatever work we are doing now is being paid for out of our own operating funds and reserves we had built up. That is how we were able to rebuild the first floor of the terminal and open it back up for arrivals and departures. We've exhausted all of our reserves now. That's where we're at.*

**Jeff Berger: What caused the problems with the roof, and what is being done by way of reconstruction to prevent any repetition in future storms?**

**Mr. Daryanani:** There was a lot of debris flying around outside thanks to the sustained 185 mph winds from Irma. That combination of wind and flying debris seriously damaged most of the roof, destroyed the entry doors, and caused an enormous buildup of pressure inside the building which further damaged the roof and interior of the terminal. Following all that damage, a great deal of rainwater was dumped inside by Hurricane Maria when it passed the island.

In repairing the building, we have to build better and stronger. It must be capable of withstanding another Irma without the kind of damage that it suffered in Irma and Maria. Our new roof when it is completed by the end of January will be one of the strongest roofs in the entire region.

**Jeff Berger: The conveyor belt area for arriving passenger baggage is not as large as it had been pre-Irma. Will that change at all between now and the time the second floor departure area is fully restored, and the first floor baggage area returns to its pre-Irma size?**

**Mr. Daryanani:** There's not sufficient floorspace to allow a larger baggage claim area while both arrivals and departures and being handled temporarily on the first floor. However we have studied that matter in depth and calculated passenger needs against the winter schedule and we are confident things will move smoothly. We also



have ample staff available to augment manpower in that area during periods where that would be necessary. We also must follow rules and regulations and we're doing that. We're confident things will run smoothly.

**Jeff Berger:** *When do you expect to return to full service -- departures virtually all handled from the second floor, and with check-in and baggage pickup on the first floor, as before?*

**Mr. Daryanani:** We are going to have a phased-in return of normal gate operations starting, we expect, late in 2019, perhaps two gates reopening at a time. As more gate areas are completely rebuilt, they will be phased into service. All our jetways were severely damaged by Irma and completely rebuilding or replacing them is part of the equation of reopening all the gates. *Depending on financing, we expect that everything can be completely back to normal perhaps during Q2 or Q3 of 2020. We know that passengers are delighted to be back in the terminal and they will be seeing the progress of restoration first-hand.*

**Jeff Berger:** *What about air-conditioning, rest rooms, and food and shopping?*

**Mr. Daryanani:** The entire terminal is air conditioned, ample rest rooms are provided as always, and restaurants and liquid refreshments are available both inside the building and in full-size food trucks outside from Johny Burger and Domino's. There are many choices now for families inside the terminal.

**Jeff Berger:** *Are any further changes expected in areas where passengers interact with the facility before things are back to normal on both floors?*

**Mr. Daryanani:** Incrementally in steps, yes. Because of the phasing-in I had mentioned, we'll be taking small steps to migrate gate operations upstairs starting late in 2019 and continuing until everything is completed.

**Jeff Berger:** *Is the parallel taxiway still in planning? If yes, timing?*

**Mr. Daryanani:** All Capital Projects pre Irma are on hold for now and will be part of the new strategic plan.

**Jeff Berger:** *Previous administration there had talked about a central car rental facility and a name brand airport hotel across the street. Are those still in planning?*

**Mr. Daryanani:** [Again], All Capital Projects pre Irma are on hold for now and will be part of the new strategic plan.

SXM Weekly News thanks SXM Airport for our recent building tour and for this interview. As always, we will stay on top of what's happening there, and of service changes, and we'll keep you posted right here.

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## 2. Last Week's Weather

After several weeks of excellent weather here, last week was marked by largely showery weather punctuated by heavy rain Friday night and rain and wind Saturday. Sunday's weather was expected to be an improvement over Saturday's. During the rain episodes, wind gusts reached about 30 mph at times.

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## 3. Seven Ships, 39,000 People Arrive on 12/26

Seven cruise ships — the highest number hosted throughout 2018 — visited the island on Boxing Day, December 26, carrying almost 29,000 passengers plus nearly 10,000 crew members.

We stayed out of Philipsburg that day. There was widespread hope that many of the visitors would spend a significant amount of time in shops on Front Street.

See next story.

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## **HOLIDAY MEMBERSHIP SALE**

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### **4. 587 Aircraft Movements at SXM Airport 12/24-12/26**

There were some 587 aircraft movements at SXM Airport between December 24 and December 26. Most of these were private or corporate jets, which are now parked nose to tail in various tarmac parking areas throughout the airport.

