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SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

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GETTING HERE:

1. From Pilot Surplus to Pilot Shortage: Airlines Scrambling to Hire Pilots

13 months ago, when the coronavirus Pandemic really started taking off, airlines started hemorrhaging money. They quickly gave incentives to employees, including pilots, to retire early — and many did. Federal funding to airlines enabled them to keep a number of employees on staff for a number of months, but at the end of the day hundreds of airplanes from many carriers were mothballed in the desert Southwest and many pilots — thousands of them — were

out of work.

Now, over 56 million Americans (roughly 20 percent of the US population) are fully vaccinated against Covid, and tens of millions more have had their first shots. A national surge in new vaccinations will hopefully mean an end to the Pandemic at least in the US by this fall (or earlier?).

Now, airlines are scrambling to get planes out of mothballs and back in condition to fly again — ASAP. That doesn't necessarily happen overnight and neither does the return of pilots to cockpits.

Many pilots are gone for good, so airlines now are scrambling to hire new pilots by the thousands. Those pilots have to be certified that they are ready to fly on the airplanes being used by the nation's airlines and they have to be physically tested as well; those things don't happen overnight either.

So the service you expect from airlines now that things are starting to get substantially busier may not be exactly what you expect it to be. See next story.

2. Amid Increasing Demand, Flights Being Canceled: Why?

At the height of the Pandemic, flights were being canceled willy-nilly since there were simply not enough people on board to make them profitable.

Nonetheless, airlines must provide minimum amounts of service to be able to retain routes granted to them by the federal government in the US. Consequently, many 160 seat airliners have been flying with 50 people — and those numbers are going up every week as vaccinated, mask-wearing people do their best to shake off lingering cases of cabin fever.

So why is this bonanza of people starting to fly again encountering speedbumps wherein flights are still being canceled?

The answer lies in the current relative scarcity of crews to fly increasing numbers of airplanes. The airlines want to fly, but they don't necessarily have enough crewmembers. As we published several weeks ago, Delta expects to be back to full service by this fall and is now scrambling to hire thousands of pilots to handle those flights. American, United, and others are in the same boat, though JetBlue appears now to be less affected -- even though it also had parked a number of airplanes in the desert.

This situation is highly fluid and how it ultimately plays out for SXM passengers depends on a number of factors — the economy, the expected waning of the Pandemic depending on how sensible people are and on vaccination rates, hurricane season from mid August on, the economy, and the airlines' ability to get their airplanes and pilots back in the air as quickly as practicable. We'll watch all this for you but we can tell you that the airlines are all doing their best to give you the increasing level of service you and all other passengers are demanding.

3. Airlines, Cruises Now All But Certain to Require All Passengers to be Fully Vaccinated

The difference between being vaccinated and not being vaccinated is simple. Both vaccinated and nonvaccinated people can still become sick with Covid, but for vaccinated people their infection may be either completely asymptomatic or it may be like having a common cold. Therefore they could still spread the virus, although authorities now believe vaccinated people may be less likely to do so...

All of that is why both airlines and cruise operators are all but certain to require all passengers to be fully vaccinated before they can fly, although we don't know when this qualification will happen. Nonetheless, we are convinced this is what they want to do.

It SXM, both sides of the island are doing well at getting island residents vaccinated. They don't want to see another surge and are doing everything possible to protect against that possibility: that's why they have entry requirements described below in our "Guide to Entry Requirements.". Those entry requirements are not expected to change in the near future, for the reason expressed in the first paragraph. At some point, when most locals have been vaccinated, perhaps the island may enable people who have been fully vaccinated to come to SXM without further testing. But right now, that is not the case.

See the Guide to Entry Requirements in this edition of *SXM Weekly News* for the latest information about how to come to SXM safely during the Pandemic.

4. Repeating: Why You Should Buy Your Plane Tickets NOW

It wasn't too long ago that airline tickets were remarkably inexpensive, as airlines worked hard to lure people back into their aircraft. In fact, in recent weeks over a million passengers went through US airports during the weekends.

