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### ***SXM Timeshare Rentals of The Week:***

**RENTAL** 1/9/2021 1/16/2021 Week 2 **Royal Islander Club La Plage Maho Side. Magnificently maintained complex featuring open air lobby, marble floors and tropical landscaping.** High floor with with super sea and pool views. One bedroom/king size bed, sleeper sofa in living room. Unit sleeps 4. Fully equipped kitchen. Convenient to everything...restaurants, shopping, casino, Sunset bar and more. Short drive to airport. Timeshare tax of approx \$50 is renters responsibility. \$1200 per week Vi 631-587-3001 [vi06@optonline.net](mailto:vi06@optonline.net)

**RENTAL** 1/23/2021 1/30/2021 Week 4 also see week 3, **Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Bougainvillea building overlooking swimming pool: 4th floor with elevator; 1 king size bedroom unit sleeps 4 with two pullout Murphy beds;** open plan with full kitchen, dining area, living room two flat screen TVs, deck with beautiful vistas and sunsets. Resort has 5 swimming pools, beach with beach bar and restaurant, tennis, casino, restaurants, food and other

shopping, marina activities including boating and more. \$1500 discounted if both weeks rented Jim 508 362  
2187 [jbhegarty@comcast.net](mailto:jbhegarty@comcast.net)

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### ***SXM Timeshare Sales of The Week:***

**SALE** 2/20/2021 2/27/2021 Week 8 **Simpson Bay Resort** 1 Bedroom sleep 4 Saturday to Saturday check in. King bed plus 2 Murphy beds, fully equipped kitchen in a newly remodeled unit. Balcony with fantastic sunsets located on crystalline Simpson Bay & clear waters of the Caribbean Seas. 4 tennis courts, 5 swimming pools, 2 w/swim up bars, mini market, restaurants, watersports & all amenities. Following week in same unit available. Two weeks in the same room no moving. \$9,000.00 Bonnie 603-321-7631 [sxmdream@hotmail.com](mailto:sxmdream@hotmail.com)

**SALE** 10/23/2021 10/30/2021 43 **Atrium 1 bedroom corner unit on 5th floor overlooking Kim Sha Beach.** \$3,000.00/ OBO Joe 631 929-8231 [jbi@justice.com](mailto:jbi@justice.com)

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**GETTING HERE:**

**1. Get Going on Low Fares That Let You Get Going Cheap**

Airlines are hungry for passengers, and right now it looks like it may be a buyers market for airfares over the next several months. When not going to cite specific fares from specific markets because they change too quickly — but we will tell you that we have seen fares with round trips under \$200 from multiple cities that are gateways for nonstop flights to SXM. Especially, check midweek fares from your favorite gateway cities from now through spring. Flights have increased in frequency, demand is increasing for seats, and prices have gone *down* to fill available seats.

Air travel has been proven quite safe if you wear your mask; the flow of air aboard commercial airliners is from the ceiling to the floor, not side to side, and it changes every three minutes or so.

For guidance on SXM Entry Requirements, see the Covid section of our site and the Entry Requirements listings below. These are updated frequently to reflect changes by the Dutch and French side governments of SXM, and those changes are reflected quickly in our Guide to Entry Requirements published weekly in *SXM Weekly News* and in the Files section of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).



## 2. Air Traffic to SXM Picking Up, Plus Many Private Jets

Air traffic from key gateways to SXM is increasing in response to growing demand for seats to the island. The cause: not only seasonal demand increases, but also the desire on the part of many people to get out from under the rock that the Covid pandemic seems to have placed over all of us.

As a result, more private jets were seen parked at SXM Airport during the Christmas and New Year's holidays than we ever recall having seen there. The private jets ranged in size from big 767s to 737s and A320-class airbus aircraft plus dozens and dozens of smaller private two-engine jets.

## 3. What Causes Flight Cancellations?

With demand for seats increasing, what is causing flight cancellations to continue to be recorded with some airlines?

Many pilots are members of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), reporting to us both news about their airlines and about the industry itself. Some pilots are telling us that the reason some airlines have continued to cancel some flights — even flights with adequate numbers of passengers ticketed — is that the airlines have done a poor job of ensuring that adequate flight deck personnel are available to handle each flight. If true, that would reflect bad management since airplanes only make money for airlines if the planes are in the air loaded with passengers.

*All this is why we continue to urge all passengers to recheck their reservations frequently for all flights in case there are changes of which somehow the airline fails to notify you....*

## WEATHER:

## 4. About January Weather in SXM

January weather in SXM, especially after the first couple of weeks of the month, tends to be excellent. The rainy season generally draws to an end toward the end of December, with some brief rainy periods lingering into early January — the first or second week.

After that, there tend to be fewer, shorter-duration showers. All in all, weatherwise January tends to be a very good month, with temperatures staying in the mid-80s (84 on average) and nighttime temps generally in the mid-70s.

## 5. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com), and clicking either of the weather observations at the top of the page.

The four sources of current weather info, beyond the two above, are:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) -- it has current satellite images and radar loops and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page.
- 3) Our [Everything SXM Facebook 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](http://www.island92.com). They report island warnings at once and know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.
- 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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### **COVID-19: General**

## **6. Simple, Fast, Cheap, Required Covid Insurance Rolls Out 1/10**

A late-breaking news story on this is at the beginning of our main "island news" section; see story 25a.

