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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 2/20/2021 2/27/2021 8 **Simpson Bay Resort Villas** Ocean Front large One bedroom totally renovated in the villas. king bed with large bathroom. two Murphy's living room. dining room fully furnished kitchen. Large Balcony ocean

front unit next to parking. casino, restaurants, gym, marina, pools, tennis, entertainment other weeks available. photos available access to entire resort. maid service \$1,577.00 Lynn 5072190594 lynn cunningham49@gmail.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 5/15/2021 5/22/2021 Week 20 **La Vista Beach Resort Deluxe studio, sleep 4, (every year use) full kitchen, dining area, living room, bath with shower, veranda. Ocean view, ground floor, steps to pool and beach.** Restaurant on site as well as an infinity pool. Walking distance to beach bars, restaurants and grocery store. 2021 maintenance fee paid \$3,600 Patricia 412 427-3303 pattybrodd@yahoo.com

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

1. Congress: Boeing 737 MAX Crashes Caused by Incompetence at Boeing, FAA

The United States Congress minced no words in its summary report concerning the causes of the crashes of two Boeing 737 Max airliners more than a year and 1/2 ago which claimed the lives of 346 people.

As you will see when you read [the entire report](#), Congress was highly critical of Boeing processes, procedures, and practices, but it reserved equal fire for the US Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

The above link will take you to the U.S. Congress website to download the complete report.

Next question: when might the 737 Max return to service? And the answer is: when it's ready.

Various observers, commentators and companies, including airline companies, have been guessing about when the 737 Max will return to service since a few months after the Max was initially grounded 18 months ago. As we have reported, some flight testing is underway and it is certainly fair to conclude that once the 737 Max returns to the skies, it will be — as many people have said — one of the safest airliners in the sky.

The big question is whether many passengers will want to be among the first to try the newly blessed aircraft — a very difficult question. Once a firm date has been set for the 737 Max to return to service, we will report on it here in *SXM Weekly News* since that aircraft will undoubtedly return to use gradually for some flights to SXM and will still likely be populating airline fleets in a big way in the years to come, though perhaps not to the extent that was expected before the two fatal crashes.

See next story.

2. New Issues on Some Boeing 787 Long-Haul Aircraft

The Boeing 787 is one of the world's most popular long-haul airliners, serving some of the farthest-ranging routes on the planet. It is used for some flights between Europe and SXM.

Now, some long-haul 787 aircraft have been grounded due to a problem with its vertical stabilizer (tail). It appears that inspections are underway to see whether additional aircraft have the same issue, which would require immediate attention.

When the 787 was first introduced several years ago, lithium-ion batteries aboard some of the aircraft had a fire risk which Boeing had to address. Dubbed Dreamliner by Boeing, the 787 for a time was mocked by some as the nightmare liner — a criticism that abated quickly when the battery issue was fixed.

Boeing, however, has recently lost much of its luster as the leading global airliner manufacturer due to the long-term grounding of its Boeing 737 Max airliners whose defects caused crashes that killed 346 people, as mentioned in the previous story.

[Here is more](#) on the new 787 problem.

3. Dutch Side Extends Testing Period to Five Days (120 hrs.)

Before Departure)

Usually, most travel-related articles in this newsletter appear in this section. However this major story — about a move by the Dutch side government to make it easier for tourists to visit SXM — actually appears in section 4, our Island News section. We wanted to alert you to it.

4. A Conga Line of Storms Marks Peak of Hurricane Season

As this story was written late last week, a tropical depression in the central Atlantic was waiting to be named tropical storm Wilfred — officially the last hurricane name planned for the tumultuous 2020 hurricane season. However, we are just now at the peak of the season, and that peak will continue in some form or another through October. Hurricane season itself will not be over until the end of November.

What happens if more tropical cyclones form after Wilfred since there are no more names? It already has happened: storm Alpha formed in the far East Atlantic and headed for Portugal, and storm Beta has already formed in the Gulf of Mexico. Welcome to the Greek Alphabet 20230 storms.

The National Hurricane Center has reverted to the Greek alphabet, which it has done only once before (2005). At this point there are five active systems on the weather map of the tropical Atlantic. The National Hurricane Center's reporting system was designed years ago to deal with up to five named storms at once but it may require a quick upgrade if that number increases by only one more simultaneous storm at some point during this season. That seems to us based on our prior experience in high technology to be a relatively simple upgrade. In any case, we hope it won't happen but we'll keep you posted if it does.