Seat demand is spiking as airlines welcome previously mothballed planes back into their fleets, recall furloughed flight crew members, and start raising prices instead of lowering them.

For that reason, if you're planning to fly within the next 12 months, you would probably be well advised to get your tickets now, since fares are unlikely to get lower anytime soon....

5. jetBlue's New European Flights Promise to Shake Up Across-the-Pond Flying -- and Why it Matters to Our Readers

First, to clear up the elephant in the room: we cover JetBlue's entry into across-the-pond flying because we fully expect their entry into the New York-London market and the Boston-London market (and beyond) to have a material impact on the ability of Europeans to get to SXM economically, by way of either Boston or New York. It would not surprise us to see Air France/KLM and others in a price war with JetBlue to maintain their passenger numbers coming from Europe. We have no expectation of any flights by JetBlue from Europe to SXM, at least not in the foreseeable future. JetBlue will shake up the market as is described in [this article](#).

It will absolutely be expanding service beyond its beachhead in London — possibly early-on to Milan, from which it can offer convenient connections not only to New York and Boston, but also to all other JetBlue cities served from New York and Boston, that airline's two largest focus cities. That is why we are covering this in a newsletter focused on St. Maarten....

6. Volcanic Eruption 600km Away in St. Vincent Expected to Have NO Effect on SXM

The Caribbean is more like the United States than you might imagine. Although it consists of many independent nations, the fact is that residents of Caribbean islands have friends and relatives throughout the Caribbean "nation"—so when a major disaster hits any island it affects people Caribbean-wide.

The violent eruption of the Soufriere volcano in St. Vincent, some 600 km south of SXM, is a major concern on a human level to the people of St. Maarten. However there is virtually no likelihood of any tsunami or any other physical impacts on SXM as a result of the current ongoing eruptions. A [news video](#) shot Friday night with a noted volcanologist highly familiar with and involved in the situation in St. Vincent was posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). It gives you some remarkable insights into what's happening there. You can find the interview directly on our site or click the above link to see the interview directly.

We will continue to publish news of the eruption in our Facebook group on a daily basis. Cruise ships are ferrying thousands of people rescued from St. Vincent to neighboring islands, where they may have to spend weeks or months away from home.

For the latest news on St. Vincent, please Google St. Vincent and click news. If you subscribe to Crown Weather's private forecasting services, Chief Meteorologist Rob Lightbown there has sent our a remarkably comprehensive mailing on what's happening in St. Vincent along with detailed info on the toxicity of volcanic ash.

A related story is also in our main news section.

7. Our "Complete Guide to Entry Requirements" Can Help Get You Here Now (Revised 4/11/21)

If you are contemplating coming to SXM now or later to relieve your year-long cabin fever, our complete **Guide to Entry Requirements** in every issue of *SXM Weekly News* can help you get here now. Not only does it show you all the entry requirements in detail, it also delivers clear answers to your questions, greasing the skids for the entire process of traveling back to SXM. Rely on it: it can make things a lot easier for you.

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You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com.

Here are four more sources of current weather info:

- 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 now 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. You might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

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10. For Americans, NO Worries on Getting Tested Before Going

Home

SXM resorts have responded quickly and forcefully to the recently announced requirement by the US for returning citizens to obtain negative Covid tests before flying home to the USA.

The island has gone after many additional tests to make sure it has an adequate supply and can respond to the needs of tourists. In addition, Simpson Bay Resort has established a new testing lab adjacent to its member services operation next to Hollywood casino at the center of the resort. The facility has specific hours (call for details), and use of it is not limited only to Simpson Bay members.

There is a charge for testing regardless of where you get it. Do not expect the cost of travel-related testing to be paid by your US health insurance. Pricing varies. Your resort will have information about this; it may be useful to make an appointment for your pre-return Covid testing at the beginning of your SXM stay, if you're going to be here for only a week or so.

