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

1. On the Resumption of Flights From the US to SXM

Word is that somewhere between now and Monday, June 15, the Dutch side government will release its much-awaited formal announcement concerning the resumption of flights between the US and SXM. It's believed that their announcement will include answers to all questions and that it will dispel rumors that have circulated widely in recent days.

An article published here in *SXM Weekly News* last week dispelled rumors that a two-week quarantine would be required for all passengers coming from the US (false). Once the announcement has been issued, we will publish it immediately in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#); email it as a Bulletin to members of our [JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program](#); and we will publish it either in a special edition of *SXM Weekly News* or in the next regular issue, depending on timing.

Silveria Jacobs, Dutch side Prime Minister, has said that the earliest that flights would be resumed would be early July. That statement did not imply that early July was the date, or even that July resumption of flights was a certainty, though that is what the island is clearly aiming for.

Stay tuned. It looks like your questions will all soon be answered.

2. AA Is Booking Seats on Flights That Don't Exist

American Airlines is becoming renowned in the recent past for doing things that are downright bizarre.

During the time that the 737 Max airplane (remember that? It's the one that crashed twice, killing 356 people, causing a global grounding that continues today) has been grounded, American Airlines routinely scheduled flights on it anyway, only to cancel them later at monumental inconvenience to its passengers.

Even now, operating a severely reduced schedule thanks to Covid 19, the airline has been booking flights to SXM for June and July even though the airport is currently not accepting any commercial flights from the US. If it seems to you that it would've made far more sense for AA to wait until the government had officially announced when it was going to allow flights to resume — and then put them on sale -- you get it.

AA apparently doesn't.

Instead, it has been selling seats on flights that have existed only on paper, perhaps in hopes that they would become available. Consequently, it has canceled those fictitious flights, inconveniencing passengers and at times even giving passengers hassles about refunds.

Before the airline starts flying for real again (i. e., full schedule), its management needs to take some courses in effective management. Perhaps it should start at the beginning -- you know, handwashing, squares, circles, reading clocks, and proper interaction with other human beings. The airline seems to be sorely lacking in lots of the basics about interacting with and orienting its business properly toward its long-suffering customers. If that doesn't stop, the airline's future is far more dismal than its management seems to think.

3. When Will the 737 Max Fly Again?

After making a large number of claims over many months concerning when its beleaguered 737 Max aircraft might resume flights, Boeing now is being tightlipped about when the FAA may actually allow the aircraft to return to the skies.

In the wake of the incredible drop in airline reservations caused by the global Covid 19 Pandemic, airlines remain loyal to this replacement airplane which promises them serious advantages in terms of efficiency. The airlines want to retire older aircraft and switch to the Max — but the real question is will any passengers actually be interested in flying in it.

Our sense is that thanks to the moronic processes that enabled this *incompetent contraption* to fly commercially in the first place, the FAA and Boeing and the airlines all wound up looking like idiots. They do not want to make the

same mistake again. Boeing has claimed that it has fixed everything that is wrong and that the planes are ready to fly. The question is whether Boeing even knows whether the planes are safe, since it claimed the plane was ready to fly before both of the previous crashes.

So the FAA — which had approved this thing for flights based in part on approvals that were done in part by the airline itself (Fox Guards Hen House) -- wants to make absolutely sure everything is perfect before it allows the Max back in the air.

When will the 737 Max fly again? Boeing, American Airlines, and others have also made themselves look like idiots for having answered that question numerous times — erroneously — ever since March of last year when the plane was first grounded. American still continues to mumble about it.

Bottom line: we won't know until the FAA makes an announcement definitively answering this question. Before that, if you see the 737 Max on any airline's schedule — particularly American Airlines — ignore it. Only pay attention to flights that are on airplanes that are actually flying, not on smoke and mirrors scheduling that doesn't serve your flying needs, let alone relate to reality.

4. This Hurricane Season, We're Doing Something Different...

Three hurricanes have already formed during this ultra-busy hurricane season that just officially began June 1..

We started this season saying that there is little doubt that at some point at least one of the 19 named storms forecast for this season will strike the US coast or our favorite Caribbean island. Cristobal, in fact, was expected to do that last night (Sunday night).