Passengers were headed toward villas in the French lowlands, toward La Samanna, toward luxury hotels in Anguilla, or toward legendary parties in neighboring St. Barths. More on New Year's Eve appears in story 13.

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### **5. Dozens of Megayachts Converge for New Year's on St. Barths**

Billionaires are everywhere on St. Barths for New Year's celebrations. Their planes are here in SXM (St. Barths airport is tiny) and their megayachts have been here too, but are now in nearby St. Barths. We tell you some of the luminaries in story 14.

Much more on the mammoth megayachts is [here](#).



## 6. Current SXM Weather / Weather (Updated)

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://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](http://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](http://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.

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## 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](#).

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

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

## **8. Royal Palm, Flamingo Rev Up Recovery**

Yvonne Mendenhall, a JMB member who is also a Moderator of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) gathered this important info regarding both Diamond Resorts properties on SXM.

Here you go:

For Diamond Resort owners--Flamingo and Royal Palm--and those members who wonder what's happening with that vacant building space with the world bustling around them on Simpson Bay...

**Supplies** are coming in. There have been several containers unloaded in the past week -- more to come.

**Workers** are beginning to arrive. They are skilled construction contract workers hired from various locations by the international contractor who is doing the construction on both resorts.

Diamond said the workers will all have SXM work permits, temporary residency, and insurance -- good for the workers and for SXM. They will arrive as their paperwork is completed. Local workers are on the job as well and are expected

to continue through the building process, but there are not enough construction workers on the island to go around, so some have to be brought in. The workers will be housed at Flamingo, but work at both properties.

Work will be done concurrently at both properties, so [first] windows and doors on both to secure the buildings, then interior electrical, plumbing and HVAC on both concurrently, etc. That will mean the two properties will be completed close to the same time. This rebuild is being done to very high specs -- stronger and new "everything." Projected completion (and I understand that to mean 100% complete) is June/July 2020.

Model Units (1 or 2 at each property) will be prepared and projected opening for the public to view those is end of March 2019. More to come on this as it progresses.

Here's hoping for quiet weather and few interruptions to delay work.

I met with Mervin LeBlanc, Diamond Resorts, GM for Flamingo and Royal Palm, last week. We are hoping to meet again when he returns from his Christmas visit to family. I'll post anything new I learn. For more details, check the Flamingo/Royal Palm Timeshare Owners site on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/groups/127960504672487/>

for more frequent and detailed posts and comments.

There are many additional details (including 2019 Maintenance Fee info) posted on the meeting with Mervin, on the group page noted above. That is a public group, so open to all to read (I think you need to join if you want to

post or comment.) (End of Report)

Our thanks to Yvonne for this info.

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## 9. What Hotels / Timeshares Are Open? Our List...

If you're thinking about visiting SXM this winter — or next spring or summer (which is a great time of year to do so), check our listings in the FILES area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#). Those listings cover the status of all resorts and timeshares on SXM and are updated whenever things change.

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## 10. Surprise Mystery Guests at Belair and Simpson Bay...

Normally there's a barbecue at Belair resort late every Monday and at Simpson Bay there's a similar event on most Tuesdays, though not on New Year's. If you're a guest at either property, go -- from now through the end of March.

You'll see someone there that you know; introduce yourself ....

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## 11. 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 [everythingsxm.com](#). Check them out.

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

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### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 12. 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](#).**

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### **13. New Year's Eve on SXM**

Tonight, New Year's Eve, will be hopping across the island, with special New Year's Eve dinner selections at many restaurants (a number are already sold out) plus fireworks at midnight from Great Bay beach in downtown Philipsburg.

We hear Mariah Carey will be performing in St. Barths at one of the billionaire celebrations there. If you're staying in the vicinity of Dawn Beach Club or Oyster Bay Beach Resort, and have a view over the water, stay up until midnight and glance across to St. Barths. If the weather is good, which it usually is, you will be able to see two or three simultaneous private fireworks displays underway, as if in competition, at some of the private New Year's Eve celebrations on the island.

### **14. Stars Shine in SXM for New Year's Celebrations Nearby...**

In addition to billionaires on their megayachts, many luminaries come through SXM to St. Barths for private New Year's Eve celebrations.

Among those known to be in the area are Mariah Carey, Pharrell Williams, Michael Jordan (basketball), Lionel Richie, and many others.

More on this may be posted over the next couple of days on our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#).

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## 15. Cruise Ship Presence a Double-Edged Sword?

Are large numbers of cruise ship passengers visiting the island really as big a benefit as some would have us believe?

That question is being asked increasingly by some Front Street Philipsburg merchants whose business actually declines when significant numbers of cruise ship passengers invade the island.

