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To rent out or sell timeshares you own in SXM or anywhere else worldwide, for no ad charge or commission, join JMB Website Supporters. Visit http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml for info. Membership now delivers a growing list of about 300 St. Maarten and St. Martin-focused travel benefits -- and your membership subscription helps keep these weekly SXM newsletters coming.

SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 1/29/2022 2/5/2022 Week 5 **The Villas at Simpson Bay Resort & Marina Master and Junior Suites 2nd floor accommodate 6 people (Sat-Sat rental): Master consists of a full kitchen, king size master bedroom, 2 Murphy beds, spacious bathroom with separate double vanity area. Beautiful, large deck overlooks Simpson Bay.** Junior suite (lock out) has 2 full beds, small kitchen and a spacious bathroom with a separate double vanity. The resort has a fitness center, multiple pools and tennis courts, Restaurants, casino and grocery stores are within walking distance. *All boat excursions are located onsite and available directly from the resort. Timeshare tax of \$50.00 due upon check out, is not included in the rental price. \$2,400.00 Rosanne 609-613-0728 mess113@yahoo.com

See them all at http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 3/4/2022 3/11/2022 week 9 **Diamond Royal Palm Resort** has totally been rebuilt, all unit are new with new furniture and fixtures. Full ocean view 2 bedrooms and 2 baths \$3,500.00 Richard 508-832-9212 or 508-8318311 vanguardrcc@yahoo.com

See them all at http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml

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Not a member yet? See http://everythingxm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml. Cost: \$59 for one year, or \$99 total for three full years. Other durations available. Join us today...

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THIS WEEK'S STORIES:

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SECTION 1: Getting Here: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, Weather, and COVID-19

GETTING HERE:

1. It Gets Easier & Easier to Visit SXM...

Since the vast majority of visitors to SXM now have been fully vaccinated, the process of becoming preapproved to visit SXM is vastly faster and simpler than it had been before November 1.

Now, visitors pre-apply through the EHAS system — Electronic Health Authorization System — where they answer questions and upload digital copies of their proof of vaccination. Although EHAS says to allow 12 hours for approval, that approval generally comes in 4 hours or less. If you haven't received your approval within four hours, check the spam mailbox in your email program — it's probably there.

For complete information on SXM's current entry requirements, please see the next story. *HEADS UP: requirements change so be sure to check them within a couple of weeks before your trip.*

2. Our "Guide to Entry Requirements" Answers All Your SXM Travel Questions

Our completely new Guide to Entry Requirements — all new and completely different from the first edition — simplifies SXM Entry Requirements to make it easier for our readers to understand exactly what the island is looking for and to successfully navigate the electronic health authorization system EHAS website, through which visitors to SXM apply for the required preapproval.

To download the new second edition of our Guide to Entry Requirements, *which is free*, go to the files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#); you can get there [through this link](#) if you are a Facebook member. Otherwise, Facebook will prompt you to join, which is free. To join our group, answer the simple vetting questions. Once you go to the files area, search for Entry and you'll be able to download the PDF of our new second edition Guide to Entry Requirements -- or just [go here](#).

*We always urge everyone to download the **Guide to Entry Requirements** directly from our files area, since that area enables you to ensure that you are downloading the latest available version. We do expect the Dutch side government to make more changes as the Covid Pandemic hopefully continues to wane.*

WEATHER:

3. A Rainy Friday After Thanksgiving...

The Friday after Thanksgiving here on SXM was a rainy one — not really resembling a beach day here in the Caribbean, but a perfect day to spend shopping in Philipsburg for jewelry, electronics, liquor, or whatever else you want.

The rainy season on SXM still has several more weeks to go; it generally ends by mid-January. December is marked by December winds and bright red Christmas worms, as we've reported here before. It's also marked by heavier than usual traffic, much of it related to Christmas shopping in the main shopping area, downtown Philipsburg. Jewelry and electronics stores are concentrated on front Street, as are souvenirs and beachwear (**Rima's** has great beachwear and they have a big new store on Front Street west of the center of town), with many local stores on back Street selling less expensive items like clothing, cosmetics, and cheap suitcases....