Since a majority of our readers live within a couple of hundred miles of the coast, it's important for them to know what's happening with storms this season. For that reason, we are publishing Advisories for all storms as we receive them in our *SXM Weekly News* newsroom (yes we really do have a functioning newsroom). We don't publish every advisory since they can be redundant and repetitious, but we publish Advisories that we feel matter to our readers even if they don't relate to SXM.

As always, if you are in the path of the storm, be sure to follow all advice from local authorities. Don't rely on any news from the Internet to make life or death decisions regarding actions you should take in light of an approaching storm.

5. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

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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6. Where to Download the NHC's Hurricane Tracking Chart

Blank hurricane tracking charts similar to those that have been used by the National Hurricane Center for many years are now available for download [here](#) (that's the NHC download site). Also noted above; republished in case you missed it.)

7. Guaranteed Big-Time Savings on Hotels, Cruises, Car Rentals

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

SkyMed Travel offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 115% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is real news.

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

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

8. 2021 Rentals Available Now at EverythingSXM.com

SXM timeshare owners who are members of JMB Website Supporters have begun to post 2021 timeshare rentals on our main SXM website, everythingSXM.com. Much more information about available rentals is on our timeshare rentals and sales page on that site. It is certainly not too early to start making reservations for 2021.

9. 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.

10. 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

11. News About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates

Once the island reopens to tourism, we will be working 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 in *SXM Weekly News*

and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

JMB Website Supporters 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

12. On the Resumption of Flights from the US to SXM

This story actually appears in our first news section, section 1, as story number one. That section routinely covers "getting here" and this important story falls in that category. Just want to make sure you read that story.

13. Many Restaurants Now Reopened: Different, But Delightfully the Same

As those of you who visit our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) know, many SXM restaurants — particularly those on the Dutch side — have now reopened, and are welcoming lots of residents to breakfast, lunch, or dinner.

As is the case now in most of the rest of the world, SXM restaurants have changed and will continue to change in response to the temporary reality that Covid 19 is exerting on the world's culinary landscape.

Specifically, in general, seating has been reduced in restaurants to enable social distancing. In addition, Plexiglass barriers have been erected in most restaurants to separate diners at different tables while they're dining. These changes are designed to protect diners who, we suggest, should keep their masks on unless they are actively dining or drinking.

What's delightfully the same is the upbeat attitude of restaurant owners and hospitality employees, who are happy to see guests and do their jobs in an atmosphere of safety for everyone.

Your favorite SXM restaurants are highly likely to be open when you return to the island (except Jimbo's and Bavaria; see next story). Although the floor layouts have changed, the food and ambience are as great as ever, missing only one ingredient — you.

14. Bavaria Restaurant Closes Permanently

Annette, the owner of Bavaria restaurant, the oldest continually operating restaurant on the strip in Simpson Bay, used social media last week to send this surprising message to all her friends, family, and customers:

"To all my dear friends and faithful patrons: A warm thank you to all for your many years of support. With regret I want to inform you that Bavaria will close its doors forever. You all stay well."

Although no further details were published with that comment, others have told us that Annette plans to return to Europe and that there are no future plans to reopen Bavaria in SXM. It was the most popular German restaurant on the island, and had a fiercely loyal following. We published the notice that Bavaria was closing in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which published dozens of replies from a cross-section of customers sad to see the restaurant go. On our site, they offered many recollections of happy times at Bavaria.

At the end of March, Jimbo's restaurant, a short walk from Bavaria, also had closed. Jimbo had lost his lease, since his building will soon be bulldozed by its owner. He remains on SXM, looking for a new location to launch his new concept.

Stay tuned; more news on this is coming.

15. Back To Normal? Yes, With Social Distancing

As you read in section 1 of this newsletter, SXM is about to reopen to air travel from North America. Except for changes in ambience, everyplace has been prepared for the arrival of customers who, it is anticipated, should start arriving sometime during July.

Will things be back to normal? Virtually everyone you remember from SXM is still here working to make your vacation great. They are as conscious as you are of the need to be personally protected against the Covid 19 virus. Restaurants and other stores have been largely upgraded to make social distancing easy to accomplish and both comfortable and safe for island visitors.

We urge everyone to be as careful when you return to SXM as you have been at home since March, when lockdowns began. With proper social distancing and frequent handwashing, as well as the precautions of which you are already well aware, SXM can give you a safe respite from the storm starting the day you fly here.

