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SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 12/26/2020 1/2/2021 52 **Simpson Bay Resort 2 bedroom apartment in the Allamanda Building** (can be used as two separate one bedroom units since it has a lockout feature). One bedroom unit on the first floor with king size bed and with Murphy bed in the LR and a separate lockout one bedroom unit on the second floor with king bed and sofa bed.- Each unit, upstairs and downstairs, has full kitchen and AC with TVs in each room. There are very few units at Simpson Bay Resort that have the lockout feature so it offers a great alternative to a traditional two bedroom unit. Week 52 rental is \$2,200 and we have a Week 51 for \$2,000. For both 51 and 52 rate is \$4,000 (resort taxes are paid by renter). \$2,200 Joseph 508-277-7702 orgdms@aol.com

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 11/14/2020 11/21/2020 Week 46 Royal Islander La Plage Beautiful one bedroom ocean view unit in Maho's premier timeshare property! Sleeps 4 with king bed in private bedroom and queen sofa sleeper in living room. Full kitchen with all the amenities. Watch the planes approach the runway while enjoying a beverage on your deck. Convenient to beaches, restaurants, shopping, and Casino Royale. Great location, wonderful staff! \$1500 plus resort transfer fee (\$285) Sally 715-209-0478 sallyandbillh@hotmail.com

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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

1. Hurricane Delta Slams Gulf Coast; What's Next?

As readers already know, hurricane Delta slammed into the Gulf coast over the last few days and has moved generally Northeastward. It is expected to affect a number of states as it continues moving Northeastward. The only good it may bring is possible beneficial rain to drought-parched New England.

Meteorologist Rob Lightbown is saying that we should expect a brief period of relative calm in the tropics ending just after midmonth, when a disturbance moving westward across the tropical Atlantic may develop in the central to Western Caribbean.

We will keep an eye on this and will publish any necessary advisories or updates in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) as they happen. If anything develops, we will also publish it in next week's edition of *SXM Weekly News*.

2. Quakes Rattle Caribbean

You'll find the full story about these quakes in our main news section.

3. Tourists Finding 5-Day Covid Test Requirement Way Easier

Suffering from a combination of cabin fever, boredom, approaching cold weather, and political rhetoric overload, many people — perhaps more than expected — are now actively saying damn the torpedoes, and are moving ahead plans for a St. Maarten visit either very late this year or during the winter.

Two factors have helped propel this interest. The first is the recent reopening of the border between the French and Dutch sides of the island, enabling a full-island visit as usual — not a visit limited just to the Dutch side.

The second factor is that the realization has hit that the world is involved in the Pandemic and the vast majority of people in businesses are following new social distancing norms and wearing masks to stay safe regardless of geography. A number of people have told us that they feel that following the CDC guidelines, they believe they can remain as safe for the duration of their vacation in SXM as they can at home — so why not go where they can be content and happy, not to mention warm?

The other factor is the **Five-Day Covid test Requirement**, which is much less difficult to complete rather than the prior 72 hour requirement.

Complete information on all requirements for visiting SXM, including the online form that you must complete for the island to receive an approval to visit before you leave, is in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#)'s Files area.

4. Watch Flight Reservations Closely: Airlines Keep Changing Them

If you're one of the lucky people who has flight reservations to SXM, we strongly suggest you keep an eye on the status of your reservations. Some airlines continue to cancel flights including some with dates around Thanksgiving. On social media, some would-be SXM tourists have said that American Airlines continues to cancel many flights, sometimes rescheduling passengers onto completely filled airplanes flying at inconvenient times. (Is passenger well-being less

important to AA than dollars it gets by filling its airplanes? You be the judge.)

Whether you are flying American, United, or any other airline, it's important for you to keep watching your flights every week to make sure they haven't been changed by the airline without you being told. If they have been changed and you have not been notified and the changes are not convenient for you, call the airline to fix them. Definitely make sure that any appointments you've made for PCR Covid testing are altered to meet the reality of any changed flight schedule and that they remain in keeping with the island's entry requirements.

5. "Covid Passport" Getting Attention from Some Airlines

In a move that may be a harbinger of things to come, airlines are examining options for safe travel including what they are calling a Covid passport.