It does look right now as of the African continent — where these monsoonal tropical systems spawn, moving east to west across the Africa — is still rich with the moisture needed to create a number of additional storms through this tumultuous season.

In fact, our Chief Meteorologist Rob Lightbown, head of crownweather.com, says it would not surprise him if this hurricane season produces up to 30 named storms, a figure we've never heard mentioned in one season -- one of hundreds of apparent effects of climate change.

For much more storm information, see the Weather Center in our main SXM site, everythingSXM.com.

5. Airlines Could Rethink SXM Service (A Good Thing)

Airlines constantly reevaluate local conditions to make optimal use of their aircraft: they want to fly "full" aircraft on as many routes as possible, even during pandemics.

Two major changes occurred last week in the St. Maarten airline marketplace, as reported in this week's *SXM Weekly News*: first, SXM has increased the length of time that visitors from the United States have to be tested for Covid 19 and receive a written report of the test, a key entry requirements for US visitors. That time period has been expanded from three days or 72 hours to five days or 120 hours, which is expected to make it much easier for American tourists to visit the island.

Second, also as reported here in *SXM Weekly News*, the blockage of the border between the French and Dutch sides has now been altogether removed, enabling unfettered free travel between both sides of the island for everyone — just like travel between states in the USA.

Bottom line: Airlines will be watching this to make sure that everything stays positive — which it certainly should. Despite the fact that this is low season and a pandemic is underway, demand appears to be recovering a bit now -- and demand is what motivates airlines to put additional flights back into their schedules.

6. 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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7. 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.)

8. 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.

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

9. High Demand for Condos, Villas: Book Now

Despite the fact that hotels and timeshares have been bending over backwards to make sure their properties are as well protected as possible from virus contamination, increasing numbers of tourists — particularly those who are well-heeled — are looking into renting villas or privately owned condos for an extended period during this high season.

There are two reasons: first, fewer strangers are there to encounter, which means less potential Covid exposure; and second, tourists can take their extended families or closest friends on a multifamily trip where their main location is a beautiful villa or expansive condo.

If that entices your thoughts, we strongly suggest you make a move quickly to pin down optimal locations. Check out our Sponsors, listed in this edition in Section 3 — there, we list recommended sources of both villa and condo accommodations (among other businesses), many of which now offer extended vacation periods.

This winter in North America is expected to be cold and snowy: why shiver or shovel when you can spend the time sunning here in St. Maarten?

10. Hotels Adapt to Covid-Related Changes

Before the major news broke this week regarding the softening of entry requirements related to Covid 19 and the opening of the borders between the French and Dutch sides of the island, the Dutch side SXM's *Daily Herald* ran an interesting article about what's been going on at some of the major Dutch side hotels/timeshares. We thought you would like a look at it, so [here it is](#).

11. Steven vs. Goliath: Planet Hollywood Suit Filed

The mammoth Planet Hollywood construction project continues to move toward launch on Great Bay despite occasional attempts to stop it. The latest of these is by Steven Johnson, a neighbor of the former Sonesta Great Bay property at the western end of Philipsburg where the new Planet Hollywood is expected to be built.

It certainly is a David and Goliath situation — except this time, it's Steven versus Goliath. [Here are the details](#) of what's going on. Will Goliath be toppled? We doubt it, but we'll be watching this and we'll keep you posted.

12. Guidance on Buying Property in SXM

Buying property on a foreign island — either on the Dutch side of the French side — requires Americans to go through processes with which they may be entirely unfamiliar. Owning property would also enable you to become a resident of the island and that, too, requires lots of paperwork.

As we've occasionally noted here, a company was formed several years ago to expedite and facilitate all of that activity. We know the owner and we know her capabilities. People who have used her services tell us she is highly efficient, very informative, incredibly helpful, and knows the ins and outs of all legal requirements for buying property in SXM.

She is Vivian Chamas of [BrightPath SXM](#). You can reach her directly through her website or by calling 721-526-2771. See the next story.

13. Guidance on Starting a Business in SXM

Starting a business in a foreign island — either on the Dutch side of the French side — requires Americans to go through processes with which they may be entirely unfamiliar. Owning a business would also enable you to become a resident of the island and that, too, requires lots of paperwork.