From everyone here at JMB Communications working on *SXM Weekly News*, helping on the site update process, and helping you look forward successfully to your next trip to the island, we wish you a fun, safe forthcoming visit with many future returns.

16. 14-day Quarantine is a Foolish, Fake Rumor

SXM continues to be rumor central and as you'd expect, the overwhelming majority of rumors heard here are false. One of the rumors that had the most most traction several weeks ago and was widely distributed said that SXM authorities would require all new visitors to undergo two full weeks of quarantine before they could start their actual vacation.

That rumor is false and will not be enacted in SXM. Since the plurality of SXM visitors spend only one week on the island, it would be grossly impractical as well and would make it impossible for most visitors to come to the island at all.

We know, never say never. But in this case you need not worry about a two-week quarantine.

17. July: Best Vacation Weather of The Year

People who live on the island — or who have spent practically every month here at one time or another — all agree that *weather in July is the best of the entire year.*

Weather tends to be hot but neither humid nor excessively breezy. July weather is the driest of the year, and significant tropical activity doesn't usually get going until the latter half of August.

If you're looking for great summer vacation with lots of beautiful, uncrowded beaches; perfect weather; incredible uncrowded restaurants; and the best weather of the year, along with low summertime pricing at all hotels, July is the month during which you want to visit the island.

Watch for the announcement about the resumption of travel from the US and make your reservations accordingly. Your favorite airlines that have served SXM for the last several years will be returning SXM to their schedules quickly.

In our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), you'll see two perfect properties. The first is Azure Hotel and art studio on Simpson Bay beach, a small resort with its own beach, operated by Fawnette & Michael Angelides, a wonderful couple focused on delivering superior bang for the buck in their own hotel. [Check their website](#) for more information and see the next story.

If you're looking for a much larger resort that also has easy beach access plus many on premise restaurants, we urge you to check out Simpson Bay resort at simpsonbayresort.com. Or, if you'd rather reserve a villa so you and your family or other couples can share more exquisite surroundings and exclusivity, you'll find multiple top-quality suppliers of villa accommodations listed among our sponsors in the Files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Check it out.

18. Wedding / Vow Renewals on an SXM Beach

As noted above, Michael and Fawnette at [Azure](#) on quiet, beautiful Simpson Bay beach are outstanding — and Fawnette offers the added advantage of being a minister and working with Michael at planning and executing SXM beach weddings right on their own property. They can plan everything from soup to nuts for beach weddings, vow renewals, and much more.

Why not now? You don't need a huge crowd to signify your love for each other but everything can be recorded and preserved for years to come, giving you immense enjoyment and a memorable family event.

Check [their website](#) for more information.

19. SXM Survey Wants Your Opinions

The St. Maarten Hospitality and Trade Association is conducting a survey of people like you who have visited the island and are looking forward to returning.

We urge you to complete the survey in the next day or so. The island is constantly striving to become a perfect vacation destination for you and your friends, so your participation will be extremely helpful in their short and long-term planning efforts.

Here is a [link to the survey](#).

20. Picking Up Steam: The Move To Living on SXM

Over the last few years, increasing numbers of tourists — particularly from the United States and Canada — have had their eye on moving to one of the new condo communities being developed in SXM.

Although action toward making the move was slowed temporarily by Covid 19, during the last few weeks things have picked up again and lots of people are actively moving forward in their efforts.

You will find a list of sponsors in this edition of *SXM Weekly News*. That sponsor list includes several realtors who we have handpicked for you. We consider them the best on the island and urge you to connect with them for help in finding a place that's ideal for your move. Whether you're acquiring property in SXM for income generation, a retirement retreat, or for possibly pursuing a new business here on the island (lots of opportunities for that), our recommended realtors can help you pick out exactly what's right for you.

We also recommend you connect with Vivian Chamas of brightpath, an organization based in St. Maarten helping people like you set up residency on SXM and a great deal more. They are specialists in helping individuals and businesses set up shop on multiple Caribbean islands — not just SXM. They know the territory like nobody else and can save you an enormous amount of time and effort as you begin your work to spend more time on your favorite island. You can contact them at www.brightpath.sx or www.brightpathcaribbean.com. You can also phone them using WhatsApp at (721) 526-2771 is office WhatsApp or (721) 556-1011 is personal WhatsApp. We do suggest you ask for Vivian personally.