4. Has Hurricane Season Ended Quietly?

Officially, hurricane season ends tomorrow, Tuesday, November 30. The last few weeks of this season have been quiet, though the full season was anything but. It used the entire complement of hurricane names that the National Hurricane Center had created. It also released supplemental names once the official names had run out, ending with Wanda. None of the supplemental names have as yet been used.

Although hurricane season ends tomorrow, it will be up to Mother Nature to decide whether there will be more tropical cyclones this year. It has happened before, and we'll keep watching and keep you informed if anything unexpected develops after November 30. See also our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) for daily weather updates when necessary.

5. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

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.*

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***Now You Can Unsubscribe Your Old Email
and Sign Up Your New One
for your SXM Weekly News subscription
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at our Site: www.sxmweeklynews.com

Etc.

6. 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 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, then call us with questions or to sign up. Call 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER) any weekday. Thanks..

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

7. Dozens More Timeshare Condo Rentals Added to Our Listings

Dozens of new listings of timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale during the rest of 2021 and 2022 have been added to our timeshare sales rental page in our main SXM site, www.everythingsxm.com. If you're looking for a place to stay, that's where to find it. All of our listings are from members of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program so you deal directly with timeshare owners — there are no middleman or agents or anything else charging commissions. Usually, timeshare owners charge close to their actual annual maintenance fee costs.

Dozens of new entries were posted over the last few days.

8. Full-Ownership 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.

9. 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*.

10. 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 package of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at everythingxsm.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

11. NEWS About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates - Updated Nov. 8, 2021

We are now working to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, car rentals, 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. We hope to complete the upgrade during the first quarter of 2022.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#). Please see the next section.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

12. *****Huge SkyMed Sale Must End 12/31:*****

**Beat the Coming SkyMed Price Increase Because...
SKYMED NEVER DOES SALES -- EXCEPT RIGHT NOW:**

Up to 21 Free Weeks added to new, renewal, and upgrade SkyMed purchases!

- **WHAT IS SKYMED?**

SkyMed is a medical evacuation membership company. "SkyMed Takes You Home" when you become seriously or critically ill or injured when traveling anywhere throughout the USA, Canada, all the nations of the Caribbean, Mexico, Bermuda, and the Bahamas. Global protection is also available. SkyMed members pay nothing for SkyMed-arranged medical evacuation flights that would cost non-SkyMed members \$35,000 and up – payable in cash, in advance. Why risk that? Of course, you must get your SkyMed membership before you need it – just like

fire insurance.

LOW GROUP PRICING:

All of the SkyMed memberships we sell go to either members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, to members of our online SXM groups, or to readers of SXM Weekly News. The prices we charge for all multiyear Ultimate memberships are substantially less than the retail prices you will see online from SkyMed's website. Call or email us (contact info below) for details on all of our major-league savings on SkyMed Ultimate multi-year membership prices.

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 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER) 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 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER) 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 EST at 508-591-3483 (new number, where you can also text us) 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

When and Where SkyMed Protects You:

Basic SkyMed short-term and annual memberships protect you throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the #Caribbean In that SkyMed universe, SkyMed *Takes You Home*® when you become critically ill or injured. Optional protection covering most of the rest of the world is provided by GETS, Global Emergency Transportation Services, a SkyMed company.