11. NO Federal US Quarantine Now Required

Despite the January Biden announcement, no Federal US quarantine is now required after returning home to the US following some overseas trips. That situation could change but as of right now, there is no quarantine.

That does not mean that you don't have to quarantine when you get to your state since some states either require or recommend quarantines after you return home. See your state government web portal for information that pertains to you.

12. Simple, Fast, Cheap Covid Insurance Now Required

See the story in our Guide to Entry Requirements, below.

13. IMPORTANT! Why It's So Critical to 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 the vast majority of cases, 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.

Our **Guide to Entry Requirements**, which is below, has all the info you need to do this successfully.

14. What to Do If One of You is Denied EHAS Preapproval & The Other Is Accepted (Updated 3/15/21)

Although this rarely happens now thanks to the fact that 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 does seldom happen, in rare cases husband-and-wife or other partners or friends 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 precise detail 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 after waiting at least four hours for a response from EHAS. We have had people submit applications three times, receiving their approval after two denials. Incidences are rare but they do happen. **Do NOT resubmit continuously** -- that clogs the system and delays response for everyone.

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, below). JPEGs (photographic images) are a 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 always 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 we cannot guarantee any results -- though we do have a pretty good record.

15. Can You Get a Covid Vaccine Shot in SXM? (Updated 4/5/21)

A number of tourists who spend several weeks on the island every year have asked us whether they can get Covid vaccine shots while in SXM. The answer is NO. Vaccines are now being distributed here and they are being given out in priority order to healthcare workers/1st responders, then the elderly and people in nursing homes, and then to the general population of residents — pretty much the same order as in the US.

Foreign non-residents are not covered. Attempting to get the vaccine in SXM when you are not eligible to get it takes away a chance to be immunized for someone who lives in SXM, which would be unfair to locals.

If you are a resident of SXM, that's a different story; SXM residents, contact your healthcare provider for more information.

16. If You've Had the Vaccine, Do You Still Have to Test Negative?

Covid vaccines currently available apparently do not prevent you from getting Covid — they simply reduce the severity of your illness but while you have it, even asymptotically, you may be contagious and spread it to others. That's why having had the vaccine is insufficient to enable you to enter St. Maarten, and why **you must test negative** as described specifically below in order to be given preapproval to enter St. Maarten. There are currently no exceptions.

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17. Guide to SXM Entry Requirements (Updated 4/11/21)

See other stories in this issue re: the new requirement on SXM for Covid Insurance bought from the island, now in effect.

Also:

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.

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 are now able to sign up for the now required Covid insurance once you have uploaded your negative test results.

18. LIST OF ACCEPTABLE TESTS for Entry to SXM

As of February 17, 2021, passengers arriving from the United States of America and Canada can use all FDA approved rapid antigen tests for travel to Sint Maarten. This includes those antigen tests with Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) as well. This does not include At Home Tests. Any hand-written forms reporting COVID results ARE NOT accepted. Proof of vaccination against COVID is NOT currently accepted as an entry requirement.

"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 tests now noted above.

19. Finding & Taking RT-PCR or Antigen Tests in Your Area (Revised 4/3/21)

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 a website in your community where local people discuss local goings-on (that often works well); and you can also ask your primary care physician or ask in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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 testing 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 complete 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.

20. 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. If you have a positive result, you will not be admitted to St. Maarten.

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, and the departure date. (Remember the 120 hour or 48 hour requirement.) **CHECK EVERYTHING YOU ENTER VERY CLOSELY TO ENSURE YOU ARE NOT SUBMITTING ERRONEOUS INFORMATION.** 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. **Allow 12 hours for EHAS to reply, though usually it's no more than 4.**

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 -- again, they say to allow 12 hours for processing. Their responsiveness is usually excellent. If two or more people are going, we strongly suggest that you send the applications 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.