The plan is experimental and affecting only a few airports and so far, does not appear likely to have any impact on any flights from the US or Canada to SXM anytime soon, if at all. However, it is well worth your attention just in case it catches on — something that certainly could happen.

Here is [that story](#).

6. David Neeleman's Newest Airline Launches in 2021

Serial entrepreneur David Neeleman, who founded WestJet airlines, JetBlue, and Azul Airlines in South America, has been working (as we've reported here) on "Breeze," a new US airline aimed at providing economical flights between midsize US cities starting as soon as next year.

We've mentioned Breeze since we feel there is a distinct possibility that once SXM makes US customs preclearance a reality at SXM Airport as it has said it would do, Breeze could easily provide service from some new US gateways to SXM at very competitive pricing perhaps two or three years into the future. Neeleman knows how to build successful airlines and Breeze has already ordered a fleet of new Airbus A220 airliners, planes with a capacity close to that of the A320 but much better flight economics. (Indeed, JetBlue itself is buying a fleet of these airplanes as replacements for its current fleet of E190 Embraer aircraft which have lower passenger capacity and higher operating costs than the A220).

Here's more on [Breeze](#).

We will continue to keep watching this — and, of course, preclearance at SXM Airport — going forward.

7. Interesting New Choice for Your Next Private Plane

If you've been looking around for really neat private plane that would enable you, your spouse/partner, and maybe a dozen of your closest friends to take off for trips to SXM, the new Airbus A220 business jet just might be perfect for you (if, of course, you have a few dozen million dollars laying around that you can use to buy it).

Here are details on [what you can get](#).

8. "Covid" Formally Added to this Section

Since getting a negative result to a PCR nasopharyngeal test within the prescribed period before you fly again to SXM airport is a requirement for admission to the island through the airport, we have now temporarily added Covid as a topic covered by this section of *SXM Weekly News*. All Covid-related stories that we publish will from now on be in this section.

9. 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.

More stories are below.

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10. 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.)

11. 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 absolute greatest possible discounts.*

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

12. New Condos & Timeshare Buildings: Much More Coming

We will soon start an ambitious Fall project to bring you evolving news about new condo, timeshare, and hotel projects on SXM.

Besides the "Fourteen" twin-tower condominium project well underway in the Cupecoy beach area, two other condominium projects continue to progress on or near Simpson Bay beach, both of them spearheaded by well-known SXM restaurant entrepreneurs. We will be photographing all of these projects as they progress starting late this month and will be publishing pictures every month going forward in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). We will also be reporting on the progress and on the condominium offers themselves here in *SXM Weekly News*.

There is also new timeshare construction now underway near Philipsburg. We'll have more information about that in future issues of *SXM Weekly News* and we will also be publishing photographs of that project in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). We also hope to get artist renditions of the finished buildings, giving you a sneak peek about what resort is doing these and what to expect once they're finished.

To continue to do all this, we need your continued support: please see story 20.

13. Villa Vijoux Debuts Soon in Oyster Pond; Unique on SXM

Perched on the hillside overlooking Oyster Pond on the island's East Coast near the French-Dutch border, totally new-from-the-ground-up Villa Vijoux, opening next month, offers eight bedrooms on two levels – all with King Size beds, 4.5 bathrooms per floor, and all the features visitors expect in luxury villas. It easily accommodates family groups, friends, and even small parties for guests. Private swimming pool with cabana and BBQ, plus fully equipped kitchens on each level featuring all high-end Bosch appliances. Spectacular panoramic views of Oyster Pond and St. Barth.

Once this new villa is finished (it's very close now) we'll post pictures in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and more news here in *SXM Weekly News*. For extended families and friends gatherings, this will be THE place to be in SXM. More info is [here](#); pictures coming soon to our SXM FB group.

14. SXM Ministry Rejects Alegria Water Rights Claim

To the delight of many people who have expressed opposition to Alegria resort's plans for a Dolphinarium / Aquarium in the ocean in Burgeaux Bay next to the resort, VROMI, the ministry in the SXM government that oversees such things is apparently saying that this ship won't fly. We're sure that Alegria will pursue this matter in court and we will keep you posted on what happens.

