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

1. Boeing To Restart 737 MAX Production Soon: CEO

Both the new CEO of Boeing, Dave Calhoun, and the head of the FAA said within the last week that it now appears likely that the Boeing 737 Max aircraft, grounded since last March, may be allowed to fly again starting as early as the middle of this year.

Anticipating the return of the formerly popular and hot-selling aircraft to the skies, Boeing is now saying that it could resume 737 Max production a few months before then — which could mean within the next month or two.

So far, the FAA has said only that it has a number of hurdles to clear before it will allow the 737 Max back into the skies. Two 737 Max airliners crashed killing 346 people in the months preceding the global grounding by FAA. Regardless of when the FAA clears the aircraft, Boeing and the airlines will still have an enormous job ahead of them to convince passengers that the 737 Max is actually safe to fly....

2. Boeing Suppressed Evidence of 737-800 Issues: NY Times

In the months leading up to the worldwide grounding of the 737 Max, *the New York Times* has been looking into safety-related practices used by Boeing in the manufacture of a number of its aircraft. The *Times* has concluded that Boeing suppressed evidence of issues with its very widely used 737 800 aircraft; that story is [here](#).

3. Spirit Air Incident Being Looked at by FBI

A female college student slept off and on in the middle seat of a Spirit air flight from Atlanta to Detroit recently, and awoke not far from Detroit to find that a man in an adjacent seat had put his hand in her pants. She complained, but the airline instead of removing him offered to move her and she refused. She has blasted the airline's response, and now the FBI is investigating the case.

Here is [the story](#).

4. Might Delta Do Boston-SXM Nonstops?

JetBlue has more flights into and out of Boston Logan Airport than any other carrier. But now, domestic rival Delta Air Lines, a far bigger carrier, is taking aim at jetBlue and vowing to overtake their leadership in Boston.

Although jetBlue has been expanding its service to the Caribbean from Boston and elsewhere, and expects to continue to do so, Delta is marching to the same drummer. It would not surprise us if Delta — which already flies from multiple cities to SXM, as does jetBlue — expands its schedule within the next year or so to include new weekend nonstops from Boston.

As a destination, SXM continues to grow with new name-brand properties already open or soon scheduled to open (see next Section). When preclearance arrives, perhaps two years + from now, it will enable a significant number of additional flights to be handled by the airport — and Delta nonstops to SXM from Boston, we feel, are a distinct possibility.

5. Rainy Weather Finally Departs

January weather in SXM has been uncharacteristically wet. Late Friday afternoon, the wet weather seemed to

depart, and the weather on much of Saturday was a significant improvement. Regardless of what happens in the next week, January still seems likely to enter the record books as one of the wettest Januarys in recent SXM history.

Here's hoping February weather is more normal with lots of sunny skies and temps in the 80s, as usual.

6. See Current SXM Weather / Tracking Serious Weather

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 Group](#), 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.
- 5) For a quick look at weather radar exactly where you are or where you're going, try the My Radar phone app or My Radar for Windows -- excellent programs.

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

8. SECRETS Again Delays Its SXM Opening

Sources inside the SECRETS Resort development project in Anse Marcel, French side, are telling *SXM Weekly News* that the frequently delayed opening of the new resort is about to be delayed yet again, beyond the March 1 date recently announced.

As recently as last week, sources involved with the project were telling *SXM Weekly News* that the new hotel was scheduled to open March 1 and that it would be opening on time. But now, officials inside the operation are telling *SXM Weekly News* that it is likely to be *at least* some time in April before the resort is fully ready to open its doors.

We are watching this and will post the latest information as soon as we have it both here in *SXM Weekly News* and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

8a. Update on Flamingo Beach & Royal Palm Construction

Diamond Resorts announced recent construction progress updates at Royal Palm and Flamingo Beach Resort.

There are more than 300 active construction workers between Flamingo Beach and Royal Palm, who are preparing two "brand new" resorts for owners and guests when we reopen the doors. In 2019 new windows, entry doors, sliding doors and exterior walls were installed at both resorts.

Provided there are no issues, such as weather or shipping delays, construction for both resorts should be mostly complete by late July 2020. Then the construction team will turn the buildings over to the resorts. Every unit will be inspected and checked to ensure quality standards and stocked with supplies and equipment before the resort will be ready for owners, members and guests.