Key Differences Between SkyMed Short-Term & Annual Memberships:

Many people who buy SkyMed memberships first request short-term protection. Is that the best solution for most people? That's a decision you have to make, but before you do, we wanted to give you a little information about SkyMed's types of memberships so you can get a better feel for exactly what is offered. **First, short-term memberships** are available only for a specific defined short term. They protect you with SkyMed Takes You Home® membership that applies throughout the United States, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean including Cuba. Short-term protection cannot be upgraded or renewed since you buy it for specific trip; it's temporary protection. There is no waiting period for any benefits. When you want protection for a future trip, you must make a separate application for it. It is economical if you seldom travel and if you take brief trips. The cost is \$9/day per person, or a maximum of \$15 a day per family (parents and kids). *We always tell people who are 50 or over about the most important advantages of SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships. We feel the single most important benefit is that SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable, regardless of advancing age or declining health.* Details are in SkyMed's Member Services Agreement. We currently have members who are still traveling and are in their upper 80s and 90s. *The cost of annual memberships per family — far more economical than the \$15/day per family for short-term coverage -- is only about \$1.35/day total.* Multiyear memberships are even less expensive and have more features; contact me and I can send you full information about features of each type of SkyMed membership. **Ultimate memberships protect you worldwide.** I can answer all your questions by phone in a matter of minutes, and we can also conveniently take your application by phone. Phone us any day at 508-591-3483 (a

new number) during daily business hours, 9am to 8pm. That's a direct line to Jeff Berger's office.

- [SkyMed Frequently Asked Questions / FAQ](#)

Feel free to contact me via Facebook Messenger as well or now WhatsApp, 721-588-4188 (through WhatsApp ONLY), or use our new office line, 508-591-3483. You can also send texts to that 508 line and leave voice messages. Please include your phone number, time zone, callback number, and email address.

--Jeff Berger

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OUR BEST-EVER BLACK FRIDAY SALE CONTINUES:

Join or Renew Your Membership in Our *JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program* Today; Great *Last-Chance Sale Prices & You'll Beat The 1/1/22 Price Increase!*

Our biggest sale of the year -- now better than ever since it precedes a price increase on multiyear memberships coming 1/1/22 -- is now underway. It offers pricing that will not be back... take advantage of these great BLACK FRIDAY OFFERS before they disappear, soon!

What's In It For You:

All multiyear memberships bought starting 11/21/21 receive one full year of membership in addition to what's stated on the site. **Want two full years? Our LONGEST DURATION multiyear membership offers TWO FULL YEARS EXTRA, on us, through the end of the sale (date to be announced). BUY NOW, THIS SALE WON'T LAST FOREVER and can end any time. And because of the looming price increase, these values will soon be gone forever...**

To sign up, please visit our main site, everythingxsm.com, and click the page curl at the top of the home page. That takes you to where you can join, helping us continue to produce *SXM Weekly News ... continue to organize and deliver our complete Weather Center / Hurricane Center on our main site, everythingxsm.com ... and continue to expand our JMB Website Supporters benefits significantly in efforts already underway.*

Please don't put it off... we do ask you to join (or renew, if you're already a JMB member) today. Thank you.... Please allow several days for processing your new membership or renewal / reinstatement.

.....Here's More Island News.....

14. Numbers of Cruise Ship and Stayover Visitors Continues Rising

Although cruise ships operating in the Caribbean are not yet allowed to operate at full capacity, nonetheless they're bringing thousands of Covid-tested people into SXM every week, a welcome situation for Front Street businesses and hundreds of other businesses across the island.

Toward the middle of last week, six cruise ships were at the Dr. A C Wathey cruise and cargo facilities in Philipsburg in a single day — the most since the Covid recovery began.

The number of stayover tourists on the island has been surging, with jewelry stores downtown and the hundreds of restaurants across the island seeing more business than they have since before hurricane Irma more than four years ago. Unless something unexpected happens, the island should have its best high season in years, with 2022 reservations at levels not seen in a long time.

It's incredibly welcome news for an island that is been hit hard financially by both Irma and Covid.