Cruise ship lines routinely offer many island tours on which they make money. But the tours siphon away passengers who might otherwise be going to Philipsburg and spend money. Some are telling us that the government of St. Maarten should think twice about its relationships with cruise lines which seem to covet numbers of tourists over where the cruise line puts them once they get to the island. It isn't all gravy, they allege.

Stayover tourists, who are historically big spenders in downtown Philipsburg, stay out of town when there are a number of cruise ships in port, diminishing revenue for Philipsburg and for island tax coffers.

To be sure, many tourists are first introduced to SXM after having spent a few hours in port thanks to a cruise ship visit, and the value of those introductions can't be overstated.

But the island should be working closely with cruise ship lines to find a way to get more people to come into Philipsburg. Having thousands of cruise ship passengers from the Dutch side cruise port taken away from town doesn't make much economic sense for the island -- all it does is enrich the cruise lines at the island's expense.

We've spoken before here about the need for promotion of stayover tourism. We will be covering that subject again.

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## 16. Kon Tiki in Soft Reopening

KonTiki restaurant on Orient beach on the French side has now reopened — soft reopening. We'll let you know when or if they do a formal reopening.

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## 17. Noisy at Night? Complain to Minister of Tourism

With much ballyhoo a couple of years ago, a new parking lot was constructed on Kimsha beach next to Royal Palm beach resort.

Its intent was to ease parking woes in the area, according to announcements made at the time.

The reality is the Dutch side has never paid much attention to parking; it allows new structures to be built with almost no attention to parking. The result has been clogged roads.

In the case of the parking lot, about one third of it is now taken up by little businesses that have the same kind of honky-tonk look that used to be prevalent on Orient beach before the Collectivite got tired of it.

Now, late at night, in Simpson Bay the parking lot is the home to little bars that blast amplified music throughout the area, irritating local residents and some visitors as well. Increasing numbers of area residents are objecting - loudly.

If you live, lease, or own timesharing in the area affected by this noise, you should write a letter to the editor to the *Daily Herald* and mention by name tourism minister Stuart Johnson, and complain to him about the effects this incessant nighttime blaring of music is having on your family and its impact on your vacation.

Although the island has executed what must be regarded as a spectacular recovery, antics like those being executed in Simpson Bay ought to be stopped cold. The island's tourism product is still fragile thanks to Irma and it must be protected from irresponsibility.

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## 18. Zhaveri Jewelers Morphs into Zhaveri Luxury; Grand Re Opening

Zhaveri Jewelers, long a staple of the jewelry business on the island, recently moved to new quarters just west of the historic courthouse in downtown Philipsburg, on the same side of the street as the courthouse.

Zhaveri was running out of space in its former store, opposite Little Switzerland, and had to make a move. The new space, at 68 Front Street, is four times the size of Zhaveri's previous location, and enables Zhaveri to offer a much more extensive array of products for the entire family.

Indeed, they've morphed from Zhaveri Jewelers to Zhaveri Luxury to reflect the wider spectrum of products now offered, which includes a number of handbags from prestigious international designers whose products are not sold elsewhere on the island

We've been recommending Zhaveri for years: now you have even more reason to try them. You can park at the convenient downtown lot a couple of blocks behind the courthouse, walk to Front Street, then turn right and in a moment you'll be right in front of Zhaveri Luxury: tell them we sent you.

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## 19. Buying a Camera in SXM: Where to Go

Until now, we have not recommended buying a camera or any other electronics on SXM. There were two reasons: first, you can often get better deals through Amazon and other providers in the US; and second, US warranties are not always provided — and you want a US warranty.

When our high-end Sony camera went into a coma early on our trip, we knew there was no place local to fix it and we had no interest in shipping it anywhere. Our only choice was to either use our cell phone camera or to buy something new.

We went on Google to look for cameras meeting our specifications but at a low price point. Amazon offered the best deal, but we really didn't want to wait for something to arrive. Computer stores had nothing of interest in our price range. One other electronics store in town said "nobody buys cameras anymore, they all use cell phones," at which point we left the store, having decided never to buy anything there. Ever. No one who is serious about photography or knows anything about it would want to be stuck only with a camera phone. They're good but have nowhere near the versatility of real cameras.

I then went to Boolchands on Front Street. They had the camera that I was looking for and were willing to match the best offer that Amazon had, including a large memory card and the standard US warranty.

Bottom line, digital cameras do die, sometimes at inconvenient times. You do have a very good option now at Boolchands. But do make sure you get a warranty you can actually use. Non-US warranties are not desirable generally.