21. "Voyager" Sails to St. Barth, But Winair is Faster

As you'll see in this link to the [Daily Herald](#), the Voyager — a common site in the waters between SXM and St. Barth — has resumed limited trips between the two islands.

From experience, we can tell you that the trip from SXM to St. Barth can be quite bumpy, especially just east of SXM. The trip itself takes under an hour. The trip back is smoother and a bit faster.

If you are not a fan of sailing on possibly rough seas and would like to spend much more time on St. Barth rather than traveling to it, we would strongly suggest you consider [Winair airlines](#). Winair gets you there in only about 10 minutes in their sturdy short takeoff and landing DHC aircraft, which you've no doubt seen departing from and landing at SXM airport. We've taken many of their flights and can tell you the fares are reasonable for the personalized service you get, the trips are fast, and the airline is smart, efficient, fun, and safe. We highly

recommend them as a great alternative to possible seasickness. (All the flights we've taken have been smooth, too.)

22. Rock Jetty at Pedro's Is Removed

In a surprise move a few weeks ago, the relatively small rock jetty in front of the site of the former Pedro's restaurant was removed. It had separated the clothing optional section of Orient beach at Club Orient resort from the rest of the beach, where bathing attire is required (Topless is okay).

We've never figured out the real reason this was done. The jetty seemed to offer some sand retention capability that could have been replicated with other jetties along the entire beach — if oceanographers and others familiar with the science of the oceans determined it would've resulted in a positive outcome for stopping erosion.

See next story.

23. Mystery at Club Orient's Clothing-Optional Beach

For as many years as we can remember, we've heard rumors that the beach in front of Club Orient at the southern end of Orient beach was going to lose its clothing optional status. One consistent aspect of all of those rumors has been that they have all been false.

A more or less equivalent rumor is currently making the rounds on SXM. Although we have no reason to think this rumor differs in any way from the last several false rumors, nonetheless we left a message on Saturday night for Cedrick, who is in charge of the beach. Hopefully he will reply soon.

The only difference in the status of Orient at this time is that Club Orient was almost completely destroyed by hurricane Irma in 2017. For a spectrum of reasons, reconstruction of the resort has not yet been able to start, though the beach — traditionally clothing optional for many decades — continues to thrive and provide lounges, umbrellas, snacks, and drinks to its visitors.

As soon as we hear from Cedrick, we will post his comments both in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and here, through a follow-up piece in *SXM Weekly News*.

24. As Always, Car Theft Precautions

On our main website, [everythingSXM.com](#); in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#); and in *SXM Weekly News*, we have long advised precautions to make sure your car rental in SXM isn't stolen.

Because of the widespread prevalence of certain car lines on the island, those car lines are often targets for car thieves. Never make it easy for car thieves to do their thing. To help prevent car thefts, never leave anything of value either inside the car or in the car trunk — including purses, cameras, suitcases, or any other valuables. Always lock the doors and roll up the windows.

The advice to avoid putting valuables in the trunk should hit home with many people, because it's a common practice by tourists on the island — and if we see them do it, so do people who want to steal what they're putting there.

Here is much more information from the Dutch side police about preventing car thefts:

PHILIPSBURG:--- The Police of Sint Maarten is still dealing with the phenomenon of “vehicle theft” that is taking place on the island over the last months. After a recent analysis that was carried out by the police department, it was uncovered that there is still a large number of vehicles being reported stolen on both sides of the island.

During the Covid-19 epidemic, a de-escalation plan was drawn up and implemented. In this plan, the reduction of car thefts was taken up and executed by all law enforcement agencies. During the implementation Phases of the plan, several vehicles were stopped and controlled. 8 persons were arrested and incarcerated for either dealing with or being in possession of stolen vehicles. Linked to these arrests, the detective department also confiscated ten(10) cars, believed to have been stolen. The police are putting, buyers, and sellers of second-hand vehicles on notice that these types of controls will intensify in the near future.

The main reason for sending out this notice is to inform the public how to avoid buying a motor vehicle that may have been reported stolen. Many of these stolen vehicles were resold at a price below the actual value of the vehicle. Some buyers of these vehicles have no idea that these vehicles were stolen until later during a police investigation.

Secondly, the notice is to help protect the innocent buyer who intends to purchase a vehicle not knowing it is stolen and might stand a great chance in losing all rights to that vehicle and never having his or her hard-earned money refunded. In order to avoid that innocent persons come in contact with the police or the justice system, the public should take note of the following before purchasing a second-hand vehicle.