Important: During this process, you will be asked to sign up for the required Covid insurance sold online by the island while you are applying for preapproval through EHAS. The process takes only about one additional minute for each person who is applying for preapproval. The insurance covers you on both sides of the island and costs only \$30 per person for trips lasting from a few days to up to 180. *It is required.*

Important (New 4/11/21): Two terms used in the EHAS forms are confusing tourists. This will help:

PORT OF EMBARKATION is the last airport you fly out of to go to SXM; if you connect to a different flight, it is where you board the plane that takes you to SXM.

TRANSIT STOPS: Does your plane stop anywhere outside the United States before it lands in SXM? Chances are high that NO, it does not; if that's the case, you answer NO to this question.

21. Required Covid Insurance Information (Updated 3/8/21)

Here is the island's formal announcement:

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

As of January 11, 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

*For detailed information on the St. Maarten Visitors Protection Plan please visit 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.*

Two important comments from SXM Weekly News:

- a) You do NOT have to re-up with this insurance after taking day trips to a neighboring island.
- b) This insurance DOES cover you on both the French & Dutch sides of the island.
- c) PRINT OUT your policy information when you receive it after signing up, and TAKE IT WITH YOU on your trip along with your preapproval email and your accepted negative Covid test.

22. ***VERY Important***: Avoiding Common Mistakes That Cause Denials (Updated 4/3/21)

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. JPEGs 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 to the letter 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 again very closely to make sure that it conforms to all applicable requirements. Then and only then, resubmit the application** — and double check your 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. **NOTE: The response may go into your SPAM folder, so check there before you start panicking.**

Third, as we said, in rare cases human error can play a role in denials. EHAS has staffed up to help ensure its ability to provide quick, responsive, and accurate service to all applicants.

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.)

23. 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.

24. 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 PRINTED AND 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.

25. Reporting Your Condition to EHAS for 14 Days (Revised 4/11/21)

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.

Record your daily information even if you don't receive a request for it from EHAS; that happens. It is better to have the info and not need it than the reverse....

Going Home to the US: (NEW SECTION)

26. US Requires Covid Testing Before You Go Home (See #10)

See the above captioned story for information on how to get the required Covid test before returning to the United States. Such tests are readily available on SXM before you leave, but see the full story above so you know how to make the arrangements.

Etc.

27. SkyMed TRAVEL Guarantees 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 fares 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, then call us with questions or to sign up. Call 508-747-8281 any weekday. Thanks..

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

28. Families Traveling This Summer Looking to Larger Villas

Condo sales in SXM are through the roof — see the next story. If you don't have a condo (other than a timeshare) on SXM and want to bring your family to the island this summer for a great uncrowded vacation, get in touch with one of our sponsor realtors listed in the sponsors article below in this issue of *SXM Weekly News*.

However — if you are looking for a villa that can accommodate a large family, an extended family, or a group of friends celebrating what appears to be the demise this year of the Covid Pandemic — we strongly recommend a very new and rather amazing eight bedroom villa on the hill overlooking oyster pond and St. Barth, Villa Vijoux. It's divisible so you can rent just four bedrooms if you like. It offers four bedrooms on each of two floors with beautifully outfitted gourmet kitchens and dining areas on each floor. [Learn more here](#) and tell them you heard about them through *SXM Weekly News*. The newly reopened Mama Pizza restaurant is a brief walk away as are a number of other restaurants. Dawn Beach is also close by, and Orient beach is just a 10 minute drive away as is Philipsburg...

29. Condo Sales Continue Through the Roof - Who to Contact

See the Realtors in our Sponsors list below; they are the most qualified to help you learn more about and acquire a condo on SXM that meets your specific needs. Also see the story immediately below about BrightPath Caribbean, a company that can help enormously with required paperwork. They know what they're doing.

30. Buying a Condo in SXM: Important Procedural Help

A while 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*.

31. Where to Find SXM Condo Rentals from JMB Members for 2021-22: EverythingSXM.com

SXM timeshare owners who are members of JMB Website Supporters are posting 2021 and now 2022 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 this Summer, Fall, and beyond.