15. French Side Dissidents' Friday Evening Gathering Detours Traffic in Marigot

Freedom of expression is enshrined in French culture to an extent even greater than Americans are accustomed to. On Friday evening, a well-publicized protest by dissidents started at 5 PM at the roundabout just north of the Super U in Marigot. It detoured traffic on the main road between Marigot and Grand Case. It was publicized in advance that it would make it impossible for tourists and others to get from the Dutch side to Grand Case unless they went through French quarter. However, gendarmes were on hand in force and they provided a detour enabling visitors to get to Grand Case via Marigot anyway. There were plenty more gendarmes present to ensure things remained peaceful. Crowds were down due to rain.

More on the French side situation is in the following stories.

16. French Side Solidarity March With Guadeloupe Set Saturday Evening

The French side march communicating solidarity with protesters in Guadalupe was set for Saturday night in Marigot. It followed another March Friday night of dissidents involved in recent demonstrations concerning a variety of political issues on the French side.

Both marches were announced in advance and gendarmes were on hand for the Friday night event both to reroute traffic and ensure order.

Our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) will continue to inform our readers about whatever is happening — if anything — on the French side in the weeks ahead. If you're not yet a member of that private Facebook group, please join us to stay up-to-date daily with island events affecting tourists.

17. Why Many French Side Descendants of Slaves Don't Want Vaccinations

As many readers are aware, a number of Caribbean residents are quite reluctant to be vaccinated. Fortunately, in SXM, because of the steps by governments on both sides of the island, those numbers are relatively in control, and the activities in which unvaccinated people can participate are strictly limited to control Covid 19.

Although many people may assume the reason many locals are opposed to vaccinations is the same as it is elsewhere in the world, that assumption would be wrong — the basis of the opposition in fact is historical, we are learning.

This is an oversimplification, but many descendants of slaves who years ago worked on banana plantations throughout the Caribbean know those workers were affected by chemicals used on what is now regarded as an experimental basis. Those chemicals later allegedly caused widespread cases of prostate cancer among the descendants of slaves.

Consequently, many of the descendants of these people, who are spread throughout the Caribbean, may regard the current vaccinations as continued experimentations on them by what they consider to be colonialists. (That's why the recent declaration of Barbados as a Republic split from the UK was such a big deal).

The fact that the vaccine has already been proven to save lives and prevent serious disease tends to be discarded. But based on history, you can now understand that reason for ongoing anxiety.

18. French Side Status Update

Although French side dissidents have made significant progress relative to their demands against the French state and the collectivite, nonetheless they don't consider that their work is done — or close to done. As a result, and as the recent peaceful and brief street demonstrations have illustrated, further demonstrations seem likely. As we said in an article above in this issue, we'll continue to keep our readers aware on a daily basis of what's happening on the French side of the island through our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If you have not yet joined that private group, we urge you to do so. Please answer the simple vetting questions and/or say Jeff Berger suggested you join.

19. About Spreading Someone's Ashes In The Sea off SXM

Over the years, many people have chosen to distribute a loved one's ashes in the waters surrounding SXM, after a life during which many years were spent enjoying the island.

We have been asked recently whether there are any regulations about doing this. As far as we can determine, there aren't -- you just need to be able to transport the urn through security as part of carry-on baggage (you do not want it lost in checked baggage). We have not heard anything about problems with such transport.

20. Award-Winning Simpson Bay Restaurant For Sale

VERY WELL KNOWN, AWARD-WINNING SIMPSON BAY RESTAURANT FOR SALE. Prime location with on-site parking; all-new kitchen; experienced staff. 100 seats -- indoors and outdoors. Great 6-year lease; motivated owner. TURNKEY OPERATION; SERIOUS INQUIRIES ONLY. For information send your name, address, email address, qualifications for buying, and phone number VIA WHATSAPP TEXT ONLY to Jeff Berger; WhatsApp 721-588-4188. Jeff will pass the information to the owner. WHATSAPP TEXT INQUIRIES ONLY PLEASE. Asking 595K..

Note from Jeff: I have no involvement in this transaction; am just gathering inquiries for the owner, a long-time close friend.