- The buyer must never make a financial transfer, to buy for a vehicle without getting a signed and completed "Bill Of Sale" from the seller. (Buyer beware)
- Buyer should request from seller all underlying documents that go with the vehicle that is being purchased. Please note, the documents that should accompany the Bill of Sale when acquiring a second-hand vehicle are;
- A copy of Seller's ID (driver's license/ID card or Passport)
- The buyer's valid driver's license (for verification)
- A copy of the vehicle's last insurance policy ((for verification)
- A copy of the vehicle's last inspection card(for verification)
- Or the original Carte de Grise (if being purchased from someone on the French Side)
- Check the VIN and engine number.(if tampered with)

The police of Sint Maarten would also like to advise the public who are about to purchase a second-hand vehicle, is to have the VIN number of the vehicle checked by one of the authorized car Dealers on the island, before proceeding with the financial transaction.

Authorized dealers on Sint Maarten are:

1. Real Autos,
2. Caribbean Auto,
3. Saint Martin Cars
4. First Auto SXM,
5. Motorworld
6. Soremar

25. Plus One JMB Membership Promotion Continues

As much of North America slowly begins to reopen after working hard to bring Covid 19 under control, many people are wondering when SXM will reopen, enabling them to return and pump some cash into the hard-hit island economy.

First launched 18 years ago, our *JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program* now offers about 300 discounts across the island — a number which we expect to grow once the island reopens for tourism (see related stories in this issue). Although you personally may not return to SXM in the next couple of months, no doubt you are looking forward to going back as soon as it is practicable. For that reason — and in recognition of the financial impact Covid has made on many tourists — we want to make it easier for people to obtain our suite of SXM discounts, whether they're doing so for the first time or renewing a JMB Website Supporters membership.

For that reason, we are now introducing **plus 1** — a bold new program that gives everyone buying or renewing a multiyear JMB Website Supporters membership an additional full year of membership on us. This bonus is available today on all new JMB membership and renewal purchases, although you won't see anything about it on everythingSXM.com.

When your new JMB membership or your renewal is processed from now (5/18) through the end of June, we will automatically give you **plus 1** — an additional full year of JMB membership when you start a new **multiyear** JMB membership or renew one for more than one year.

We are also doing this for members of the US military and first responders who are eligible for our Military/first responders memberships. When you order a new or renewal four year military/first responders membership, you'll get an additional year on us if the transaction is completed by the end of this month. That is five years for \$67.96, which is our usual four year ultra low pricing for Military/first responder memberships and renewals. Ends June 30 (just extended by one month).

Regardless of when you intend to travel or when your current membership expires, this is an offer you should not pass up. We normally now only very rarely have any kind of sales, so **plus 1** is an offer that won't last long and that

you should take advantage of now.

Orders can be placed through PayPal in the usual way, and you do not need to do anything special to be able to get this plus one offer. But you do need to respond now, since the offer will expire at the end of June. Much more information about new JMB memberships can be found on our main site, everythingSXM.com, by clicking the page curl. Renewal information is on our JMB members-only secret website, which members can access through logging in via the orange login box below the masthead on all pages of our main site, everythingSXM.com. **Plus 1** is automatic -- you will not find it mentioned on our site, but again, it ends June 30, 2020.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to contact Membership Services at 508-830-3456 during regular office hours on weekdays, Eastern time.

26. SkyMed's Six Months of Free Protection Offer Ends Soon

In recent weeks, SkyMed international has offered six months of free protection as a bonus to people who opt to sign up for their top global membership, the five-year SkyMed Ultimate. This membership provides **SkyMed takes you home®** medical evacuation protection throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean, plus a suite of additional benefits for protection in the rest of the world. A complete list of all SkyMed Features is [here](#). And answers to frequently asked questions concerning SkyMed are [here](#). (These are both PDFs.)

SkyMed's offer of six months of free protection when you opt for a five-year SKYMED ultimate EXPIRES soon. You can sign up for it after watching a SkyMed webinar or simply by calling Jeff directly during regular office hours at JMB Communications on his private number, 508-747-8281.

If you are renewing an existing annual SkyMed membership, Jeff can help you get a free three month bonus on your renewal with no increase in cost. Call Jeff daytimes at 508-747-8281 for more information or to get this bonus. SkyMed memberships can be renewed as much as 18 months before they expire.