32. 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.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

33. NEWS About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates (Updated 3/1/21)

Once Covid is gone and the fallout from it has cleared, we will resume 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 section.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

34. Giant SKYMED Medevac Protection Sale Continues! Current Pricing Guaranteed for Life!

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 & multiyear plans) that 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 or more -- sometimes much more. 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](#).

Here are the details of this unprecedented sale:

LIFETIME PRICE GUARANTEE:

All existing SkyMed memberships and new SkyMed membership purchases of one-year or longer are now price-guaranteed for life. The price of your membership will not increase if you buy during this 2021 sale or if you already are a SkyMed owner of any annual or longer membership: this *applies as long as your renewals are paid on time*.

FREE BONUS WEEKS (UP TO 21 WEEKS) FOR PURCHASES OF SKYMED'S MOST POPULAR MEMBERSHIPS:

- Buy a new 5-year Ultimate SkyMed membership OR UPGRADE TO ONE and **get an added 21 weeks of medevac protection at no added cost**. More on SkyMed memberships is on our site, www.skymed.com/jmb or call us at 508-747-8281 for answers to any questions. Guaranteed renewable *as long as your renewals are paid on time*. Does not apply to monthly-payment 5-year Ultimates.
- Buy a new 3-year Ultimate SkyMed membership OR UPGRADE TO ONE and **get an added 12 weeks of medevac protection at no added cost**. More on SkyMed memberships is on our site, www.skymed.com/jmb or call us at 508-747-8281 for answers to any questions. Guaranteed renewable *as long as your renewals are paid on time*.
- Buy a new annual (one-year guaranteed renewable *as long as your renewals are paid on time*) SkyMed membership and **get an added 21 free days of medevac protection at no added cost**.

REWARDS FOR REFERRALS FROM SKYMED MEMBERS FOR NEW MEMBERSHIPS:

- **21 Free Weeks** added to your SkyMed membership when you refer someone who buys a 5-year Ultimate.
- **12 Free Weeks** added to your SkyMed membership when you refer someone who buys a 3-year Ultimate.
- **21 Free Days** added to your SkyMed membership when you refer someone who buys an annual SkyMed membership.

- **HOW TO CONTACT US: Phone us during normal business hours EDT at 508-747-8281 for answers to questions or to sign up. When you call us directly, we get credit for the sale. You can also email us directly through SkyMed at jeff.berger@skymed.com.**

My SkyMed website: <http://www.skymed.com/jmb>. But please call me directly with questions or to sign up.

Feel free to contact me via Facebook Messenger as well or now WhatsApp.

--Jeff Berger

35. Help Keep SXM Weekly News Coming:

HELP US CONTINUE TO PUBLISH SXM WEEKLY NEWS BY JOINING / RENEWING / REINSTATING A MEMBERSHIP IN OUR "JMB WEBSITE SUPPORTERS" ISLAND DISCOUNT PROGRAM:

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 355,000 worldwide readers every week as we have since 1992...

You'll certainly return within a year (possibly way sooner), so please sign up for, renew, or reinstate today.

Military / First Responder memberships available too at huge discounts.

a) New Memberships Get Great Benefits:

Here are our low new membership prices:

- 1 year \$59
- 3 years \$109
- 5 years \$139

Sign up by going to everythingxsm.com and clicking the page curl, or phone us.

b) Here are all the multiyear renewal / reinstatement rates for all current or former members:

- The **one-year** renewal or reinstatement is \$49.
- **Three-year** renewal/reinstatements, \$89
- **Our Best Offer: Six-year renewal/reinstatements, \$149; 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, everythingxsm.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 four years for just \$67.96 (at \$16.99/year paid at inception). That is the best deal we have ever offered anyone for any memberships, on a yearly standard-price basis. DD214 or other proof of US military or first-responder service required. Please ACT NOW.