As construction continues at Flamingo, corridor tiles will be replaced by a bomanite product providing a cleaner look and slip resistant floor. Our new lobby design concept includes a new "grab-n-go" convenience outlet. This new food

service will replace the corner shop that will no longer be on-site. We will have more information on food and beverage concepts in our next newsletter update.

For the exterior, a new paint concept has been selected, utilizing the total wall painting texture to make the structure more weather resistant. This finish also requires lower maintenance and will improve look of the property.

Building 7 progress, "all units from floor 2 to 5 have been painted and tile has been installed. Kitchen and bathroom cabinets installed from floor 3 to floor 5. Unit entry doors have been installed from floor 3 to floor 5."

At Royal Palm Beach in the coming months, all corridor tiles will also be replaced by the bomanite product for a cleaner look and a slip resistant floor. Elevator shafts are now being installed and a new lobby design was approved. The exterior painting concept is approved and some planters and arches previously on both sides of the building have been removed. This process will continue in the coming weeks.

All Royal Palm "units from floor 3 to 5 have been painted and tile has been installed, Kitchen and bathroom cabinets are installed on floors 4 and 5, and unit entry doors have been installed from floor 2 to floor 5."

--Provided by Yvonne Mendenhall, based on data supplied by Diamond Resorts to its members in SXM

9. Name Brand Chain Hotels Expanding in SXM

Currently, SXM's main branded hotel property is the Sonesta Maho. The Westin resort is still closed and supposedly undergoing renovations; Columbia Sussex refuses to say anything about it, so it is not known whether it will reopen under the Westin nameplate or another name.

But the landscape of name-brand chain hotels on SXM will be expanding rapidly over the next few years.

[Adonis](#), a chain widely prevalent in Paris, opened its first SXM hotel in the Cupecoy area earlier this month and has quietly made it known that it will be opening a second property on the Dutch side and further down the line, a third property on the French side.

Story #8 regards the new [SECRETS](#) hotel under construction in Anse Marcel that will be opening later this year.

Early-stage construction has begun on the 465-room **Planet Hollywood Resort** being built in the area previously occupied by the Sonesta Great Bay Resort, destroyed by hurricane Irma. Planet Hollywood information is [here](#). (We were told 465 rooms by the St. Maarten tourist office; 450 had been previously announced.)

This past week, **Wyndham** (as we had previously reported) officially reentered the SXM hotel market when it rebranded the Port de Plaisance property on the Union road in Cole Bay near the causeway. Princess port de Plaisance is now **Wyndham Port de Plaisance, part of the Wyndham trademark collection**. Rebranding of signage on the Union Road has now been completed.

10. Oyster Bay Beach Resort Wins Award

At the World Travel Awards recently held in Nassau, Oyster Bay Beach Resort was selected as SXM's top Boutique Resort for 2020.

Oyster Bay, which recovered remarkably soon after being devastated by hurricane Irma in September, 2017, is a timeshare resort which along with Coral Beach Club sits on a stretch of Dawn beach on the Dutch side of the island.

Here is more on [Oyster Bay Beach Resort](#). Our congrats to the owners and management.

11. New Relocation Seminar Being Scheduled

In November 2018, we worked with Arun Jagtiani of Island Real Estate Team to create a relocation seminar primarily

for American and Canadian tourists interested in relocating to SXM. You'll find video of that seminar [here](#).

Since then, the number of condo projects on the island has soared and so has the number of people relocating to the island.

We are currently working with Arun and also with BrightPath, SXM's leading provider of relocation processing services for Americans, on an entirely new relocation seminar which we expect to hold during February 2020 here in SXM. The plan again is to record the seminar so people who are unable to attend may see it later. As soon as the date has been nailed down we will announce it to our JMB Website Supporters members who are always first in line for all of our island parties and special events. If space allows after all JMB members have registered to attend, then we will open the event up to a limited number of members of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and readers of *SXM Weekly News*.

Our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program delivers an expanding spectrum of about 300 island discounts and other benefits to many thousands of members. You'll find more information about JMB Website Supporters [here](#).

12. Where to Find SXM Timeshare Condo & Villa Rentals

If you've been thinking during the holidays that you like to visit SXM sooner rather than later, SXM Weekly News has you covered.