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## **7. What to Do If One of You is Denied EHAS Preapproval & The Other Is Accepted**

Although the EHAS system has already been staffed up (and staff continues to be augmented due to rising demand), EHAS is manned by humans, not computers, and in rare instances these humans may make mistakes. Although it seldom happens, in some cases husband-and-wife or other partners may submit identical applications with identical negative Covid test results both of which meet all requirements — and one may be approved and the other denied.

If this happens to you, check your application completely to make sure it meets all of the requirements described in crisp clear details in our Guide to Entry Requirements published in the Files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If it does, and if time allows (for example, if your flight is at least a day or two away), resubmit your application after checking it very thoroughly. We have had people submit applications three times, receiving their approval after two denials. Incidences are rare but they do happen.

If you are within a day of your flight and have received multiple denials after carefully checking your application to make sure it meets all qualifications, PM Jeff Berger directly in Facebook messenger and give him all the details and copies of all the PDFs of all your forms. Do not send images either to EHAS or to us — you must send PDFs, which are clearer and more usable (that's what we instruct in our Guide). JPEGs (photographic images) are a rather sure way to get a



rejection. Jeff will see your message within a few hours at the most and will try to help everyone in this situation, with priority attention given to members of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program through its Ombudsman benefit. We do work as quickly as possible to help you but cannot guarantee any results -- but we do have a pretty good record.

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## 8. Double-Check Everything Before Submitting Your Pre-Approval App!

Although our complete **Guide to SXM Entry Requirements**, which begins below, tells you everything you need to know to navigate the requirements successfully, the bottom line is that you must double check everything you are submitting to the EHAS portal very carefully before hitting the submit button. In most instances, when applications are denied, the cause is traveler error — either incorrect or incomplete information is being submitted or information is not being submitted in the proper format. That's why it is so imperative to ensure that you double check everything before submitting your preapproval application to EHAS.

**COVID-19: Guide to Entry Requirements - Please Read and Retain - REVISED 1/4/201**

## 9. Guide to SXM Entry Requirements

*See the Major News Story in our Island News Section about the new requirement on SXM for Covid Insurance, coming very soon.*

Effective November 25, SXM began to accept rapid antigen tests taken within 48 hours of departure in addition to RT – PCR tests taken within 120 hours of departure. Full information, updated to reflect this major change and listing the types of antigen tests accepted, is in the Covid area of the FILES in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) (and is also below). That file has been completely updated to reflect the newly revised testing requirements.

**Antigen tests are the widely discussed "rapid" tests previously not accepted in SXM. Specific reliable tests will now be accepted, and they are spelled out in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) article on Covid in the Files area.**

**For current information on exactly what the entry requirements are in SXM, please see [this Dutch-side government site](#).** It's operated by the SXM government and it also includes individual forms you must fill out online in advance to get advance approval to enter the country, and where you also are required to upload your RT PCR or Antigen test negative results. If you don't do that, or if you send results in a form that is not acceptable to the island, you will not be allowed to board your flight.

That site is also where you will be able to sign up for the soon-to-be-required Covid insurance. Stay tuned for details on that.

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## 10. What RT-PCR means; (It is Not "Real-Time")

"PCR" is an acronym for **polymerase chain reaction**, and "RT" refers to **reverse transcription** -- NOT "real time". The only types of test for Covid-19 currently acceptable to the government of SXM are both RT-PCR and the Antigen test, which has been added effective 11/25.

Although it is the case that RT-PCR testing is being turned around faster now than it has been, do not confuse it with real time tests which are not the same. When in doubt, see the above article and click the link for exact current government requirements.

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## 11. Finding & Taking RT-PCR or Antigen Tests in Your Area

You must have a negative RT-PCR test taken less than 120 hours before your departure to SXM, or your Antigen test

taken less than 48 hours before your trip. If you're on a connecting flight, this requirement relates to the departure of the final leg of your trip.

Where do you find a test in your area that will be able to deliver results to you within the required 120 or 48 hours? There are a number of ways to find out. You can ask friends who travel from your area; you can ask people on the site in your community where local people discuss local goings-on (that often works well); and you can also ask your primary care physician. Covid tests taken for travel purposes are not always paid for by insurance. You might ask your PCP to send an order in to a local laboratory for test for you — those will often be covered by insurance and results are very often posted at once when ready on the lab's or hospital's portal, you can download the results in PDF format.

The requirements from SXM specify what information must be in these reports — things like the name of the lab, lab location, date and time of test, type of test (RT-PCR or Antigen), your name, and the result of your test. Once you get the PDFs for you and all of the people traveling with you, print them out and keep them with all the trip documentation that you will be taking with you — you will need them.

More on the Application for Entry into SXM and how the PDF relates to that application is below.

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## 12. Applying Online for Admission to SXM: What & How, w/ Advice

The government of SXM wants to keep out people who are sick with Covid — that's what all this is about. You must apply online for admission to SXM once you have negative results back of your PCR or Antigen test.