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14. 2020 - 2021 Rentals Available Now at Everythingsxm.com

SXM timeshare owners who are members of JMB Website Supporters are posting 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.

15. 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.

16. 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 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

17. 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](#). Please see the next story.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

**THE COLORS OF SXM BELONG
ON YOUR CAR AND IN YOUR HOME:**



**Ordering information for our
SXM Euro Oval stickers is in this section, below.
Get yours today -- they make great
holiday gifts! Orders end
for the season on October 10.**

18. French Side Reopens Borders: Free Travel Between French/Dutch Sides Resumes

Apparently, intense public pressure sometimes pays off. That's what appears to have happened on the French side, where people in all lines of work on both sides of the island joined in protest against what they deemed to be an unconscionable ruling by the French Préfet, Sylvie Feucher, who ultimately gave up the fight this past week.

Locals in SXM have been accustomed to living on an island shared peacefully by two nations for more than 400 years — and island with a shared economy, a shared unity, and a shared outlook. Despite the fact that it consists of two sovereign nations, the island survives and prospers only when it works together.

Public demonstrations on Wednesday by the organization Soualiga United drew thousands in peaceful testimonial of the need to move forward together. A meeting between Soualiga United and the Préfet, on top of a tremendous amount of campaigning by a number of people and organizations from both sides of the island, seemed to seal the deal. Tents that had been set up by the Gendarmerie at all border road crossings were taken down on Wednesday afternoon, and huge containers that had been put in place to block vehicular passage between both sides of the island were to be removed on Thursday, allowing free travel to resume unfettered.

One of the factors that had impacted tourism was the fact that vehicular travel between both sides of the island had become impossible for tourists. Even in low season, tourists are still the main lifeblood of the economy and as a result of the border closure, the economy had become moribund. The restaurants of Grand Case, favorite French side beaches including Orient, pastry shops and other favorite places for French side respites will now become available over the next few weeks to tourists arriving at the island's main airport, SXM Princess Juliana on the Dutch side.

We ran photographs and video of demonstrations on Wednesday in our sister media, our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

In the wake of the reopening, French side President Daniel Gibbs issued this communique about increased cooperation between both sides of the island:

Successful cooperation meeting with Sint Maarten:

The executives from both parts of the island met this Thursday, September 17, 2020 in Philipsburg.

Several items were discussed on the agenda, including the lifting of border controls, the synchronization of preventive health measures, the creation of the United Congress of St. Martin and the implementation of joint cultural projects. The discussions were particularly constructive, in particular with regard to the procedures existing on each part of the island and the joint measures to be implemented to protect the populations.

The relaunch of the tourist destination and airport activity for the next season, as well as health prevention were also discussed and will be the subject of regular discussions. Elected officials also endorsed the decision to speed up the process for the creation of the United Congress, which in the current crisis could have been a particularly decisive body.

19. Dutch Side Extends Entry Requirement Testing Period to Five Days

In thousands of cases, tourists who had intended to visit St. Maarten during recent weeks found it impossible to get the required RT – PCR nasopharyngeal test for Covid and have the final detail report in hand **within the three days prior to travel that had been specified by the Dutch side of the island.**

In response to that major problem, the island has now increased the amount of time during which US tourists can be tested and receive results from three days prior to departure (72 hours) to five days prior to departure, or 120 hours.

We immediately posted that information in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) as well as in special Bulletins to our JMB Website Supporters members and to all recipients of *SXM Weekly News*.

Many readers quickly responded that they have jumped off the shelf and are planning returns to the island, pending determination of flight availability. *What had been destined to be a bleak high season for the island thanks to both the closure of the border (now solved) and to the tight three-day testing requirement (now also solved) may still be relatively quiet thanks to Covid, but for many thousands of tourists who are now expected to return and for thousands of people on the island it appears that winter in SXM will be a whole lot warmer than people previously had reason to hope for. (Come on down, folks.)*

20. Steven vs. Goliath: Planet Hollywood Lawsuit Filed

This article is actually published in our accommodations section, section 2 in this week's *SXM Weekly News* — it's a rather major story and we wanted to make sure you were aware of and read. It's story 11 in today's *SXM Weekly News*.