First, check our main site, [everythingSXM.com](#) for timeshare condo rentals directly from their owners. We don't charge our JMB Website Supporters members any commission for rentals they sell through our site, so the price you get is strictly between you and the timeshare owner. Hundreds are available for dates throughout 2020, and more will be coming available in the weeks ahead for later months in 2020 and in 2021.

Second, if you're looking for villa accommodations, check with the rental agencies/real estate companies we have listed below as sponsors in story number XX. They are local experts who can custom tailor a villa rental to your needs for size, location, and price. You are much better off seeing local villa rentals agencies on SXM who are familiar with the products they are selling rather than deal with some big monolithic online villa rental outfit that knows nothing about St. Maarten or the units they are attempting to rent to you....

We also have a limited number of villas available on the same page with our timeshare rentals on [everythingSXM.com](#), our main SXM website.

13. How To Rent Out Or Sell Your Timeshare Units

If you own timeshare weeks that you would like to rent out or sell on our main [everythingSXM.com](#) website, you can do it once you become a member of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program. For all the details, go to our main site, [everythingSXM.com](#) and click on timeshare rentals in the navigation bar. You'll find the details about posting there. For information about joining JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on all pages of [everythingSXM.com](#). As a member, you will have access to a growing pallet of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at [everythingSXM.com](#).

The ability to post timeshare rentals on our site is limited to JMB Website Supporters members only, and is not available to any others at any price.

14. Buying a Condo in SXM? Here's Important Info

Just before Thanksgiving 2018, working with Arun Jagtiani of Island Real Estate Team, we put together and conducted an SXM Relocation Seminar for dozens of attentive attendees at Emilio's Restaurant at the Emilio Wilson estate near Philipsburg.

Many of you have asked whether it would be possible for you to see video we made of our relocation seminar.

Although we do intend to put on future relocation seminars, the video of our November '18 seminar is available

online to anyone interested in buying on SXM, whether for a vacation home, retirement home, income property, or anything else. Lots of outstanding info was communicated during this excellent seminar, and another is now in the early planning stages.

See the video [here](#).

Please check this link to [BrightPath](#) in SXM, a company that can help provide very deep and expeditious help in completing residency requirements for people buying a second home, income property, or a new business in SXM, or relocating there. They're located in the Puerta del Sol building opposite Avantika, Simpson Bay, Dutch side. Ask for Vivian Chamas and let her know you heard about BrightPath through Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

15. JMB Member Discounts / Benefits -- Updates Underway

Jeff is working this winter to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, and other businesses offering discounts or other incentives to members of our JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program.

As these additions are made, they will be reported here in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members.

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

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

16. Valentines Day Gifts Exclusively for JMB Members from Caribbean Gems

If you'll be on SXM any time between now in March 31, and if you're a JMB Website Supporters member, you can now (effective this morning, [Monday, Jan. 27, 2020](#)) download a free \$50 Caribbean Gems gift card [here](#). Go to the bottom of that page for the download link. *The card can be used toward purchases of precious gems or gold as described on the card in either of the Caribbean Gems locations in Philipsburg.*

This certificate, exclusively for JMB Website Supporters members, enables you to buy some exquisite gifts for Valentine's Day or if you're here later in February or in March, for any other special occasion later this year (think Mother's Day, graduation, Father's Day, or any other special occasion). This is the first of several offers our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program will be delivering directly to our JMB Website Supporters members. You will be required to present your JMB Website Supporters current, valid membership card plus a photo ID to take advantage of the \$50 gift card. It can NOT be redeemed without a valid, current JMB Website Supporters membership card.

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Other Valentine's Day gift ideas are being posted periodically in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

17. Last 100 to a "Finalist" Gig in Our Vacation Giveaway...

At this writing late on Saturday, our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) has 24,830 members and is moving quickly toward 25,000. Several weeks back, we enabled site members to guess when we would reach 25,000 members. You can find those posts by doing a search on the site for 25,000. Whoever came closest to the actual date when we reach 25,000 will become a finalist in our new vacation giveaway — which means it's likely that person will win a prize (perhaps even a SXM vacation) in the giveaway.

More about the giveaway is [here](#). There's a lot going on inside our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) -- join it to make sure you don't miss out on anything.