Go to the same website where you learned about entry requirements to apply for admission. It is absolutely required and if you are not preapproved for admission you will not be able to get on your plane to go to SXM. The application will take you only a few minutes to fill out. It asks for your name, email address, the usual questions about whether you have any Covid Symptoms or have been near anyone diagnosed with Covid recently, plus where you plan to stay on the island. It also asks you for the airline and flight number of your flight departing to SXM. (Remember the 120 hour or 48 hour requirement.) And then submit the application form from the website to EHAS by clicking a button. You will usually hear back in a few hours or overnight if you submit the form fairly late at night.

To make sure you get the paperwork approved as quickly as possible, we suggest you get your test taken several hours below the 120 hour threshold ahead of the time of your departure to SXM (48 hours for Antigen test). That should give the laboratory plenty of time to get things to you so you can immediately file the application and get the information to EHAS, giving them as much time as possible. Their responsiveness is usually excellent. If two or more people are going, we strongly suggest that you send them each using a different email address — that way, when you are asked to report your temperature every day, you will know which person in your party is being asked to reply to a specific email from EHAS. Overall, though you may be put off by the thought of having to do this process, it's quick, simple, and easy — and as we said the responsiveness is outstanding. Just do it — not a big deal at all.

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## 13. About the New COVID Insurance Requirement

See story 25a.

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## 14. \*\*\*VERY Important\*\*\*: Avoiding Common Mistakes That Cause Denials (Updated 1/4/21)

There is often a common thread influencing denials. But since it is a human process, in rare cases human error can occur.

First, we'll deal with the common threads.

When submitting your negative PCR or antigen test in PDF format, make sure it is done in PDF format — not a picture or JPEG. JPEG's can be very difficult to read and that could be the basis of a denial. All of the required information is, of course, required information.

So, create a checklist from the information you see in this Guide and follow it religiously when submitting your data. In fact, it is wise to find out what format your report will be in before you take the test, to ensure that the report will contain all the information SXM requires. That's not as difficult as it may appear, since most laboratories now are accustomed to issuing negative reports containing all information required for travel. Just be sure in advance that your report does include everything SXM requires. We often see prospective tourists send us applications they have submitted that were denied --many containing handwriting which is not allowed according to the requirements. No handwriting means no handwriting.

Second, sometimes you don't receive a response within several hours of submitting your application. If that happens to you, double check your application very closely to make sure that it conforms to all applicable requirements. Then and only then, resubmit the application — and double check the email address to make sure it is spelled correctly since obviously, incorrect email addresses don't work. Check your passport number too as you wrote it in the online application -- if it's one digit different from your actual passport number, you aren't going to SXM.

Third, as we said, in rare cases human error can play a role in denials. EHAS has been staffing up further to help ensure its ability to provide quick, responsive, and accurate service to all applicants, something it is trying to do expeditiously.

Fourth, sometimes you and your spouse will take tests at the same time from the same people and receive the same negative results. One of you will submit an application which is approved and the other may be denied. If time allows, resubmit the declined application after making absolutely sure that it is accurate and complete and meets all requirements. However if time does not allow that PM Jeff Berger through Facebook Messenger (not by email or phone) and give him all the information you sent to the government including that an identical application had been sent in and approved. There are no guarantees but we will try to help. If you don't have Facebook, get it — that's the only way we can handle these situations expeditiously. (We get just under 5000 emails a day and have filters for them so we can't guarantee we would receive your email inquiry, which is why we are requiring you to respond to us by Facebook messenger.) N. B.: We do NOT check it every two minutes, so don't expect an instant reply.)

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## 15. What to Take With You When You Go (An Important Checklist)

Everything on this list is essential for you to get on your airplane and fly to St. Maarten. You may wish to print this and use it as a checklist before leaving for the airport:

- a) Your passport and boarding passes (per usual);
- b) printed negative test results on laboratory stationery (this is the PDF form at the lab should send you to inform you of the results of your test; the test results form must include the information specified as required by Sint Maarten EHAS)
- c) the travel Pre-Approval form emailed to you by Sint Maarten EHAS in response to your submission of the negative Covid test (assuming your application was preapproved); this provision is not yet active.
- d) a thermometer, which you will need to take your temperature and that of your traveling companions during the first 14 days of your trip.

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## 16. What to Expect When Arriving at SXM Airport

The second floor of SXM Airport, where the jetways go, is still not open, but the airport says the work on them is progressing. It's our intent to get with the people of the airport to obtain the latest information about the status of the jetways in the second floor as well as preclearance — and to find out when the airport will actually reopen as it was before hurricane Irma hit more than three years ago. For now, all services continue to be conducted on the first floor of the airport — both departures and arrivals.

Unless your arriving plane parks a very short walk from the current arriving passenger entry to the terminal, you'll exit your plane and walk directly to one of the shuttle buses that will take you to the terminal entry. Wear your mask, of course: there is no such thing as social distancing aboard the bus — but the trip is only about two minutes long and everyone is required to wear a mask anyway. People should maintain social distancing on their way through immigration and into the baggage claim area.