We hope you are having a pleasant Winter, **but please ... join, renew, or reinstate today.**

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 EST 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.
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.....:Here's More Island News:.....

36. In St. Vincent, State of Emergency as Soufriere Volcano Erupts

We reported a week ago here that the Soufriere volcano at the northern end of St. Vincent was rumbling. Late this past week, it erupted. Fortunately there had been ample warning provided to residents of the island and many who would otherwise have been in harm's way had been evacuated.

Several cruise ships, unoccupied except for crew, were in the area and were rushed to the island to help evacuate thousands of residents. Those evacuated may face weeks or months away from their homes, and are being taken to Antigua and other nearby islands that were already prepared to handle the evacuees.

For the latest news on the eruptions and the evacuations, please Google St. Vincent and choose news for the latest information.

In SXM, there was great concern not about physical effects — because none are expected — but because the Caribbean is a large community of nations where friends and families are often scattered among many islands, so a number of people from SXM are particularly concerned about friends and relatives living in or near St. Vincent.

Because St. Vincent is about 602 km away from SXM, as noted no impacts are expected locally. Conditions do not indicate any possibility of a tsunami, and air flow would take ash likely far to the west of SXM, though even more spectacular sunsets are possible on SXM as a result of the ash.

We will keep you posted further with news in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and also in our new [Everything SXM MeWe Group](#), which is just now starting to run in parallel with Facebook. In our "Getting Here" / Weather section above in this edition of *SXM Weekly News*, you'll find a link to a live interview with a noted vulcanologist familiar with the situation on St. Vincent. The story is from 721 news in SXM.

37. Enter our New Vacation Giveaway - A Week at the All-New Orient Beach Hotel

Orient Beach Hotel is a perfect place to stay for your next summer vacation — even if it's in an additional vacation beyond what you already planned. July is the most perfect month on SXM, with great weather, just about every restaurant still open, plus low traffic and plenty of room on all the beaches — how's that for a change from the endless traffic jams on the Jersey shore, Cape Cod, or Lake George?

SXM in summer is a great vacation place: it's time you took a real summer vacation and get away from all that traffic, noise, and congestion that you find where you usually go.

Come visit us in SXM this summer and start yourself a great new tradition!

HOW TO ENTER THIS GIVEAWAY: [Go here.](#)

Although we'll shortly update the form so it accurately reflects our new Summer Sensation vacation giveaway, the form is LIVE now and you are free to enter. **IMPORTANT:** You **MUST** be a subscriber to *SXM Weekly News* (NOT a passalong reader) to win, but subscriptions are FREE. Subscribe now at sxmweeklynews.com.

38. GEBE's "Routine Maintenance" Is a Major Pain to Non-Tourists

If you read the Dutch side's newspaper, the *Daily Herald*, you will frequently see ads for GEBE, the Dutch side electrical and water company, whose reliability has been compared to that of the utility in Zimbabwe — not a compliment.

The ads are actually advisories of the places where the utility is turning out the lights or turning off the water for several hours at a time on different days of the week saying it is for "normal maintenance."

We do understand what normal maintenance is, but we also understand what shunts are. Wikipedia defines them this way: In electronics, a *shunt is a device that creates a low-resistance path for electric current, to allow it to pass around another point in the circuit.* They would allow whatever is being fixed to be fixed while rerouting power or water around the site of the maintenance so as not to inconvenience individuals or businesses by turning out their power in the middle of the day for several hours. Shunts have been around for a lot of years and it would be useful if GEBE started using them instead of continuously interrupting power for people and businesses across the Dutch side of the island.

The French side seems to avoid many blackouts -- why not the Dutch?

Even the government of St. Maarten has taken to criticizing GEBE at times, though that has always struck us as odd since the government owns GEBE. Most hotels, timeshares and other large buildings have generators to take over when GEBE pulls the plug, so it's mainly homeowners and the owners of small businesses who suffer when GEBE does this. This has been going on for as long as anyone can remember and that needs to stop.