18. On the French side, PPRN Negotiations Making Progress

The PPRN is the widely despised proposed French side program which would prohibit reconstruction of structures located on the flood plain from hurricane Irma which were destroyed by that hurricane. Although it was not final, nonetheless the PPRN was being enforced — and that is what led to the widespread demonstrations on the French side last December.

Although the French side government, the Collectivite, agreed with the people, it was the Préfet — the official representative of the French national government — who was behind the enforcement. Thanks to entreaties from individuals, community leaders, and the Collectivite itself, negotiations have been ongoing since early January to find a solution to the PPRN problem. Although no final solution has as yet been reached, nonetheless both sides have reported progress and with it, a lessening of the tensions that had caused the problems in December. That's very good news.

As has been the case for several weeks, travel is 100% open across the French side and it is also business as usual there, a fact heartily welcomed by all.

19. French side Road Construction Projects

Permafrost in the Arctic seems to be melting faster than the French side is completing road construction projects.

The main road through French quarter has had a detour enforced for the last few months — one which is not going to be completed until May, if then. That's the main route from the Philipsburg area to Orient beach, an inconvenience for both tourists and locals, and there doesn't seem to be any sense of urgency about expediting completion of the project.

More than a year ago, the French side announced that Boulevard de Grand Case utility work would be completed before Mardis de Grand Case/Harmony Nights resumed toward the end of January. That was great news, since it meant added convenience for tourists as Harmony Nights began.

The problem was that the French side never said what year they were talking about. The work was not finished last year and it is not finished this year either. Consequently, Boulevard de Grand Case is still anything but a smooth ride. As more restaurants continue to open in Grand Case, increasing numbers of people are being inconvenienced by the French side's apparently lethargic approach to completing road construction projects.

20. VROMI Gets Into The Act

VROMI is a Dutch side government entity which, among other things, has some public works responsibilities.

It routinely fixes potholes toward the end of each year, so roads are generally fairly smooth for the tourist season.

However, there are two crater-like monster potholes on the Dutch side which are rattling cars and the people in them and have been doing so for many weeks, unattended to by VROMI or anyone else.

The first is a huge one not far from the Sale and Pepe Restaurant on Airport Road, and the other is on Beacon Hill Road between Maho beach and the ocean end of the airport runway. Both of these could be fixed in one night; both are well known since both roads are very widely traveled; and both have not been fixed.

For tourists and residents of the busy Beacon Hill area, the large and deepening Beacon Hill Lake near the exit from the Alegria Resort needs to be eliminated before some enterprising soul builds a dock and starts renting boats to cross it.

While VROMI hopefully fixes these problems, it should tell people in control of the Alegria parking lot to stop letting taxis and buses exit freely when traffic is already directly in front of the exit. Taxis and buses tend to zoom out of the lot without regard to nearby traffic which could easily cause serious injury....

21. Single Use Plastics, "Worst Polluter", Being Eyeballed

SXM's Nature Foundation, an environmental watchdog, has declared that single-use plastics are the largest single cause of pollution on SXM.

As is the case in many parts of the world, banning single-use plastics is under serious consideration here. A number of businesses have already switched from plastic straws to paper straws and some are even using straws made out of real straw, which of course are biodegradable.

We'll continue to watch this and keep you posted about SXM's contribution to environmental awareness and environmental protection.

22. Never "Feed the Fish" At Club Orient

If you're a naturist who frequents Club Orient, consider avoiding going into the water near where someone is or has recently been feeding the fish.

Fish you or others have been feeding may regard "other things floating in the water" as food and may well chomp down on them. If what they mistake for food is part of a swimming naturist's body, the encounter may not be particularly pleasant for the human.

This is nothing new -- it has been going on for years. Just thought we should "point it out" if you get our drift....

23. "Rima" Beachwear, Souvenirs Widely Available

As we've mentioned here before, the Kenny's store in downtown Philipsburg on the beach side of Front Street roughly 100 yards West of the historic courthouse is Philipsburg's only official store selling the highly popular Rima branded beachwear and souvenirs. Of course, some other stores may carry a bit of the merchandise as well and one, Jewels and Linens in the Maho Plaza, has a decent selection of Rima materials which may be convenient for people in the Royal Islander/Maho area who don't visit Philipsburg.

Better yet, visit both — there is lots to recommend in both of these stores.