It is essential for you to have all of your documentation in hand when you go to immigration. We explain what that documentation is in the Covid section, above. Keep it handy because you will be asked for it. Your temperature also will

be taken by a touch-free monitor and you will be asked the usual health questions to which you will be accustomed by the time you get to immigration.

Although it may or may not be mentioned to you as you go through immigration, you will be receiving email daily or thereabouts from Sint Maarten EHAS, requiring you to report your temp and to indicate whether you have any symptoms of Covid. You then click the appropriate button to send the documentation back to the island government. Filing these reports for 14 days is required by all visitors regardless of whether you receive the email from Sint Maarten EHAS. Consequently, it's important for you to save the emails you receive from the government and reply to them first thing every morning: you can use the first email you receive for subsequent replies even if you don't receive daily emails. The form you fill out online will nonetheless change to reflect the day of your vacation (day one, day two, day three, etc.) Your finish filling out and sending the form within about seven seconds — and a thermometer is shown in our list of things you must take to St. Maarten to record your temperature. EHAS expects you to take your temp and submit your info daily first thing -- before breakfast.

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## 17. Reporting Your Condition to EHAS for 14 Days

Once you have arrived in St. Maarten, EHAS will email you a notice with a link to their site. You are required to click the link which takes you to a very brief online form which asks you to record your temperature and whether you have flu like symptoms that morning before having breakfast. You then click a button in the online form to send its results back to EHAS. The form specifies is what day of your vacation the report is for — day one, day two, etc. If you receive an email the following day, follow it just as you did the first day. *If you don't, however, go back to the email you received the first day and click that link again — it will take you to the form you can use for day two or subsequent days.*

You must take your temp each day, which is why we said to take a thermometer with you. The current requirement is that you do this for 14 days. It takes less than 30 seconds each time and is simple, easy, and fast. During a global Pandemic, SXM is doing everything possible to ensure everyone's good health.

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**Etc.**

## 18. 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 15% 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.*

You won't be disappointed.

**Not a SkyMed member?** Learn more about it at [www.skymed.com/jmb](http://www.skymed.com/jmb), then call us with questions or to sign up. Call 508-747-8281 any weekday. Thanks...

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

## 19. Timeshare Resorts Achieving Best Occupancy Since March

From people who have visited the island in recent weeks, word has spread that getting to SXM is relatively fast and simple; and the island is protecting its people and its visitors very well by installing and enforcing mask wearing and social distancing; and all of its accommodations facilities are meticulously disinfected and cleaned to ensure the safety of everyone on the island.

The above facts — plus the desire on the part of thousands of people to get away from both the cold winter and the constant North American Covid drumbeat — are leading tourists by the thousands to visit SXM including many people who had not planned to do so a month or two prior.

As of the end of December, timeshare resorts across the board were seeing their best percentage of occupancy since early March, with recent numbers climbing rapidly and the outlook for the winter turning better than previously expected. Timeshare resorts seem to be reaping much of the benefit, but villa rentals and condo purchases and rentals are both surging, realtors say, both on SXM and elsewhere as people seek not only a safe escape from North America, but also more time than usual on their favorite island.

It's all very good news for SXM businesses, owners and employees, all of whom have been greatly concerned about their survival through this financially devastating year.

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## 20. Is Sapphire Selling Off Its Timeshare Condos?

An ad published toward the end of December offered Cupecoy Beachfront Condos For-Sale, including with it pictures of Sapphire Beach Resort.

Sapphire's long history of strained relations with its timeshare owners, aggravated by its habit of not communicating regularly or clearly with timeshare owners, helped fuel immediate speculation that the resort was selling off timeshare condos without bothering to notify timeshare owners. The lack of any communication from Sapphire about these condo sales didn't help.

After receiving frantic calls from Sapphire timeshare owners during the holidays, we followed up by phone and found that the condos that are for sale are all privately owned and have no relationship to Sapphire Resort's inventory of vacation condos. The privately owned condos are for sale exclusively through Century 21 Real Estate on the Dutch side of the island. For more information on the condos now being sold, please contact the realtor, Ritika, directly at 1-721-526-1819.

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## 21. Family or Friends Group Traveling? Check Villa Vijoux

Situated at the border between the French and Dutch sides of the island in oyster pond, a rapidly reawakening seaside vacation area, Villa Vijoux provides an ideal — not to mention gorgeous — respite for families, extended families, and groups of friends who just want to get away for a few days or a few weeks in someplace very special.

New from the ground up, Villa Vijoux offers two identical floors, the first of which is handicap accessible. Each floor offers four bedrooms with King size beds and en suite bathrooms, plus a full Living Room with large TV and sound system, and a complete kitchen with high-end appliances including Bosch stoves. The villa has its own very private swimming pool with breathtaking views of oyster pond, the Caribbean, and St. Barth in the distance. Dawn beach is only a two-minute drive away, with downtown Philipsburg and Orient beach both no more than about a 10 minutes drive away. There is plenty of parking for everyone's cars, and the house is surrounded by beautiful gardens. Of course, there is high-speed Internet, cable TV, and all the other amenities you would expect in an all-new, state-of-the-art Villa.