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## 20. A Big End-of-Year Thank You...

Every week, we spend an enormous amount of time researching, writing, publishing, and transmitting *SXM Weekly News* to its nearly 315,000 readers worldwide.

During our current island trip, we received more Thank You's from readers and JMB Website Supporters members than we had received in probably the last five years together. Many specifically pointed to both *SXM Weekly News* and to our [Everything SXM Facebook Site](#) which provided round-the-clock coverage of Irma throughout September and October last year and heavy coverage of the recovery ever since. Our Facebook site, which had just reached 10,000 members when Irma struck, is now over 22,000 members representing over 50,000 strong fans of SXM.

One "Thank You" came over the weekend from Bonnie O., by message on Messenger:



*Just wanted to thank you one more time for all you do for us 'old timers' who have been privileged to make SXM our home away from home for so many wonderful years. The info keeps us in touch and satisfies our curiosity about status of things there. Thanks again. RI owner since 1988.*

***If you enjoy SXM Weekly News, please help us continue to bring it to you by joining our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, which delivers hundreds of discounts & other benefits and keeps you up to date on significant tourist news from SXM every week. Please click the page curl at [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com) and help us continue to help you now. We are as always grateful for your support.***

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## 21. Not to Be Missed: Emilio's

When his legendary restaurant Temptation was destroyed by hurricane Irma, chef Dino Jagtiani wasn't sure what he would do next.

But fate has a way of setting things right sometimes. Long-time SXM restaurateurs Norm and Su Wathey at the time were developing their Emilio's restaurant at the Emilio Wilson estate where the Rainforest Adventures facilities were being created.

It was a match made in heaven. Chef Dino, working closely with Norm and Su, has built an astounding fine dining restaurant which features many of his most popular items from Temptation. The Emilio Wilson estate has been well taken care of, including the Museum on the site, the buildings themselves, and some artifacts you'll see in the area. The wine cellar is a very special treat.

The restaurant is open for lunch and dinner and even serves a "Jeff Berger Burger" at lunch, on request. Do go for dinner but make reservations:

Emilio's has quickly vaulted to a select few restaurants that are among the island's very best.

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## 22. Update on Sargassum Seaweed

There has been a limited return of Sargassum seaweed to the Northeast shores of SXM. The areas mostly affected seem to be the central to the northern part of Orient beach (the club Orient clothing-optional beach area is usually fine), and Dawn beach.

On Orient, a small area just north of where Pedro's had been seems to have been slammed worse than the rest of the island with Sargassum seaweed.

We have not seen Sargassum seaweed of any consequence on any Western, Southern, or southwestern facing SXM beaches.

*By the way, you can now drive along the shore at Orient from the Club Orient area all the way North to Bikini Beach; the road is now open.*

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## 23. Update on Starz Casino

Starz casino in Cupecoy is finally seeing some rebuilding action. There had been virtually nothing visible going on throughout the site — except removal of debris after the storm — until the last week or so. Now, active rebuilding is underway.

It's impossible to tell from what you see from the street whether the casino is being rebuilt better — with an eye toward preventing the kind of widespread destruction wrought by Irma. Hopefully Starz Casino will be issuing press releases to update the quality of their reconstruction and not just its timing.

Meanwhile, renowned Temptation chef/owner Dino Jagtiani moved on many months ago to Emilio's; see story 21 for more.

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## -- Finally, Salsa Classes For Adults, from Experts

If you thought that the Soggy Dollar Bar (behind Vesna Taverna in Simpson Bay) was only for kids, you'd be wrong — adults also love it.

One of the reasons is that on Latin night, they have salsa dancing lessons from 7 to 9 PM for a cost of only \$10 per person — wicked cheap, as they say in Boston. **Every Tuesday Soggy Dollar celebrates Latin Night with a Live Band in addition to the 2 for 1 drink specials on Brugal and El Jimador with FREE entrance and Margarita for everyone!** Come that night to Vesna's for dinner at 5pm, then walk back next door to Soggy at 6:45 for the Salsa Lessons. No need to register in advance.

It's every Tuesday night... stay tuned.

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## 24. Warning on Quads / ATVs & Weather

If you are tempted to make reservations to drive Quads — open four-wheel all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in SXM or any other vacation destination, you might want to think twice about it.

First, Quads have a high center of gravity. If you take them over hills, or moguls, there could be a balance problem. We have heard of a number of injuries resulting from inexperienced people driving Quads or ATVs in unfamiliar territory.