24. SXM To Host Pan American Canoe Championships

The Pan-American ocean racing and paddle canoeing championships will be held in the waters off SXM on March 28. The race starts in St. Barth and follows a 24 km course to Simpson Bay, St. Maarten. [Here](#) are details.

25. Leisure Car Rental Wins Three Customer Svc. Awards

Leisure Car Rental once again has won top honors in a recent competition in Nassau among hospitality organizations for customer service prowess. Congrats to Leisure Car Rental and to Jimmy and Jacqueline Fitzpatrick for their three-award win.

26. Nail Down a Visit to Georgina's Nails...

Georgina's Nails is widely regarded as SXM's best place to get all kinds of nails and related treatments. Among their services are sculpted nails, gel nails, wrapped nails, fiberglass nails, art nails, facial waxing, nail treatments, manicures, massages and whirlpool, plus pedicures.

They're located in Miss Lallie's commercial center at Bush Road #26 in Philipsburg. You can reach them at 543-2499; when calling, ask for Liddy and please mention that you heard about them from Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*. It's a spotless establishment that truly knows what it's doing.

27. SkyMed Q&A / FAQ (New)

SkyMed® FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Answers to Common Questions

This document contains general SkyMed information in answer to common questions. SkyMed's services are defined by its Member Services Agreements – plain English documents that tell you what you get and how it works (see much more info below). As always, SkyMed offers a 30-day “Free Look period,” so if for any reason you're not satisfied with your unused SkyMed protection before 30 days have expired, SkyMed will refund your money.

Q1. Does it cover my trip to...?

1. Basic short-term and annual “SkyMed *Takes You Home*®” protection applies throughout the USA (all 50 states), Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global Emergency Travel Services (G.E.T.S., a subsidiary of SkyMed) protection is available outside the USA, CANADA, MEXICO, BAHAMAS, BERMUDA, and the CARIBBEAN (the rest of the world), however neither SkyMed nor G.E.T.S. covers trips to nations on the U. S. State Department's then-current “Do Not Travel” list – North Korea, Iran, and Venezuela currently, for example, and several others. Before planning a trip, check that list if you have any question about whether protection is provided for your destination – or call SkyMed directly during normal office hours (Mountain Standard Time) at 480 946 5188 or 1-800-475-9633.

Q2. Who is protected?

1. “Single” protection is available for individual travelers. “Family” protection includes your spouse or domestic partner and your young children up to 18 or 24 if they are full time students.

Q3. Do I need to call SkyMed before traveling outside my home country?

1. If you're traveling during the normal high season for travel to your destination, no. If you're traveling to your destination during its low season, do call SkyMed Member Services at the 800 number in the first question and let them know.

Q4. What if I'm going to a country not listed above in question 1?

1. Then you'll need (G.E.T.S) protection. If you have one of our Ultimate multiyear memberships, (G.E.T.S.) protection is included. On Annual (one-year) memberships, “G.E.T.S.” protection is an inexpensive option.

Q5. What's the difference between “short term” and “Annual” or multi-year protection?

1. Short-Term protection is intended for brief trips, say a week or two. Like Annual protection, it “Takes You Home®” to doctors and hospitals you know and trust when you suffer a serious or critical illness or injury while traveling. Preexisting medical conditions are covered from day one with the short-term plan. It's inexpensive, only \$15/day for family protection. Remember, though, that Annual and Multi-year Ultimate memberships cost

much less – only about \$1.35/day for family plans. Plus, they're guaranteed renewable without regard to advancing age or declining health. If you get a short-term plan, once it has expired, it is done, and you must reapply and requalify for another when you next travel. With Annual and multiyear Ultimate memberships, all you need do is renew before the renewal deadline – no need to reapply unless your membership has lapsed and the grace period has ended.

Q6. Is there an age limit for applications?

1. There is no age limit to apply. There's no age limit on renewals, either.

Q7. Can you cancel my protection at a certain age or if I get really sick?

1. Annual and multi-year Ultimate memberships are guaranteed renewable, as noted above. They will not be cancelled simply because you're a certain age or because your health has changed.

Q8. Will you raise the price of my membership at a certain age or if I get sick?

1. Once you're a SkyMed member, at renewal time you'll pay the same low renewal fees that everyone else with your type of membership pays. If you join at age 75 or older and purchase the X-Pat plan because you live in Mexico, the Bahamas, Bermuda, or the Caribbean, the X-Pat plan is more expensive than the standard traditional (Annual or multiyear Ultimate) plan.