Rentals are available for the entire Villa or for just a few rooms if you prefer. Many pictures of the villa have recently been posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). For further information please contact: [Villavijoux@gmail.com](mailto:Villavijoux@gmail.com).

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

Not long ago, 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*.

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## 23. More New 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.

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## 24. 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.

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### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 25. 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.

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### SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

## Giant SKYMED Sale Begins!

### Anything Can Happen Anywhere...

**SKYMED Takes You Home®** when you become critically ill or injured while traveling. Get it **BEFORE** You Need it for as little as \$1.35/day **OR LESS DURING THIS UNPRECEDENTED SALE** (annual plans), which are *guaranteed renewable regardless of advancing age or declining health*. **Without SkyMed, you'll need to pay the current price of an evacuation in**



**cash, in advance -- and that could easily be \$35,000 to \$50,000. Why risk that? See these important links:**

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

You'll find **Frequently Asked Questions** [here](#).

In the next few days we will email all JMB members and SXM Weekly News readers full sale info. Regardless of whether you buy or renew or upgrade a SkyMed membership, you get months of extra time added to your membership. It's a big deal. Our sale email will be brief but potent with info. My SkyMed website is <http://www.skymed.com/jmb>.

**CAN'T WAIT FOR THE EMAIL?** Phone me daytimes 8am to 8pm EST at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only please).

Feel free to contact me via Facebook Messenger as well.

--Jeff Berger

## :::::::::Breaking News:::::::::

### 25A. SXM Announces Covid Insurance Requirement

The below story was released Saturday by the Dutch side government:

#### **\*\* Vacation Safe in St. Maarten with the SXM Protection Plan \*\***

*As of January 10, 2021, St. Maarten will roll out the SXM Protection Plan, a mandatory health coverage for its visitors that is very affordable and assures the tourist a relaxing and safe vacation. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, St. Maarten wants to ensure that all visitors are properly protected, and have an advanced protection in case they test positive while vacationing on our friendly island.*

*A visitor who tests positive for COVID-19 in St. Maarten, will have very few, if any, out-of-pocket expenses, giving the visitors a peace of mind in case they test positive, and if they cannot be assisted in St. Maarten, the SXM Protection Plan covers also medical evacuation costs. The overall maximum limit for all benefits together, except Medical Evacuation, is \$50,000. Emergency medical evacuation to the nearest qualified hospital to prevent loss of life, is up to a maximum limit of \$20,000, provided the patient cannot be treated locally in St. Maarten.*

*In case of hospitalization, the expenses to treat severe COVID-19 symptoms includes specialist fees, diagnostic x-rays, lab expenses and nursing costs. Costs of specialized transportation of a Covid-19 infected person. It also covers a maximum sublimit of \$125 per day, max. 14 days, in case of a positive Covid-19 test result. Intensive Care Unit charges for treatment of a critical ailment caused by COVID-19. Costs of doctor consults. Max. 4 medically necessary Covid-19 tests as outpatient with a sublimit of \$75 per test.*

*Tests are only covered with referral from the St. Maarten Government Health Department. Emergency medical evacuation to the nearest qualified hospital to prevent loss of life. Preventive government mandated quarantines for fellow travelers and those who tested negative are NOT COVERED.*

*The insurance is required for all foreign nationals with the exception of residents, visitors who arrive, leave the same day, crewmembers and transit/transfer passengers who do not need to recheck their luggage.*

*The St. Maarten Visitors Protection Plan sold and processed via the mandatory online health form on [www.stmaartenentry.com](http://www.stmaartenentry.com)*

*For detailed information on the St. Maarten Visitors Protection Plan please visit [www.sxmprotectionplan.com](http://www.sxmprotectionplan.com)*

*About St. Maarten: St. Maarten is the smallest island in the world to be shared by two nations – Netherlands and France – creating a destination with European charm and Caribbean flair. Located at the northern end of the Lesser Antilles, the islands 37 square miles has 37 breathtaking beaches and is home to many historical and family-oriented attractions. Direct air service is available to Princess Juliana International Airport from major U.S. and Canada, South America, Europe and the Caribbean gateways.*

## .....Breaking News.....

### 26. Luxury French Side Marriott to Reapply for Bldg. Permit

As we reported last week, the much-vaunted French side Marriott resort proposed for Nettle Bay got a thumbs down from permitting authorities apparently in large measure due to PPRN considerations, which were explained in our article last week. The article also said that we expected the project to undergo some changes which would enable it to be approved.

Now, authorities are saying that the project will be resubmitted for approval once those apparently relatively minor changes have been made.

We will continue to cover the story. This project is too important to the economy and salability of the French side as a vacation destination to allow this opportunity to simply waste away. We do expect it to be approved and would not be surprised to see construction begin some time this year. Here are [more details on the project](#).

As always, *SXM Weekly News* will keep you posted.

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### 27. SXM Tourism Rising, With Timeshare Resorts Leading Reservations

(Repeated to be sure you did not miss this story. -Ed.)

Tourism has risen significantly in the last few weeks, due to a number of factors — customary seasonal tourism, the desire on the part of North Americans to get out of the cold, and the desire to spend time on the beach and socially distant in responsible restaurants instead of constantly being subjected to unpleasant news of the day.