21. Parking in Downtown Philipsburg

From Rakhee Sakhrani, Royal Jewelers, Philipsburg:

Visiting Philipsburg but don't know where to park or there are no spaces available? Take a look at the map for road markings/names posted by Rakhee in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). [Use the Search feature in the group to find her posts; the maps are there.] .

I added a few pictures for easy & convenient visuals of the parking spots! There are free & paid areas. It's approximately a 5-7 min walk to front street from these spots!

Free Parking: The Pondfill: Unmarked spots: As you drive into town, you can pull into a spot, it's usually unpaved/dirt/rock area.

Marked free parking spots: There are designated free parking lots on the Pondfill. These are usually full by 11am. If you are an early bird great, otherwise you may have to wait 'til a car pulls out.

New Government bldg free lot: Another free lot, but it's a decent walk to front street. Take the turn by the center roundabout and head toward the white/yellow/green(roof) building.

Paid parking: Center of town: The parking lots is literally in the center of town by the WIB Bank/KFC. This fills up very quickly.

Old Library: This is a new area for paid parking. Very convenient. It is \$2.00 an hour. Easy walk to front street.

Bobby's Marina: This is a little farther down Philipsburg, however it is a great place to park. It's near the grocery store Fairway. Once parked, there is a pathway accessible to the boardwalk via Greenhouse restaurant. Takes you straight to front street. It is a nice scenic walk.

We hope this helps! Don't forget to visit us after you park. Royal Jewelers 44A Front Street (Across from Horizon view hotel)

Thanks Rakhee Sakhrani for this information!

22. On Busy Days, Front Street Becomes a Pedestrian Mall

Last week, as we reported here, six ships were in town in the middle of the week. For the first time since the Covid Pandemic started, Front Street was blocked off from vehicular traffic for many hours that day, making it a pedestrian

mall for the convenience of all the ship passengers as well as stayover tourists who came to town that day.

Passengers from ships don't come to town in cars, so they don't make parking any more challenging. So if you wish to come to town on a day when ships are here in numbers, there is nothing to stop you. Just be sure to continue to wear your mask as usual when inside stores even if you're fully vaccinated. There is still plenty to see and do especially at this time of year, when specials abound on both Front Street and Back Street in Philipsburg.

23. A Tale of Three Ziplines

[Rainforest Adventures](#), near Philipsburg and Emilio's Restaurant; steepest drop on the planet

[Loterie Farm](#) SXM's original zipline through unspoiled tropical forest; you may see wild monkeys

[Pelican Peak](#) Newest; located downtown above the cruise port. Currently closed due to Covid 19, but should reopen soon.

24. Killer Coconuts

Coconut palm trees are beautiful — the quintessential beach trees here in the Caribbean.

But they can also be lethal if you happen to be under them on a windy day. *Getting hit in the head with a coconut is not like getting hit in the head with an acorn*, as can happen much of the US. Getting hit in the head with a coconut can be lethal.

Every time you see a coconut on the ground near a palm tree, realize that if someone had been there when the coconut fell they could have been seriously hurt. Remember this when you're walking under coconut palm trees anywhere -- or even laying on a blanket under shade from a coconut palm.

We were on Pigeon Cove beach in Tobago years ago under a palm tree before I had read about this phenomenon when I suddenly heard a loud thump and felt sand bounce off my face. I looked to my right and there was a coconut significantly larger than my head that had missed me by about 6 inches.

We moved.

It can also happen whenever you're looking over something beautiful in the Caribbean — like a tropical sunset.

Please keep this in mind.

25. Coffee Lounge: Lots More Than "Just" Coffee

Within the last couple of weeks, out of curiosity, we finally stopped into the place called Coffee Lounge in Simpson Bay — near Domino's. With a name like Coffee Lounge, we expected it to sell coffee — which it does, lots of varieties including iced coffee, which is what we were after.