Q9. What exactly does SkyMed cover? Is it health insurance?

1. You'll find an overview of all key SkyMed Features & Benefits here:
<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/SkyMedServices.pdf>

This is the same list you'll find on the back of our current membership applications. SkyMed provides up to 18 benefits related to medical evacuation if you suffer a serious or critical illness or injury while traveling. It is not health insurance – in the "SkyMed universe," SkyMed *Takes You Home*® to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, where your health insurance works.

Q10. What about pre-existing conditions? Are they covered?

1. Yes: for short-term memberships, medevac protection (including items listed in the answer to Q9, above) is included for critical illnesses or injuries related to pre-existing and non-pre-existing conditions. For Annual and multiyear Ultimate memberships, pre-existing conditions are covered after a brief 90-day waiting period.

Q11. I want guaranteed renewable protection because of my age, but I'm going on a trip sooner than 90 days. What can we do about that?

1. Get our inexpensive short-term membership to cover your near-term trip, including medical evacuations for serious or critical illnesses or injuries due to pre-existing conditions. At the same time, apply for an Annual or Ultimate membership, to kick in once your near-term trip ends.

Q12. I'm not traveling for a while. When should I apply?

1. Get SkyMed before you need it – just like fire insurance. Since you don't know when you'll need it – and since health can change in a heartbeat thanks to falls, accidents, or other issues – it's always better to do it sooner rather than later. Beyond that, if you have pre-existing conditions and get SkyMed Annual or multiyear Ultimate medevac protection now, that 90-day exclusion period for pre-existing conditions protection may well be finished by the time you travel.

Q13. What kind of questions do you ask in your application? Do you send somebody to do a medical exam?

1. There's no medical exam. Our application is simple, asking about hospitalizations in the last six months, your current medical conditions, and your prescriptions – and on the prescriptions, all we need is their name, not dosage info. If you have a complex medical history, SkyMed may ask for a "HQ" (health questionnaire) to be completed by your doctor and submitted to SkyMed by fax. You should also have your passport number handy; we record it so it's there in case you need help outside your home country.

Q14. How long does it take before I hear whether I'm accepted?

1. Generally just a few business days, but it's always best to do your application early to ensure sufficient time for processing.

Q15. I have more questions. Where do I find the answers?

1. SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger, located in Massachusetts, will be happy to answer your questions. Call his private line at 508-747-8281.

Q16. Can I sign up online?

1. For fastest results, we always suggest you contact us directly. We've done thousands of applications and can whisk you through the process in minimal time and with minimal bother. To get additional information first and see some customer stories, check our site, www.skymed.com/jmb . But to sign up, always call 508-747-8281. The process normally takes about 10 minutes, if that.

Q17. Who can get SkyMed?

1. SkyMed is available to residents of the USA and Canada, and to X-Pats living in the countries listed in Q1. X-Pat protection is necessary if you live outside the US or Canada for six months or more, in aggregate, in any 12-month period. Always notify SkyMed if you move.

Q18. I have a rather deep medical history. Will SkyMed still accept me?

1. Although SkyMed accepts the vast majority of applications, others do get health questionnaires (see Q13) and occasionally some do not qualify. There is no cost to apply if your membership application cannot be accepted. A history of a heart attack or cancer several years ago or other maladies does not automatically signal any issues for SkyMed. Apply – there is nothing to lose (again, no charge if you're not accepted). And as we noted in Q6 there is no age limit to apply and no age limit to renew.

How to Contact Us or Sign Up

Jeff is a SkyMed Ambassador. Reach him directly at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. You can also find him in Facebook Messenger through www.facebook.com/groups/mysxm or you can email him at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the Subject **SkyMed**. He has an alternate Skype number too, 508-591-3483. It is always best to sign up by phone directly with Jeff at the numbers above – it's fast & easy.

From:
JMB Communications
Membership Services
support@jmbcommunications.com

28. Want an SXM Vacation? How to enter our Vacation Giveaway

During our "Paradise SXM" Event, we'll be giving away several SXM vacations, including weeks at Simpson Bay Resort, Belair Beach Hotel, Adonis Cupecoy hotel, Azure Hotel and Art Studio on Simpson Bay beach, and El Zafiro hotel and restaurant on Simpson Bay beach -- and other properties to be announced.