Timeshare resorts in particular are seeing their best numbers since last March over the last few weeks, and resorts reporting to us say that their numbers for the rest of this winter are beginning to look better than they had originally expected. Some resorts are already closing in on occupancy close to 60%, reflecting the surge in reservations. Villa and condo reservations — and purchases of condos to enable much longer stays on the island are also surging.

People not only want to visit SXM, but they also want to stay considerably longer than in the past regardless of the type of accommodation. We list real estate companies that can help you rent or buy condos in every issue of *SXM Weekly News*; see our sponsor list among the stories below. If you're looking for timeshare rentals, those listings have also seen an increase in volume. You can check hundreds of them out on our main site, [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com).

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### 28. How Fast is EHAS Turning Around Applications for SXM Visits?

EHAS expressly says to allow 12 hours for its response to requests for preapproval for SXM visits, so you should allow at least that number of hours when submitting such requests.

We did an informal, unscientific survey of members of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and asked them what kind of response they had received from EHAS to their recent requests. A plurality of responders said that the response was generally around four hours, though for some it was considerably faster and for others it was more than 12 hours.

As we've said in the past, if you don't receive a response in about four hours, it does no harm to double check your information and resubmit it.

Reminding: it is extremely important that you read and follow our complete Guide to Entry Requirements published above in this issue of *SXM Weekly News* and also updated constantly in the Files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Those requirements can help you navigate the process with maximum efficiency.

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## 29. Simpson Bay Resort Changes Name, Adds Spa

Simpson Bay Resort has changed its official name from Simpson Bay Resort and Marina to Simpson Bay Resort, Marina, and Spa, and either has upgraded or is upgrading its signage now to reflect the change.

This reflects the appearance of an elegant all-new spa under the Flamboyant building just behind the Marina pool at the resort. We will talk more about this in the future, but for now we'll simply say that it's open to the public, offers a spectrum of services that is beyond what we have seen anywhere else on the island, and should be given serious consideration for all your spa needs. More to come. Extraordinary facility.

## 30. Simpson Bay Resort Restaurants Open; Restaurant Hours

### La Patrona

**OPEN EVERY DAY FROM 7 AM TO 10:30PM**

<b>Breakfast</b>	<b>7 – 11 am</b>
<b>Lunch</b>	<b>12 – 5 pm</b>
<b>Dinner</b>	<b>5:30 – 10:30 pm</b>
<b>Brunch Buffet</b>	<b>Saturday and Sunday 12 – 3 pm</b>

### Juliette's

<b>Monday –Saturday</b>	<b>7 am to 10:30 pm. Breakfast, lunch &amp; dinner</b>
<b>Sundays</b>	<b>12pm to 10:30pm for Lunch and Dinner</b>

### Replay

**Open from 1 pm until the game is over**

**Closed Wednesdays**

## 31. SBR Upgrades Rooms in Newest Building

Simpson Bay resort has just finished the last of its massive floor-to-ceiling upgrades in its newest building, the former Marina Residences housing the lobby and many other facilities. We had a chance to take a quick tour of one of the newly renovated rooms and were quite impressed; the rooms compare favorably with the most elegant rooms we have seen in top-class resort hotels around the world. Truly fine facilities available at very reasonable timeshare prices.

Simpson Bay Resort, Marina, and Spa's total of 440 rooms — making it the largest timeshare resort on the island — offer everything anyone could want in an island vacation, with beach access, plenty of activities for everyone, a diverse spectrum of restaurants, and a central location in the island's top dining area. For more information see [SimpsonBayresort.com](http://SimpsonBayresort.com).

## 32. Spiga Restaurant Sets Reopening, Targeting Late January

SPIGA restaurant, the best Italian restaurant in Grand Case and one of the top restaurants of any kind on the island, is targeting late January for reopening.

Located diagonally across the street from Tijon Parfumerie at the northern end of Boulevard de Grand Case, Spiga has been a standout in Grand Case since it was founded more than 15 years ago. We will have much more information

about what Spiga offers closer to their opening date. For more, see [www.spiga-sxm.com](http://www.spiga-sxm.com).

## 33. Restaurant of the Week: Isola

On SXM for more than 20 years, native Italian chef Marco Ferrante knows his way around Italian fine dining cuisine. Coupled with his knowledge of Caribbean lobster and other seafood, he has turned Isola upside down since he joined them as GM a few years ago and as a result, it has become one of SXM's top Italian restaurants.

A very large restaurant with both outdoor and indoor dining located next door to Hollywood Casino in the center of Simpson Bay Resort, Isola (pronounced EEE-sol-uh) -- which means island in Italian he tells us -- has a slick, - modern interior and one of the most extensive menus on the island.

Isola frequently serves larger family and friends groups (in normal times) so it can get a little noisy, but there are multiple large dining rooms inside and outside so that is not an issue. Plus, in an unscientific survey we took recently in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), Isola's pizza -- made right in the middle of the restaurant -- was ranked #1 by our readers. Want more? Marco's depth of experience has earned him our *Everything SXM culinary Award of Excellence* ever since he started as Isola general manager, quite an honor. Definitely give Isola a try on your next SXM visit.