27. SkyMed Launches Renewal Bonus: Three Months Free

SkyMed has launched a Get Back to Work RENEWAL Special for current owners of SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships. The first wave of the RENEWAL Special is for RENEWALS happening from May 1st to August 31st. SkyMed Members renewing through Jeff Berger during this period will receive an additional 3 month FREE extension to their SkyMed membership.

There will be a Phase II of the Get Back to Work Special dedicated to memberships that have lapsed. We'll have more information on Phase II soon. To renew your SkyMed membership now, call Jeff directly during normal East coast business hours at 508-747-8281, his direct line.

28. Much More on SkyMed...

N. B. Please do NOT unsubscribe from this list; doing so will terminate your subscription to SXM Weekly News.

Get Six Months of SkyMed Protection Free* & Beat SkyMed's 90-day Exclusion of Coverage of Pre-Existing Conditions:

Get your "66" with SkyMed -- YOUR ROADMAP TO SAFETY

=====**IMPORTANT TIME-SENSITIVE OFFER**=====

SkyMed will host a one hour GO TO MEETING presentation this Wed. **at about 10:45am Pacific time.** You may have missed attending a SkyMed presentation event because of the COVID-19 pandemic. Now you can attend a very special one hour presentation in the comfort of your own home and earn a terrific bonus in the process.

Watch on your computer and learn about the importance of at home or away protection with a SkyMed membership.

GET your 66 ---

A FIVE year membership plus a 'SIX month EXTRA bonus'!

***THE BONUS perk:**

New members signing up for a FIVE Year ULTIMATE within 24 hours of being on the SkyMed GO TO MEETING presentation will receive a SIX month additional bonus. [**Note: you can now also get the free six months by phoning Jeff directly. Once you sign up for the 5-year Ultimate membership through Jeff, you get six months free. Limited time offer ends soon. Call today -- number below.**]

The EXTRA Bonus perk:

Attention new and existing members: If you refer a non member to this upcoming call or future calls you as the member will receive an additional SIX month bonus if your referral purchases a five year plan.

Now Available WITHOUT Seeing the Video, Too:

Call JMB directly at 508-747-8281. We'll walk you through what's what, answer your questions, and sign you up through our special app by phone. This is not an opportunity you'll want to miss.

Space is limited -- contact your representative to confirm your meeting today:

SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger

508-747-8281

www.skymed.com/JMB

jeff.berger@skymed.com

Please use the above email address or phone number to contact Jeff directly and reserve your spot in this coming Wednesday's WEBINAR. Email replies to jeff1620@jmbcommunications.com MAY NOT BE SEEN. Thank you.

Important: If you buy now and won't be traveling for three months or more, the 90-day exclusion of coverage on pre-existing conditions will finish once you travel -- a truly big deal. You also get a 30-day free look on SkyMed memberships. Reserve your spot in the 5/6 webinar TODAY and pick up that unique SkyMed peace-of-mind.

29. First Responders Now Get Platinum-Status JMB Discounts

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.

And now we're adding police, firefighters, EMTs, and nurses to our just-renamed Military / First Responder Memberships in recognition of their sacrifices for the rest of us every single day. We

just need you to send us documentary proof (ID) that you're one of America's very best. To sign up or upgrade your JMB membership to Military / First Responders, visit everything.sxm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership (the page still says Military). We'll also need a DD214 (or other police / fire / nursing ID) with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you all to our new best-of-all JMB Website Supporters Platinum Memberships.

30. Get a Little Bit of SXM in Your Home, Now

[This](#) is our all-new copyrighted purple sand chair SXM Euro Oval. Big shipment just arrived in our Plymouth offices. You can now order them -- they're the successor to our former green "twin palms" SXM Euro Oval.

Price, \$7 each or **THREE for \$15** (multiple orders of three welcome). Pay by PayPal payable to jeff@jmbcommunications.com or by check payable to JMB Communications, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812 USA. INCLUDE YOUR NAME, SHIP-TO ADDRESS, EMAIL ADDRESS, & PHONE NUMBER IN YOUR ORDER. All checks MUST be US dollar checks drawn on US banks. Shipped ONLY to USA & Canada addresses, Put it on your car, on mirrors at home, on smooth-sided luggage, over your husband's mouth (just kidding), etc. Fun item for everyone who loves SXM like YOU do! =====PHONE ORDERING IS NOW AVAILABLE TOO! 508-747-8281, 8am - 8pm EDT daily. Secure line, please leave all required info.