The giveaway celebrates our site surpassing 6.5 million visits. Most of the weeks we give away will be handed out to randomly picked entries late in March. Some others — particularly at villas and condominiums to be announced — will be given away a bit later. All are subject to seasonal limitations and availability.

In addition to vacations, we will give away dinners for two, gifts at jewelry stores, day sails, probably zipline trips, a car rental, and possibly some major gifts on one or two neighboring islands - all to be announced soon.

Here is more on our Paradise SXM vacation giveaway. To enter the giveaway, go to our home page at everythingxsm.com. That's the only place & the only way you can find the link to enter our giveaway. All winners *MUST* be subscribers to SXM Weekly News (required); it's free. We will verify that all winners are subscribers.

Paradise SXM will be one of our biggest Giveaways ever. Several people will be winning vacations from us. Why not you?

29. Get SkyMed Now For All Upcoming Trips: Member Stories

On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach, a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to SXM. Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

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.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger weekdays at 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also sign you up by phone in about 10 minutes. [You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.](#)

Anything can happen anywhere: Do it today. To learn more, visit www.skymed.com/jmb, our new SkyMed site, going live shortly.. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's regular pricing: see the story about JMB Website Supporters in this section.

30. Restaurant of the Week: La Rosa

Went to **LA ROSA** at Maho Plaza this past week. Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. We WILL be back and will soon try their NONNA's Pizza next door.

LA ROSA has been around for years and was taken over not long ago by Ricky & Yolanda Castillo and a great, attentive staff. Spotless restaurant, wide selection, perfect attention to dietary needs of customers. We thought it was

a great find and when a number of our readers saw us there, they came over and said how much they love it. You can park at the Maho garage and walk over; walk from Maho or Royal Islander; or valet park which we believe is available at Casino Royale, a two minute walk from the restaurant. We loved it and we'll certainly be going back. Open for dinner every night (no lunches); opens at 6 pm. 721-545-3470.

Pictures of what we had were posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 1/27/20: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, 1/6/20. Italian. Excellent food, many choices, busy, good specials. Many folks from Simpson Bay Resort dine here as well as many locals and lots of casino high-rollers. www.isolaristorante.com

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 12/30/19) **Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.**

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 12/2/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Mario Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ **11/26/19** Mario's Bistro is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining at very reasonable prices. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 11/18/19) New bar, great staff, service, and phenomenal food. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Not to be missed.

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy (featured 11/11/19) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 10/28/19). Now open every day for through B/L; dinner is offered Wednesday through Sunday.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 7/8/19) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (7/8/19) 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.

Mandarin Pan Asian, Port de Plaisance (featured 6/10/19) Excellent Pan-Asian dining including Japanese, Thai, and Chinese. Nice setting near the casino at Port de Plaisance.

Emilio's at Emilio Wilson Estate (featured 4/21/19) is as stupendous as it ever was, with spectacular dining in an equally spectacular restored building on the Emilio Wilson Estate. Ask to see the wine cellar and the museum. Open for lunch and dinner: not to be missed.

Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant, www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant 4/15/19. Just go....

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.iziristoranteitaliano.com (featured 3/11/19). Open for lunch and dinner except Monday, when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 1/28/19) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, Breakfast, lunch, dinner, and late dining. Open morning until late night. Sports on TV. Karaoke some nights.

Dany & John's Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road toward Shore Pointe and turn near Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 1/20/2019) Parking, drinks, chairs and umbrellas, lolo-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

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 triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go!

Enigma C3 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.

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

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

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

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 Group](#). Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

31. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Regardless of what time it is, people are always interacting with our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — asking questions, answering questions, getting answers or suggestions or recommendations from other people, posting thousands of pictures, etc.

With almost 24,000 participating members (more than twice that including their partners and friends), there's just about always a number of people around to answer any question or to offer recommendations. *You will also find some of the best businesses on the island occasionally posting information about what they offer, too — jewelers, car rentals, points of accommodation, restaurants, pharmacists, swimsuit retailers, and others.* The best place to get your questions answered quickly is our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) -- check it out.

32. Want to See Back Issues of SXM Weekly News? Here's How

Our *SXM Weekly News* PDF archives enable you to download any issue of Weekly News published since Spring 2014, including our amazing *2018 April Fools' Day parody* and many Special Editions.