Next week: **Sale & Pepe**

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 1/3/21). 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](http://www.isolaristorante.com)

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.izirestaurant.com](http://www.izirestaurant.com) (featured 12/28/20). Open for lunch and dinner except Mon., when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnasxm.com](http://www.vesnasxm.com) (featured 12/21/20). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

**Mario's Bistro at the Cliff**, formerly Mario's Bistro [www.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.com/en/) 12/11/20 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 now at the Cliff. Open every day but Monday, they 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 required.

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 12/7/20) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

**Mama Pizza**, Porto Cupecoy (featured 11/28/20) Excellent pizza, and sizeable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach.

**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/>

**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](http://www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html)

**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](http://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.

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

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (7/8/19)** is the new name of Sushiitto, now relocated next door to Pineapple Pete in Simpson bay. Essentially the same menu, same staff, same great food/service.

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

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

**Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant**, [www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant](http://www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant) 4/15/19. Just go....

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.iziristoranteitaliano.com](http://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](http://www.sailstmaarten.com) (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

**Domino's Pizza** <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dominos-Pizza-St-Maarten/95635717338> (featured 9/16) Open.

**The Hideaway**, <http://www.lavistaresort.com/restaurant.html> (featured 10/31/16) Open; contact the restaurant for details and reservations. Updated 3/2/18.

**Melange International Grill** (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

**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](http://www.jimboscafe.com) (featured 6/12/17) Closed permanently.

**Taloula Mango's Blue Bitch Bar** <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.

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## 34. Going Home? Check Your State's Return Policies

It's essential for visitors returning home to the US to know their home state's policies and procedures for passengers returning from overseas flights well before they head to the airport.

We suggest at least a couple of weeks before your return date that you visit your state's main web portal to see exactly what its requirements are regarding Covid. Some states may require a negative test be taken X number of hours before your return flight; others may require some degree of quarantine, and others may require nothing.

If a Covid test is required prior to your return home, you may ask about testing locations on SXM that you can use — to do that, go to our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Please do not ask questions there about your state's requirements — our group is SXM centric and will not accept such posts. Your state's web portal is certainly the best source of current, accurate information about requirements related to returning international passengers.

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## 35. SXM Entertainment Calendar Now In Our SXM FB Site

We have long published the island92 SXM entertainment calendar in our main site, everythingSXM.com effective in November, however, we transitioned it to our Jeff Berger's Everything SXM Facebook group. It offers you a look at venues for live music across the Dutch side with some on Anguilla.

The list is compiled by Island92 and we simply run it. We don't have the bandwidth to create such a list ourselves, but we do invite owners of local venues who are not listed in the entertainment calendar to contact Jeffrey Sochrin at Island92 concerning advertising opportunities in the calendar and on the station, which has an enormous listenership both on the island and among SXM tourists from around the world. Readers can also listen live to Island92 at [www.island92.com](http://www.island92.com). The entertainment calendar is also frequently broadcast on their two radio stations.

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## 36. Help Us Celebrate 7 Million Visits to our SXM Site...

During our "Paradise SXM" Event, we'll be giving away several SXM vacations, including weeks at **Simpson Bay Resort**, **Belair Beach Hotel**, **Adonis Cupecoy hotel**, **Azure Hotel** and **Art Studio on Simpson Bay beach**, and El



## Zafiro hotel and restaurant on Simpson Bay beach.

The giveaway celebrates JMB SXM Media surpassing 7,000,000 visits. Most of the weeks we give away will be handed out to randomly picked entries late in March. All are subject to seasonal limitations and availability.

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

**Here is more on our Paradise SXM vacation giveaway.** To enter the giveaway, go to our home page at [everythingxsm.com](http://everythingxsm.com). That's the only place & the only way you can find the link to enter our giveaway. All winners \*MUST\* be subscribers to SXM Weekly News (required); it's free. We will verify that all winners are subscribers. If you're a pass-along or PDF reader, subscribe now at [sxmweeklynews.com](http://sxmweeklynews.com).

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

## 37. 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](http://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.

## 38. 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](http://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](http://www.cdc.gov/travel)

Canadian government updates [www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html](http://www.canada.ca/en/public-health/services/diseases/2019-novel-coronavirus-infection.html)

National Institutes of Health (NIH) [www.nih.gov](http://www.nih.gov)

US Customs & Border Protection (CBP) [www.cbp.gov](http://www.cbp.gov)

US State Department emergency assistance [coronavirusemergencyUSC@state.gov](mailto:coronavirusemergencyUSC@state.gov)

World Health Organization (WHO) [www.who.int](http://www.who.int)

SkyMed Travel reservations [www.skymedtravel.com](http://www.skymedtravel.com) or email [info@skymedtravel.com](mailto:info@skymedtravel.com)

SkyMed Member Services 1-480-946-5188 or 1-800-475-9633 or [memberservices@skymed.com](mailto: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](https://www.facebook.com/groups/mysxm) or you can email him at [jeff@jmbcommunications.com](mailto: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](mailto:support@jmbcommunications.com)

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## 39. 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.

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

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

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

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**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](https://skymed.com/jmb). SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

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

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## 41. 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 [everythingxsm.com](http://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.

