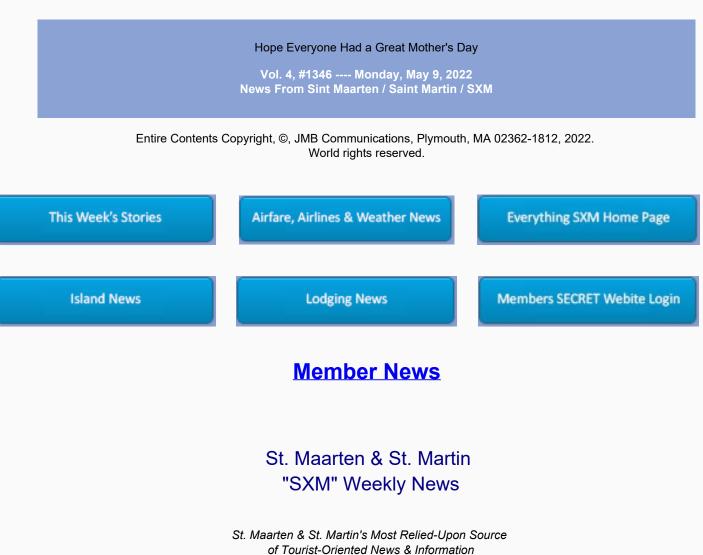
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### SXM Timeshare Rental of The Week:

RENTAL 6/18/2022 6/25/2022 week 25 Simpson Bay Resort, Spa, and Marina One bedroom unit on the beach, living room, fully equipped kitchen, one bedroom and one bathroom and a patio overlooking the turquoise waters of Simpson Bay. This unit is in the one building of the resort right on the beach in the Flamboyant building. \$1,359.00 Pam 757-868-6001 pam\_falls@msn.com

### See them all at http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/timeshare\_rent\_sale/index.shtml

### SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 3/11/2023 4/8/2023 Weeks 10, 11, 12, 13 The Villas at Simpson Bay Simpson Bay resort Sleep 6 unit on the 4th floor closest to the marina building. Master suite can be used as sleep 4, junior suite sleeps 2 as lock off unit. Stay in one unit and rent out the other! Beautiful view of Simpson Bay with restaurants, jewelry store, casino, pools, and grocery available on the resort and other restaurants available within walking distance. Balconies have full afternoon shade, perfect way to end your day on the beach. Unit was completely refurbished in 2020. Will offer discount if purchasing multiple weeks. \$12,000 per week Deborah 412-952-7577 d\_henle@msn.com

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### **GETTING HERE:**

### 1. Time to Keep an Eye on Tropical Weather Developments

During the last few years, tropical activity has begun by mid to late May, despite the fact that hurricane season does not officially start until June 1, ending November 30.

That's why several weeks ago, in preparation for hurricane season, we made major updates to our hurricane center/weather center located in our main site, www.everythingSXM.com. That site contains many real-time satellite images and radar loops of the tropics. It is also set up to publish, upon availability, the latest advisories, watches, and warnings from the National Hurricane Center.

We urge you to become familiar with our weather site now, so you can it during the season. We also strongly recommend you see the article in our weather section (below) concerning sources of tropical weather information — look especially close at the crown weather site mentioned in that story. **Crown Weather** is under the direction of Rob Lightbown, our chief meteorologist and also chief meteorologist for Island92 radio on the island. Rob is a major go-to authority on tropical weather and is the person on whom many other meteorologists rely for the most accurate forecasts.

If you live or work in an area which ever sees tropical activity, we urge you to subscribe to Crown Weather's very inexpensive private forecasting service as we have for many years. It can give you valuable information which can help you "weather" a future visit from a tropical system through his authoritative forecasting services. Please see <a href="http://www.crownweather.com">www.crownweather.com</a> for more information.

## 2. Where to Find Our Guide to SXM Entry Requirements / Return to US Requirements (Updated)

Tens of thousands of tourists will be visiting SXM this summer and fall, with hundreds of thousands coming next winter. Planning for all of these visits is well underway.

Our **Guide to Entry Requirements** (Second Edition, just updated) simplifies SXM Entry Requirements to make it easier for our readers to understand exactly what the island is looking for and to successfully navigate SXM's Electronic Health Authorization System (EHAS) website, through which visitors to SXM must still apply for the required preapproval.