39. Different SXM Experiences: Kite Surfing, Sky-Diving, and Ziplining

If you're looking for something really different to do during your vacation in SXM, here are three things to try — not counting the nude beaches that are available at the southern end of Orient beach, the northern end of Cupecoy beach, Happy Bay, and elsewhere.

Every day of the week — but especially on Saturdays and Sundays, you are likely to find more than a dozen individuals **kite surfing** along the central part of Orient beach. In fact, there are businesses on the beach that offer instruction on how to kite surf and they will rent you boards and kites; the latter are usually 12 m² in size.

If you don't know what kite surfing is, kite surfers tie a harness around themselves to which is attached a roughly 50 foot cable on the end of which is a large kite, parts of which are inflated for sturdiness. A yoke controls whether the kite moves left or right or up or down. The kite surfer has a board attached to her or his feet. Trainers instruct kite surfers and how to maneuver the board and control the kite so they can determine the direction in which they want to go.

One of the more athletic things that some kite surfers do when changing directions is leap high into the air and do somersaults while changing the direction of the kite. In fact, at times we have photographed kite surfers doing this and run the photographs in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and also in our new [Everything SXM MeWe Group](#). The places where you can do this are multiple and they are within a few hundred yards south of bikini beach or North of Waikiki on Orient beach.

The kite surfers themselves range the entire length of the beach and on both sides of green key, off pinel island beach, and even over near Embouchure Bay. Some kite surfers take a dinghy well out between Green Key and Tintamarre and start their adventure there, where the water is fairly deep.

There is also **skydiving** on the French side of the island. A plane that takes off from the Grand Case aerodrome ascends to roughly 10,000 feet, then drops skydiving enthusiasts out the door. Some experienced skydivers do what looks like somersaults after pulling the cord on their chutes, others hold newbies enabling the newbies to get the full feeling of skydiving.

After several seconds of freefall, the chutes open and eventually land at a predetermined spot north of bikini beach.

If you go to the Grand Case Aerodrome, you can find out more, or be north of bikini with your eyes peeled to the sky between 1045 and 11 each morning. If you look up skydiving in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) (link above), you will see videos Jeff has posted of these adventures.

SXM also has three **Ziplines**, one of which is at Loterie farm, a beautiful area largely preserved as it was hundreds of years ago for your enjoyment. The Loterie farm Zipline takes you through beautiful tropical forested areas and is a treat for nature enthusiasts.

The second zipline is at the Emilio Wilson estate, a very nicely preserved area as well. Do check out the historic buildings on what was a thriving plantation many years ago. The zipline here has the steepest drop you are ever likely to find, so be prepared. You can also take rides to the top just for the view, which is breathtaking. Emilio's Restaurant, also at the bottom of the hill is one of the islands very best and it is open weekends for lunch and dinner.

When cruises reopen soon, the third zipline is expected to return to operation. It is at the top of the hill near the cruise ship terminal. Its terminus is near Bobby's Marina which is near the Chesterfield's restaurant — in fact just south of Chesterfield's restaurant, where you will see the cables cross the road.

Which zipline you choose depends entirely on what you want. The original zipline here was at Loterie farm and both their zipline and the one at the Emilio Wilson estate give exquisite views in beautiful, well-preserved countryside settings. The newest zipline is the one near the port, offers stunning close-in views of great Bay in Philipsburg and the cruise ship port.

This information is also being posted in our main site, www.everythingsxm.com and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and also in our new [Everything SXM MeWe Group](#).

40. Restaurant of the Week: Series Resumes Soon

This series resumes soon: Check this article soon for our review of another fine SXM restaurant.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Jai's Contemporary Indian Cuisine (featured 4/5/21), Simpson Bay a 15-second walk from Reveil Matin (R/M is a breakfast/lunch restaurant). Outstanding dinners in this fun new contemporary Indian fusion restaurant operated by two SXM graduates of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Highly recommended.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 3/15/21). Open for lunch and dinner except Mon., when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too. \$10 pasta specials at lunch - lots of great food in every meal.