21. Britain to Ration Virus Testing

If you live in the UK and may be required to test for Covid before traveling to SXM, you should know that Britain has decided to ration virus testing to make sure short supplies of testing materials are focused on the needs of people who actually may have the disease and need immediate testing.

Here is [more](#) on this story.

22. Aquamania Captain Odie Sheyenne Dies in Cycling Accident

AquaMania Captain Odie Sheyenne, a familiar face to many who have taken cruises through AquaMania or who may have seen him on the Marina Plaza at Simpson Bay Resort, where AquaMania is based, passed away suddenly and tragically a week ago in a terrible cycling accident. Here are the details as published by 721 News in SXM:

AIRPORT, St. Maarten - What appeared to be a group of friends taking to the roads on bike / four wheeler for a leisurely ride on Sunday turned tragic when a one young man lost his life.

The accident occurred in the vicinity of Hertz Car Rental after 6:00pm.

According to eyewitnesses the bike riders were not racing or being a bother to traffic. One of the group may have clipped the scooter of the now deceased rider accidentally, sending the bike careening towards an oncoming vehicle. The rider was transported to Sint Maarten Medical Center where he was pronounced dead.

The vehicle driver stopped to avoid hitting the rider but force sent him under the vehicle. The rider's friends pulled him from under the vehicle and rested him at the roadside to await emergency services.

Ambulance personnel arrived on the scene to find an unresponsive young man surrounded by his bereft friends and other onlookers.

Police are investigating this traffic death.

The accident was the cause of a massive traffic jam around Simpson Bay and Cole Bay. Numerous people complained on social media about being stuck in the jam and questioning the source until word of the fatal accident fully circulated in the community.

We do not know if any gofundme effort is being launched to help Odie's family. If we hear of one, we will publish that information both here and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Our most sincere condolences to Odie's family and friends.

23. Navy Beach Coming to SXM This Fall

Navy Beach, a small chain of bar/restaurants with performance capabilities, is coming to Airport Road on the Dutch side of the island, and may open as soon as this Fall. Navy Beach also has locations in Montauk, New York, and St. Thomas.

We expect to have pictures of their facilities available for posting in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) later this fall, plus additional news about what may be beach is all about.

24. 721 District Coming...

Cugini Sicilian restaurant in Simpson Bay, near both FedEx and the Carousel, had become one of SXM's brightest stars as a new restaurant several years ago. But its shining force, Sam Runza, tragically succumbed to cancer only a couple of years after the restaurant had opened.

Cugini means cousins in Italian. At the restaurant, Sam worked closely with Tony Piccione, who had also operated a restaurant in Anse Marcel.

In the last couple of years, Tony has spent a lot of time developing a new concept for the former Cugini location — 721 District. Apparently it will consist of a number of small food-related businesses and it looks like it is not that far from opening.

We expect to soon speak with Tony about 721 District and will publish more about it, and pictures, in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). We'll also publish more information right here in *SXM Weekly News*.

25. Turtle Pier-Like Nowhere Special Reopening

The Turtle Pier restaurant on airport road is fondly remembered by thousands of customers for its great breakfasts, lunches, and most of all for delicious appetizers and its dinners, including those served on lobster night. Turtle Pier closed a number of years ago and its property has been taken over in preparation for airport expansion.

But the good news is that a couple of years ago, a new restaurant called Nowhere Special opened on Welfare Road near the Simpson Bay drawbridge and opposite Royal Palm resort. Its chief honcho is Lillian Wathey, daughter of Al and Rose Wathey who had been the owners of Turtle Pier. Al is often seen now at Nowhere Special and the kitchen crew and much of the menu is straight out of Turtle Pier — so if you miss Turtle Pier, Nowhere Special is the place you want to visit. It has a rear dining deck on the water, just like Turtle Pier did.

As has been the case with many businesses on the island, Nowhere Special has been closed lately thanks to the island economy. But the good news is that Lillian tells us the restaurant expects tentatively to reopen before the end of the year, and plans to expand its offerings to include many breakfasts — we think some of those breakfasts may even be those fondly remembered from the days of Turtle Pier.

This fall we will be visiting Nowhere Special and we plan to run stories here about the best breakfast places in Simpson Bay, where there are substantial great choices. Stay tuned.

26. Mama Pizza is Open

The incredibly popular Mama Pizza on the plaza at Porto Cupecoy is open, although temporarily with a limited menu.