[This](#) appears to be the latest.

15. Caravanserai Debacle Reveals Government Inaction

Consumer protection as it exists in the United States is foreign to Dutch St. Maarten.

For example, if you slide on something slippery in an aisle in a US supermarket, you may wind up suing the market as a result. Consider also the famous case taken by a coffee drinker at a McDonald's restaurant who spilled hot coffee and sued the restaurant over it — and won the lawsuit. In St. Maarten, according to some people we spoke with some time ago, the response to a Supermarket issue like the one above would be an admonition to the person who fell to watch when they were going and be more careful. In the case of hot McDonald's coffee, the attitude would likely have been be more careful next time when you handle hot coffee since it's hot.

SXM is not the litigious society that the US is. But it does recognize the importance of consumer protection, which is why timeshare legislation -- sometimes billed as consumer protection -- has been produced in the parliament of Dutch St. Maarten but has not yet been acted upon.

In fact, it has been sitting on a desk somewhere in parliament for years.

If there is a need for such legislation, perhaps that need is now made clearer in the recent ruling by the Netherlands Supreme Court against litigating timeshare owners from Caravanserai Resort, now Alegria, whose timeshare ownerships were summarily nullified by the new owner of that resort when he bought it out of bankruptcy several years ago.

Litigating owners have been fighting him in court ever since to get back some part of the value of their timeshare ownerships and have come up with dry, repeatedly: no consumer protection.

The Supreme Court recently returned the case to the lower court but since there is no timeshare owner consumer protection legislation on St. Maarten thanks to the delay in parliament, it seems unlikely that timeshare owners will be getting any kind of real closure.

Here is the [story](#) on the status of the legislation.

16. 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.

17. 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.

18. 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

19. NEWS About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates

Since SXM has reopened to tourism, we are now 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.

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20. WE NEED YOUR HELP NOW TO KEEP PUBLISHING SXM Weekly News every week:

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We know readers / JMB members have uncertainties -- for clearly obvious reasons. Our business has been

adversely affected by Covid-19 as have most businesses worldwide and we need your help now to continue be able to research, write, produce, and distribute SXM Weekly News to you, its more than 344,000 worldwide readers every week as we have since 1992... That's why we're giving all readers who do multiyear new, renewal, or reinstated JMB memberships from now through 10/12/2020, a free "Plus One" additional full year of JMB membership. That's our thanks to you for helping us make it through this challenging period.

You'll certainly return within a year (possibly way sooner), since an effective vaccine appears likely to be available during the coming winter. So, take advantage of this unique, about-to-end offer and sign up for, renew, or reinstate today.

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b) Here are all the multiyear renewal / reinstatement rates for all current or former members: remember, you get "Plus One" in all of these – a full year on us in addition to the years stated:

- The **one-year** renewal or reinstatement does not offer "Plus One"... it remains \$49.
- **Three-year** renewal/reinstatements, \$89, plus you get an additional fourth year free. Offer ends 10/12/20.
- **Our Best Offer: Six-year renewal/reinstatements, \$149, plus you get an additional seventh year free.** Offer ends 10/12/20 so please ACT NOW.

You can do both renewals and reinstatements [right here](#), in our membership reinstatement center (prices are identical to renewals). For new memberships, click the page curl on our main site, everything.sxm.com, for info or to sign up. Your renewal begins when your current subscription ends. Reinstatements of expired memberships take just a few days to process. You can reinstate an old membership regardless of how many years ago it expired, too. We email you a new membership card once processing has been completed.

c) Military and First-Responder memberships offer you the usual four years for just \$67.96 (at \$16.99/year paid at inception) plus you get an additional fifth year free. That is the best deal we have ever offered anyone for any memberships, on a yearly basis. DD214 or other proof of US military or first-responder service required. Additional year offer ends 10/12/2020, so please ACT NOW.

We hope you are having a pleasant summer, **but please ... join, renew, or reinstate today to get that additional full-year Plus One bonus before it goes away 10/12, which is not far away.**

Don't want to use PayPal to sign up or renew (even though you need not be a PayPal member)? Just call our office any day from 8am to 8pm EDT at **508-830-3456** and we'll be happy to take your info by phone. If lines are busy and you get our answering system, you can leave your info on our secure line. We'll appreciate anything you can do to help.