Mandarin Pan Asian at Port de Plaisance Resort off the Union Road, Cole Bay, (featured 3/8/21). Excellent selection of palate-pleasing offerings from Japan, Thailand, and China. Highly recommended.

Pure Ocean Restaurant at Divi Little Bay Resort, Dutch side (featured 3/1/21) Fine new beachside restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and fine dining dinners. Excellent choices for everyone, innovative menu, beautiful presentation, and downright delicious. Great Caribbean ambiance on their open-air beachside deck. Attentive service and responsive staff.

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 2/22/21) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids & their parents.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiitto) (2/22/21) now combined with Pineapple Pete at the Pineapple Pete location next door, opposite IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay. See that entry, above.

Astra Steak & Seafood (featured 2/8/21) is the newest creation of Anish Chugani, who also operates Avantika and Movida in the same area of Simpson Bay. It's new, beautiful, and has high-quality written all over it. We just went and loved it. See <https://www.astrasxm.com/>

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 2/1/21) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai.

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 1/25/21) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy (featured 1/18/21) Excellent pizza, and sizable portions / reasonable prices on numerous other Italian specialties. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach. **Now also open in Oyster Pond.**

Sale & Pepe (featured 1/11/21) 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/>

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 1/4/21). 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

Vesna Taverna, 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/ 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.

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/>

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

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. **Reopening soon.**

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

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?

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.

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

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.

41. Take a Virtual Walk Through the New SXM General Hospital

If you've been on the island recently, you've noticed that extensive site preparation work is being done just west of the current campus of the St. Maarten Medical Center — that's where the new St. Maarten General Hospital is being built.

Although pictures of what the new hospital will look like have been published widely in social media, including our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), we thought you would like an opportunity to take a walk through the new hospital — virtually, of course, since construction has just begun.

You can do that here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Fxf0FevVY1s>

42. Join Our New Conversational Everything SXM Group on MeWe, the Facebook Alternative

For years, you have been able to obtain a great deal of SXM information and photos/videos in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Unfortunately, not everyone is a fan of Facebook, so we have started a new Everything SXM group on a platform that has become a strong competitor Facebook — it is called MeWe.

We urge all fans of *SXM Weekly News* to become members of MeWe and join our group there; [here is the link](#).

43. 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.

The US REQUIRES Covid tests for everyone returning there from SXM. Details are in our Guide to Entry Requirements, published early in this issue of *SXM Weekly News*. 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.

44. 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 everythingxml.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.

45. 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 canceled 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

46. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Join our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and you'll find about 28,000 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.

47. 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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Ask Jeff for details -- call him at 508-747-8281 (SkyMed calls only, reg. hours Eastern time.) More info? See skymed.com/jmb. SkyMed is the Principal Sponsor of JMB SXM programs.

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

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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.

49. Please Patronize JMB Sponsors (Updated 4/5/21)

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Exclusive Car Rental

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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:

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Kay's Fine Jewelry (new)

Joe's Jewelry International (new)

Ballerina Jewelers (new)

LIVE MUSIC

Hole in the Wall, Maho Plaza, Dutch side

MAPS (SXM MAPS and others in the Caribbean)

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PARFUMERIE / PERFUME

Tijon Parfumerie, Grand Case, www.tijon.com

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

[Island Real Estate Team](#) is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A long-time JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

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

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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)

AVANTIKA (new)

MOVIDA (new)

ASTRA (new)

JAI'S CONTEMPORARY INDIAN RESTAURANT (new)

STAR WARS / YODA GUY MUSEUM

[Nick Malley, Front Street](#)

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*.

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Villa Acropole:

www.acropole-stmartin.com

Villa Vijoux:

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

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

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Our **JMB SXM Web 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 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 or phone us / text us on WhatsApp at 721-588-4188.)

Tourism is returning in a big way 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 in the months ahead. Contact us today for more information.

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