What we were surprised about was how much more it offered — and the fact that it has two stores, the other one at the head of town in Philipsburg at the far Eastern end of Front Street, a store that is many times bigger than the one near Domino's.

When we went to the Coffee Lounge in Simpson Bay, there were students on hand using the free Wi-Fi, some business people having meetings over coffee, some tourists, and more while we were there enjoying some delicious homemade pastry. There were also paninis and lots more food selections.

This place is so much more than just coffee that it perhaps could be called coffee lounge and more. I succumbed to a big slice of carrot cake, one of my biggest weaknesses. So I gained 5 pounds from it — go figure, it was worth it. At some point next week we are going to brave the boat people in downtown Philipsburg and venture into their big store there.

If you haven't ventured into either of the two Coffee Lounge locations, we strongly recommend them. And yes, we will follow up with another story on the store in town. Just thinking about the pastry has already put a smile on my face.

26. Heads Up About Quads (ATVs)

If you have experience driving Quads or Segways, more power to you driving them during this season on SXM. But if you don't, we would caution you about driving them for the first time during this season on SXM. Until about mid-January, it's rainy season here, which can mean occasional sudden deluges as opposed to brief tropical showers after the end of rainy season. Driving on SXM's roads can be challenging for people in automobiles, but it's even more of a challenge for people on Segways or ATVs (quads), particularly people with little experience on either. We're not suggesting you not do it — just that you be cautious when making the decision.

27. Restaurant of the Week - Jai's: Flat Out Phenomenal

Sometimes we all have preconceptions about specific types of restaurants — preconceptions that can lead us to assume that some must be phenomenal and others aren't with visiting — so we never set foot in some specific restaurants we were thinking about.

The best way to think about a restaurant is to consider what the best restaurants you visit generally have in common. For us, the important things are ambiance: the restaurant should be warm, welcoming, comfortable, convenient, and easy to relax in. Second, an unwavering team orientation. The best teams are led by people who know instinctively how to run a restaurant in which every team member has a role they know completely -- and the training and ability to know how to do it. Third, they need the culinary savvy to develop and implement a uniquely engrossing concept that attracts numbers of discriminating people and rewards them beyond their expectations with extraordinary flavors, textures, aromas, and tastes — and service that consistently surpasses high expectations.

In SXM, this is doubly difficult, because the island has many outstanding restaurants on both the Dutch and French sides. Sometimes it takes new restaurants a few months of operation before they reach their stride and achieve the capabilities you know they had when they started — so here's a surprise we think you will love.

Regardless of whether you crave highly creative and innovative vegetarian, seafood, beef, or poultry, you will find all of these delivered with an extraordinary degree of imagination — flavors, textures, aromas, and tastes at Jai's in Simpson Bay, just around the corner from Republic Bank. Leave your preconceptions at home and come in for something that will likely be entirely new to you. Frankly, it's unlike any other restaurant we have visited — of any type. Explore the menu, tell your server if you have specific dietary needs or allergies, and watch them work in their open kitchen. There you will see uncompromising teamwork and the fine art of great culinary magic happening before your eyes.

Jai's is an extraordinary restaurant but reservations are strongly advised; call them at (721) 526-3742. We love the place and will often be there. PS: if you love hot sauce, Their homemade hot sauce gives you the impact you seek. Go early during your trip: you'll want to come back. Plenty of easy off-street parking out their front door, too.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Jai's Contemporary Indian Cuisine (featured 11/29/21), **Simpson Bay** Leave your preconceptions behind! A 15-second walk to the side of the building from Republic Bank.. Outstanding dinners (and soon lunches a few days weekly) in Jai's, a fun new contemporary fusion restaurant operated by two young SXM graduates of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Super creative, artfully presented, phenomenally executed selections spanning a spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and tastes. You gotta try Jai's! Highest recommendation.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 11/22/21). Open for dinner starting at 5pm except Mon., when they're closed. Fantastic food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

Astra Steak & Seafood (featured 11/15/21) 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/>

Mario's Bistro at the Cliff, formerly Mario's Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 5/24/21 Mario's is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have -- here in SXM or anywhere else. 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 essential. They do not use an answering machine, so call when they are open and let it ring.