The link at the beginning of this story takes you to our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If you have not yet joined, do so now; it's a community of SXM fans like you.

31. SkyMed Q&A / FAQ - Frequently Asked Questions

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.

SkyMed World Headquarters business office operations:

We are following the White House Coronavirus Task Force '15 Days to Slow the Spread' guidelines released March 16th, 2020.

We have team members fully functional and working from home. We are all connected on line and have access to all programs

necessary for efficient operations. We have a seamless business operation whether employees are working in the office

or from home.

We are on duty 24 SEVEN for our members.

SkyMed Travel reservation # 1-800-568-8994 is open during regular business hours 8am to 5pm (MST). Messages can be left off hours.

Resources to help you:

Center for Disease Control & Prevention (CDC) www.cdc.gov/travel

Canadian government updates www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html

National Institutes of Health (NIH) www.nih.gov

US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) www.cbp.gov

US State Department emergency assistance coronavirusemergencyUSC@state.gov

World Health Organization (WHO) www.who.int

SkyMed Travel reservations www.skymedtravel.com or email info@skymedtravel.com

SkyMed Member Services 1-480-946-5188 or 1-800-475-9633 or memberservices@skymed.com

Please do not hesitate to call or email us with your questions or concerns. We are here to help as much as we can.

Regular member

services are being conducted everyday.

Our thoughts and prayers are with everyone in the SkyMed Member family wherever you are in this time of uncertainty.

Eleanore Klein, President

SkyMed Group of Companies

From JMB:

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

32. Restaurant of the Week: Returns Next Week, June 15!

We will resume this weekly feature next week - stay tuned.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

White Swan Chinese Restaurant (featured 3/16/20) SXM's very best, delicious, authentic food, attentive service, generous portions, and reasonable prices. We loved it...

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 3/9/20). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 3/2/20). Open for lunch and dinner except Mon., when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Sale & Pepe (featured 2/10/20) Cool location among breathtaking megayachts, cool decor, knowledgeable staff, and great menu, service, and food. Sale & Pepe is hitting its stride. Chef Davide Zagami stays mostly in the kitchen ensuring things go just right.

SkipJack's SXM, <http://www.skipjacks-sxm.com/> (featured 2/3/20) SkipJack's triumphantly reopened with an entirely new dining deck late in January, 2019. Great place - go! Great staff and superb food in a picture postcard lagoon setting.

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.**

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.

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 Sushitto) (7/8/19) 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.

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's Smooth 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.

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.

33. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Join our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and you'll find about 25,000 SXM tourists who love SXM as much as you do.

Our site is the best place around to ask questions and get answers about SXM -- around the clock. Check it out.

34. 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).

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35. Are You Military, First Responder, or Nurse?

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37. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 4/27/20)

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

BOAT TOURS

Celine Charters (Enigma)

BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES

SXM Beer Brewery

Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery

CAR RENTALS:

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

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

JEWELERS:

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

[Caribbean Gems](#)

Oro Diamante

[Majesty Jewelers](#)

[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

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

Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

[Shoppers Haven](#)

PARFUMERIE / PERFUME

Tijon Parfumerie, Grand Case, www.tijon.com

REAL ESTATE COMPANIES: (See also VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES, below)

[Island Real Estate Team](#) is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A long-time 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*.

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RESORTS:

Belair Beach Hotel

Simpson Bay Resort

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Baker's Suites

RESTAURANTS & BARS

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SPIGA

VESNA TAVERNA

ISOLA

Frenchy Ludo's

SNOOPY'S

Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

Soggy Dollar Bar

Sale and Pepe

Topper's Restaurant

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:

Endless Summer Swimwear, Philipsburg & Simpson Bay

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](#)

[Sunshine Properties](#)

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Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies

Bright Path is already posting in our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#)

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38. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic

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Tourism will soon return and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases beyond the shutdown. Contact us today for more information.

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

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

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SECTION 5: For Members Only

A. **Where to Get Member Info:** www.everythingsxm.com/secret

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C. **How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad:** See www.everythingsxm.com/secret .Your username and password are required.

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

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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