Second, it's probably not a good idea to rent Quads to be driven in bad weather, like rain storms. Add the conditions noted in the paragraph above to wet pavement, and instability can become worse and comfort goes out the window (if there were windows). If you know on one day that the weather is going to be perfect the next day and you really want to rent a Quad or ATV, that's one thing — but making reservations far ahead and driving them in rain for most people will not be a fun experience.

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## 25. Winter, Summer, Fall, & Spring: Azure...

If you're looking for a small, friendly, well-equipped, peaceful resort steps from a pristine beach, Azure Hotel and Art Studio may be exactly what you're looking for.

Although some space is still available during high season, why not choose this perfect a location for your summer vacation next July?

It has a great deal to offer including low summer rates, easy traffic compared to what you'd face near your favorite summer resorts in the US or Canada, plus the availability of hundreds of outstanding restaurants virtually all of which remain open during July. And the beach -- steps from your room -- is gorgeous.

Airfares are reasonable during summer, too. Azure is a real find — [check it out](#).

If you're looking for a large resort with all the amenities including on-site restaurants, check out Simpson Bay Resort. It also has its own beach and every amenity you can think of....

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## 26. Fast Progress at Union Road Carrefour

Progress at rebuilding the Carrefour market on the union road near Port de Plaisance is better than you might think.

Not long ago the roof went on; Irma had removed it some time ago. With that about completed, all that remains is the inside finishing — and all of the materials for that are already on the island, ready to go.

The reopening may very well be faster than you think. We'll be watching it for you and will let you know when it's ready.

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## 27. Restaurant of the Week: La Patrona

Do you hate Mexican food, or do you find it boring?

What you've been having undoubtedly is TexMex, a dumbed-down highly Americanized version of Mexican food.

It's time you tried the real thing — what Mexicans are having in classy restaurants around their country. That says a lot about its quality.

La Patrona was designed from the ground up by actual Mexicans. The building, the menu, the ingredients, all of it is totally authentic.

It doesn't matter whether you like or dislike TexMex. What La Patrona offers is something markedly different and incredibly delicious. It's on such a higher plane than TexMex that many people have been comparing the quality of the menu, the food, and the service to that of the best restaurants in Grand Case.

In fact, Everything SXM late last week gave La Patrona an Award of Excellence — the first ever given to any authentic Mexican restaurant; that says volumes about its quality. Valet parking is available from in front of Simpson Bay Resort's Marina building.

Try La Patrona, and tell Luis, the general manager, that we sent you.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort** (featured 12/30/18) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

**SkipJack's SXM**, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 12/24/18) SkipJack's main dining deck overlooking the lagoon was wrecked by Irma and is being rebuilt. They should be open early in 2019.

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 12/17/18) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

**Spiga**, [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com) (featured 12/10/18) Reopened as Cafe Spiga, new menu; redesigned. New bar, new bar snacks, same great staff, service, and wonderful food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world.

**Mario Bistro** [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 12/3/18 Mario's Bistro reopened a few weeks after Irma hit and looks forward to your return. Phenomenal dining.

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino in Simpson Bay Resort, **11/19/18**. 100% redesigned, inside and out, floor to ceiling and everything inside. Just go.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://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.

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

**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.

**Enigma C3 luxury Catamaran**, [www.sailstmaarten.com](http://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 some time in 2019.

**Pineapple Pete**, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://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](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17) Reopened.

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnataverna.com](http://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.

**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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## 28. SkyMed Holiday Sale Extended

**SkyMed Takes You Home® when you become critically ill or injured when traveling. Without it, an emergency medical evacuation by air ambulance will cost you from \$35,000 to \$50,000 or more, sometimes much more, payable in cash in advance. Worse, you must get it before you need it - just like fire insurance.**

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You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits [here](#).

See next story for much more on SkyMed. Offer ends soon.

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## 29. Protect Against Emergency Medical Evacuation w/ SkyMed: Customer Stories

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***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.

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<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweekly.../SkyMedServices.pdf>

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### **30. Are You Military?**

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Visit [everythingsxm.com](http://everythingsxm.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.

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### **31. Less Money, More Benefits, Ten Year Price Guarantee on SkyMed Ultimate**

**Get The Current Low Price**  
**on SkyMed's Best 5-Year Ultimate Membership**  
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### **32. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated)**

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**Starlite Car Rental (Belair Resort; just joined)**

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**Melange (new; Port de Plaisance)**

## **LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)**

## **MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)**

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Heavily Updated 10/1/18

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## **33. 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](#).

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## **34. Got SXM Questions? Here's Where The Answers Are**

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## **35. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic**

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

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#### **Want to rent or buy a week?**

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- 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](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.
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