Check it out [here](#). It has recently been thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is usually added just hours after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

33. Major SkyMed Promo Now Underway

A major promo continues on SkyMed memberships. Not only are all multiyear SkyMed memberships heavily discounted for JMB members, but *when you buy a new multiyear SkyMed membership through us or upgrade your annual SkyMed membership bought from us to a multiyear membership, we will extend your JMB membership on us for the number of years you buy SkyMed.*

Example: Upgrade to or buy a new five-year SkyMed membership through us, and we give you a free five-year extension of your existing JMB Website Supporters membership. All you need to do is forward us a copy of the acknowledgement you receive from SkyMed after you buy new or upgrade through us. For info, see skymed.com/jmb but to qualify for these bonuses, you must buy by phoning us at (508) 747-8281 or email Jeff at jeff@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed. Give us your phone number and time zone and we'll return your call as quickly as we can. Available exclusively to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats.

34. Ensure Best SkyMed Deal - Jeff Berger / SkyMed.com/jmb

Our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb, now live; please bookmark that and not any other site.

When you're ready to sign up for SkyMed, be sure to call us and let us take your application by phone: that way we get credit. It takes about 10 minutes, and we submit it electronically. We know what SkyMed is looking for and we can make sure you submit it efficiently; that way we do get credit for the purchase, which in a small way helps fund this newsletter and everything else we do for you.

SkyMed inquiries only can be received at 508-747-8281 during regular office hours, Eastern time. Thank you. Customer stories are below.

35. Going Somewhere? Get Guaranteed Renewable Annual SkyMed Protection Now, Only About \$1.35/day

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 \$25,000 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.

Buy a new SkyMed multiyear five-year membership from us now by phoning us at 508-747-8281 (at about \$1.35/day price guaranteed for 10 years when we take your application by phone) and we'll give you a 5 year new or renewal JMB Website Supporters membership on us. All you need to do is email us a copy of your welcome letter from SkyMed after approval to jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com with the subject SkyMed.

Of course we'll be happy to answer your questions and we can tell you about everything SkyMed offers. Totally up to you what type of coverage you select. Much more info about SkyMed is in the next story.

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

By buying guaranteed renewable annual or multiyear protection now at only about \$1.35/day, pre-existing conditions will be covered in full after a brief 90-day waiting period. SkyMed protects you in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global protection is available as well. For answers to your questions, call us today at 508-747-8281.

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

Again, our new SkyMed website is www.skymed.com/jmb: please be sure you bookmark that and not any other site. Thank you.

Customer stories are below.

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 skymed.com/jmb. SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

See the rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits

36. 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 everythingxsm.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.

37. Less Money, More Benefits, Ten Year Price Guarantee on SkyMed Ultimate

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 www.skymed.com/jmb, our new site, going live shortly.

38. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 1/27/20)

AMUSEMENTS

[Island Pedals Beer Cycle](#) (Philipsburg)

BOAT TOURS

Celine Charters (Enigma)

CAR RENTALS:

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

[Sax Car Rental](#)

[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#)

Exclusive Car Rental

CUBAN CIGARS:

[Cigar Mack](#)

[SXM Cigars](#)

EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:

[SkyMed International](#) (Covers the entire USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global coverage available. Sold only to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats living in these countries.)

JEWELERS:

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

[Caribbean Gems](#)

[Majesty Jewelers](#)

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

[JN Jewelers \(Maho under Jax, open late\)](#) NEW!

Jewels & Linens (Maho) NEW!

[Shoppers Haven](#)

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 Group*.

Century 21 St. Maarten (just joined)

Sunshine Properties (new)

RESORTS:

Belair Beach Hotel

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ISOLA

Frenchy Ludo's

SNOOPY'S

Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

Soggy Dollar Bar

Sale and Pepe

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar

Nowhere Special

ROXXY Bar / Restaurant (NEW)

LA ROSA (NEW)

NONNA ROSA (NEW)

LAZY LIZARD (NEW)

SWIMWEAR:

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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 Group*. 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 Group*.

Candie Billant does condo and villa rentals and sales. You will find her at blueparadiserealty.com.

GoBeach Vacations

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Want to rent or buy a week?

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