As we've previously written, Mama Pizza has some of the best pizza on the island. The restaurant is known as a

watering hole for a wide cross-section of people, from government officials to casino owners to occasional star appearances. They also normally have a number of Italian specialties and are known for generous portions and reasonable prices.

If you haven't visited Mama Pizza lately, definitely go by and remember us to Desmond, the owner. They do to-go orders, too. Outdoor seating available.

27. High Holy Days Schedule for Chabad St. Maarten

This is the schedule of services for the Jewish High Holy Days in SXM.

[Schedule of Services](#)

[Shofar Event at the Border](#)

28. Restaurant of the Week: Returns Next Week

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Mario's at the Cliff, formerly Mario's Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 9/14/20 Mario's is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have. Go. Phenomenal dining at very reasonable prices. Formerly on the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach, they are relocating effective in late October to the Cliff. Open every day but Monday, they will serve both lunch and dinner six days a week. Traditional and highly creative Continental dinners, with Tapas and other selections at lunch. Do not miss it. Reservations are required.

Emilio's: outside Philipsburg (featured 8/10/20) offers fine dining in an historic, classic ambiance. **Not to be missed.** <https://emilios-sxm.com/menus/dinner-menu/>

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 7/27/20). Italian. Excellent food, many choices (pizza too), busy, good specials. Lively; busy; entertainment some nights. Many folks from Simpson Bay Resort dine here as well as many locals and lots of casino high-rollers. www.isolaristorante.com

Sale & Pepe (featured 7/20/20) Cool location among breathtaking megayachts, cool decor, knowledgeable staff, and extensive menu, good service, and delicious food. Chef Davide Zagami stays mostly in the kitchen ensuring things go just right. <https://www.facebook.com/saleandpepemarina/>

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 7/13/20: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 7/6/20) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnataverna.com (featured 6/22/20). 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 6/15/20). Open for lunch and dinner except Mon., when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

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...

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.

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 Sushiiitto) (7/8/19) is the new name of Sushiiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

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) Closed permanently.

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.

29. SkyMed's Huge Fall Sale Ends 9/30 (NO Extensions)

SkyMed is launching its biggest sale ever but that sale will end on September 30. It offers people who buy a new SkyMed ultimate medical evacuation membership up to six months free of additional protection. That's a big deal for when you start traveling again.

You'll find an overview of all key **SkyMed Features & Services** here:

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

And you'll find **Frequently Asked Questions** here:

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/sxmweeklynews/2020SkyMedFAQ.pdf>

More info: Under this SkyMed Fall Sale, you can get up to six months of free protection when you buy a new five-year SkyMed Ultimate membership or upgrade to one from another annual or longer SkyMed membership. There are also offers for annual membership renewals. There will never be a better time to obtain SkyMed medical evacuation protection than now. Remember too that for the first three months of new annual or multiyear SkyMed memberships, protection for pre-existing conditions is briefly excluded during the first 90 days. Get an Ultimate membership now, and you can get up to six months free; if you're not traveling for at least 90 days, even pre-existing conditions will be covered according to the provisions in your membership once you do travel.

SkyMed *Takes You Home*® when you become seriously or critically ill or injured when you travel anywhere the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. Global protection is also available on an optional basis or standard in Ultimate multiyear memberships.

For answers to questions or to sign up, please call Jeff directly on his private line, 508-747-8281 weekdays from 8 AM until 8 PM EDT. He'll return your call as quickly as possible. Again, SkyMed *TAKES YOU HOME*® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. What else matters?

30. SkyMed Offers Extra Months of Protection for \$0; 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.

31. 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 everythingsexm.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.

32. Get Some SXM in Your Home, Now (SXM EURO OVALS)

[This](#) is our all-new copyrighted purple sand chair SXM Euro Oval. Big shipment recently 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.

33. 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

34. 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.

35. 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 will shortly again be thoroughly updated. Each week's newsletter is usually added within a few weeks after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday).

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, First Responder, or Nurse?

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.

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 9/12/20)

AMUSEMENTS

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

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Celine Charters (Enigma)

BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES

SXM Beer Brewery

Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery

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

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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

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

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NONNA ROSA (NEW)

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SWIMWEAR:

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VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES:

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

[GoBeach Vacations](#)

[Sunshine Properties](#)

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