## 42. 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.**

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## 43. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 1/4/21)

### **AMUSEMENTS**

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

### **BOAT TOURS**

[Celine Charters](#) (Enigma)

Luxury Private Catamaran Charters:  
[www.sxmstmartincatamarancharters.net](http://www.sxmstmartincatamarancharters.net)

### **BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES**

SXM Beer Brewery

Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery

### **CAR RENTALS:**

[Leisure Car Rental](#)

[Sax Car Rental](#)

[Tropical-Tropicana Car Rental](#)

Exclusive Car Rental

### **CUBAN CIGARS:**

[Cigar Mack](#)

## [SXM Cigars](#)

## **DOLLAR STORES**

### [All in One Place](#)

## **EMERGENCY MEDICAL EVACUATION MEMBERSHIP PROGRAMS:**

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

## **JEWELERS:**

[Zhaveri Jewelers](#) in Philipsburg.

### [Caribbean Gems](#)

Oro Diamante

### [Majesty Jewelers](#)

### [Ray's Jewelers](#)

### [Alpha Jewels](#)

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

Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

### [Shoppers Haven](#)

## **LIVE MUSIC**

Hole in the Wall, Maho Plaza, Dutch side

## **MAPS**

### [Kasprowski Publishers](#)

## **PARFUMERIE / PERFUME**

Tijon Parfumerie, Grand Case, [www.tijon.com](http://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**

**Sunshine Properties**

**Candie Billant** does condo and villa rentals and sales. You will find her at **Caribbean Estate Agency N. V.**

## **RESORTS:**

**Belair Beach Hotel**

**Simpson Bay Resort**

**Azure Hotel & Art Studio**

**Baker's Suites**

**RESTAURANTS & BARS**

[IZI](#)

[SPIGA](#)

[VESNA TAVERNA](#)

**ISOLA**

**Frenchy Ludo's**

**Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)**

**Melange (Port de Plaisance)**

**Pelican Bistro**

**Soggy Dollar Bar**

**Sale and Pepe**

**Topper's Restaurant**

**LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)**

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

**Pineapple Pete Restaurant**

**Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant**

**Emilio's**

**Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar**

**Nowhere Special**

**ROXXY Bar / Restaurant**

**LA ROSA**

**NONNA ROSA**

**LAZY LIZARD**

**RANCHO (new)**

**SUNSET CAFE (new)**

**STAR WARS / YODA GUY MUSEUM**

[Nick Malley, Front Street](#)

**SWIMWEAR:**

**Endless Summer Swimwear, Philipsburg & Simpson Bay**

**VILLA RENTALS / 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 **Caribbean Estate Agency N. V.**

[GoBeach Vacations](#)

[Sunshine Properties](#)

[Monte Verde / Belle Vue](#)

**Villa Acropole:**

[www.acropole-stmartin.com](http://www.acropole-stmartin.com)

**Villa Vijoux:**

<https://www.facebook.com/VillaVijoux>

**Relocation / "Papers" Consulting Companies**

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

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a unit of JMB Communications.**

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

SXM Weekly News, our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website and its Hurricane Center, and our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) — along with our many Vacation Giveaways and hundreds of benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership

— are all made possible through our partnerships with our JMB Website Supporters members and our Sponsors.

Our **JMB SXM Media Sponsorships** enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. (Our site is based in the U. S. and is focused on the needs of tourists traveling to SXM.) If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email [susank@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susank@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". Or PM us on FB for an even faster response. We'll get complete information to you quickly. (Or again, just PM Jeff Berger on Facebook Messenger.)

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

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

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

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## Rent Out or Sell Your Timeshare (both SXM and Worldwide) -- Frequently Updated

JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml) .

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

**\*2017 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale\*** are posted at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml) Listings are now updated every few weekdays. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from JMB Website Supporters members only.

## SECTION 5: For Members Only

A. **Where to Get Member Info:** [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)

B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com). To change your password, click that same link.

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

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

See [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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## About Email Address Changes / How To Unsubscribe (Updated 4/17/17)

To unsubscribe, go here: [www.sxmweeklynews.com](http://www.sxmweeklynews.com). You **CAN NOT** unsubscribe either by replying to this email or, if you are an AOL user, by clicking the \*spam\* button on AOL.

To change your email address, visit [www.sxmweeklynews.com](http://www.sxmweeklynews.com); unsubscribe your old email address and subscribe your new one. *JMB Website Supporters members should notify Membership Services of the new email address for continued Secret Site access.*

## Get Your Own Free Copy Of St. Maarten and St. Martin Weekly News:

<http://www.everythingsxm.com/cgi-bin/dada/mail.cgi?>

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**Contact Us (Revised 5/25/18)**

All member discounts and benefits are explained in detail on the members-only \*secret\* website, <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> . If you're a JMB Website Supporters member and have a question not answered there, contact ***support@jmbcommunications.com***

NON-members who wish to contact us should write to ***jmbweb@jmbcommunications.com*** with the subject \*Free Newsletter Recipient,\* but due to the huge volume of mail received, we may not respond individually.

Our main St. Maarten / St. Martin website: [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com) .

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