If you already did this and have not yet received your membership materials, we're moving as quickly as we can with a temporarily reduced staff. We hope to be fully caught up shortly

THANK YOU!

Jeff Berger / Tracy / Susan / Michael / Greg and the entire JMB team.
JMB Communications
P. O. Box 1812
Plymouth, MA 02362-1812

21. Earthquakes Rattle Caribbean

Two earthquakes rattled parts of the Caribbean last week. One measured 5.3 on the open-ended Richter scale and was near St. Croix in the US Virgin Islands. That quake brought some shaking to SXM shortly after midnight Friday morning and woke up a number of people in SXM. There was no damage reported on the island and no injuries, and also no

perceptible tidal wave issues.

The Caribbean has in the vicinity of 1200 earthquakes per year, most of them minor.

22. French Side Declares War on Single-Use Plastics

Both sides of the island have been talking on their own about the need to do something to permanently stop the use of single-use plastics, which are cluttering landfills around the world and polluting the world's oceans.

Now the French side is taking what appears to be serious action against single-use plastics starting at the beginning of next year. Here is that full [story](#).

23. Is Grand Case a Western Movie Set?

Remember those old-fashioned Western movies — the kind where cowboys and stagecoaches would ride into the middle of town creating a cloud of dust that slowly dissipates when they tie up and dismount in the middle of town? In recent days, Grand Case has been reminiscent of that. Thanks to the laying of updated utility conduits and other miscellaneous construction under the roads of the town, much of Boulevard de Grand Case was torn up and left that way by the French side government while the utility work was slowly carried out.

It didn't seem to matter much that the economy was based on tourism already decimated by Covid. There was no apparent sense of urgency about getting the job done.

We periodically asked (and asked again) what the ETA was for the completion of the project and the answers we heard through various intermediaries have always been that *there is no ETA*.

The condition of the roads in Grand Case doesn't help the French side economy at all. The people of the French side demonstrated peacefully to get the French side back open so its moribund economy could at least take a shot at rebounding — a difficult course given the fact that the roads have not been completed and returned service.

When we have more information about when this situation will be resolved so the roads can do their job for French side businesses, we'll report it here.

24. Vote for Toppers Rhum: Best Gifts for Foodies

Toppers Rhum has been nominated for the 10 best gifts for Foodies, an honor bestowed by a unit associated with the *USA Today* newspaper. Toppers has been running somewhere between fourth and fifth in the voting so far — but the voting continues for more than another week and your vote can play a part in helping Toppers catch the number one prize.

So, [go here to vote](#) today. Again, you can vote daily for about another week and a half, so do it now to bring some well-earned recognition to SXM's top producer of Caribbean rums.

25. Covid Insurance Is NOT Currently Required in SXM - CORRECTION

In last week's edition of *SXM Weekly News*, there appeared an article concerning a story that was published in a recent edition of the *SXM Daily Herald* newspaper. The *Herald* article said that SXM was moving forward to require Covid insurance on the island.

A week ago, when our article appeared, an intermediary talking to us for the government told us that the Dutch side government said it had never been contacted by the *Daily Herald* in connection with its article, and that *the information about Covid insurance becoming a requirement in SXM that appeared in the Herald story was entirely false*.

We had published a poll in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) regarding the prospect of SXM Requiring Covid insurance and we removed that poll at once upon hearing the government comment that the *Herald* article was false.

SXM Weekly News is produced by seasoned journalists who put facts first. The original article that had stated that Covid insurance is coming was not produced by *SXM Weekly News*, as noted above, but nonetheless we apologize for any inconvenience to anyone as a result of that story about the *Herald's* article.

26. Restaurant of the Week: Returns in November

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.

27. 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 everythingxsm.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.

28. 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

29. 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.

30. 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).

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See the [rundown of all SkyMed Features & Benefits](#)

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

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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.

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

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33. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 9/12/20)

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[Shoppers Haven](#)

MAPS

[Kasprowski Publishers](#)

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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*.

Century 21 St. Maarten (new)

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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)

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[Nick Malley, Front Street](#)

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

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