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 10/25/21). 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

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 10/11/21) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, now in a beautiful new over-water setting at the Carousel building on Simpson Bay lagoon. Lunch, dinner, and late dining. Karaoke. Co-located with Toppers Rhum Distillery so have some rum (rum is the French spelling) and rum cake when you dine. Open until late night. Sports on TV. From cops to billionaires, everyone loves Toppers.

Mandarin Pan Asian at Port de Plaisance Resort off the Union Road, Cole Bay, (featured 9/27/21). Excellent selection

of palate-pleasing offerings from Japan, Thailand, and China. Highly recommended.

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 9/13/21) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 9/7/210: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 8/30/21) 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) (8/30/21) now combined with Pineapple Pete at the Pineapple Pete location, opposite IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnasxm.com (featured 8/16/21). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

Blue Bitch Bar www.bluebitchbar.com, formerly Taloula Mango's Blue Bitch Bar, is THE bar/restaurant to visit on the Boardwalk in Philipsburg. (featured 8/9/21) Great open-air atmosphere, outdoor dining/drinking, entertainment. Their menu is extensive with excellent food, fun atmosphere, and beautiful ocean views. Located on the beach, at the Boardwalk....

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy & Oyster Pond, (featured 8/2/21) Big, outstanding pizza, and sizable portions plus reasonable prices on numerous other delicious Italian specialties. They also have a number of fresh fish entrees you should not miss. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach, and on the main drag through Oyster Pond, French side. <https://www.facebook.com/Mamapizzaisthebest>

Emilio's: outside Philipsburg (featured 7/19/21) offers fine dining in an historic, classic ambiance. **Not to be missed.** <https://emilios-sxm.com/menus/dinner-menu/>

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 7/12/21) Chef-co-owner Ciro Russo & Lara Russo haven't missed a beat here as Spiga has finally reopened. Incredibly irresistible food, great staff, service, and beautiful ambiance. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Absolutely not to be missed.

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 7/6/21) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai. Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by knowledgeable service. Go...you'll become a regular.

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.

Sale & Pepe (featured 1/11/21) Cool location among breathtaking megayachts, cool decor, knowledgeable staff, and extensive menu, good service. Chef Davide Zagami stays mostly in the kitchen ensuring things go as he wants. <https://www.facebook.com/saleandpepemarina/>

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

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.

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.

28. Important Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters & SkyMed Sales Inquiries

Updated Contact Information for Everything SXM / JMB Communications / JMB Website Supporters Membership Services and SkyMed Sales:

Because of volume, email is not the best way to reach us. [Here's what's best](#): First, a Suggestion: **Get the free WhatsApp app**. It lets you make free phone calls (including video calls) worldwide and send free texts, all for zero cost. It is very widely used around the world.

1. **SkyMed – Answers to Questions or to Sign Up by Phone**: If you're interested in learning more about SkyMed, contact Jeff Berger at jeff.berger@skymed.com. Leave your phone number and time zone and he'll return your call. SkyMed is sold only to Americans, Canadians, and xPats. **If you prefer, phone Jeff at 508-591-3483 and leave a message: that is a NEW NUMBER.** (Our old numbers were knocked out by the recent Cape Cod storm and are still funky.)
2. **JMB Membership Questions/Issues -- JMB Website Supporters**: Use WhatsApp to send questions to Membership Services; use Jeff Berger's WhatsApp phone number, 721-588-4188, **but call or TEXT (texting is preferred) from within the WhatsApp application only**. Membership Services at our headquarters in

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30. 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](#).

31. First Responders Now Get Platinum-Status JMB Discounts

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32. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

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

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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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Want to rent or buy a week?

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