To access the just-updated second edition of our Guide to Entry Requirements, *which is free*, go <u>through this link</u> (revised) to the files area of our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Group</u>. You should be able to access the file easily if you are already a Facebook member.

Further updates may happen as the number of hospitalizations on the island stays very low. See next story.

## 3. Got a Spare \$45,000? You May Need It, In Cash in Advance, to Get a MedEvac Jet Home in a Medical Emergency

\$45,000 or more payable in cash in advance could be what you must pay out-of-pocket should you need emergency medical evacuation while traveling anywhere in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, or anywhere in the Caribbean. By contrast, SkyMed Takes You Home® for zero dollars when you become critically ill or injured in any of those countries *if you are a SkyMed member*. All it takes is one phone call and SkyMed does everything. That \$45,000 you might have to spend without SkyMed assumes that you can make all the arrangements, find and hire the jet, make sure it is properly outfitted for the specific medical problems you face, staff it with appropriate medical professionals who are cleared to travel back home to the US or Canada, and take care of customs, immigration, and loads of other paperwork including Ambulances and getting your records to your Destination hospital. By contrast, SkyMed does all of that and its members pay \$0 for the evacuation or ambulances.

<u>Setting up medical evacuations sounds complicated because it is</u> — and having to do all this in a medical emergency is a daunting task for anyone who has never done it. <u>For about \$1.64/day for an annual or multiyear</u> <u>SkyMed membership</u>, <u>SkyMed will do all of this stuff once you make that single quick phone call</u>.

For more information, call us today at 508-591-3483 or <u>Jeff.Berger@skymed.com</u>. Include your phone number and time zone so we can call back and get all your questions answered. We can also take your application by phone in roughly 10 minutes.

## 4. What To Do If Your Flight is Canceled Or Delayed...

What should you do if your flight is canceled or delayed as happens fairly often now due to winter weather or omicron related issues?

This recently published article gives you exact answers.

### Etc./Weather

## 5. Where to Find The Latest SXM Weather Information

Although hurricane season officially begins June 1, nonetheless it's best to be prepared before then. In recent years, tropical activity has begun around mid-May. Stay in touch with any or all of these sources of tropical weather information...

Here are SIX sources of current SXM weather info:

1) <u>Crown Weather Services</u> whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business. 2) **Our "Weather Center / Hurricane Center"** at <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u> -- it has current satellite images and radar loops 24/7/365 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. *That page also includes real-time or near-real-time satellite images and radar loops*.

3) Our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Group</u> 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 <u>www.island92.com</u>. They report island warnings at once so you'll 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.

6) 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.

In addition... When storms form or pass near SXM, we expect to run the latest forecasts, watches, warnings, and observations in our Everything SXM Facebook Group, and we will post all of that material directly in the weather center of our everything SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com.

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## 6. Hundreds of SXM Timeshare & Condo Rentals Available for 2022 and Now 2023

**Dozens of new listings of timeshare and other condominiums for rent and for sale for both 2022 and 2023 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 middlemen or agents or anyone else charging commissions. *Usually, timeshare owners charge close to their actual annual maintenance fee costs.* 

Dozens more new entries were posted over the last couple of weeks.

## 7. Realtors to See for SXM Condos & Villas

The following list of our sponsor realtors tells you how to contact SXM's best sources of condos and villas across the island:

### 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 <u>Island Real Estate Team</u>. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

Jennifer's Vacation Villas has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

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

**GoBeach Vacations** 

**Sunshine Properties** 

Monte Verde / Belle Vue

Villa Acropole: www.acropole-stmartin.com

Villa Vijoux: https://www.facebook.com/VillaVijoux Villa Steel Magnolias (new 1/22)

40Weeks SXM Vacation Rentals (new)

Villa En'sea 5 bedroom Villa, overlooking Philipsburg bay (new)

Villa Kimon

Daffodil Villa

### 8. 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** <u>BrightPath</u> **Caribbean 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. Tell them you heard about BrightPath through Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*.

## 9. 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 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.

## 10. SkyMed TRAVEL <u>Guarantees</u> 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 <u>https://www.skymedtravel.com/register</u>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330  $\diamond \Delta \diamond$  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 3:** JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 11. Reminder: \$100 Jewelry Gift Card Emails Sent to All JMB Website Supporters Members: News About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates (Updated 1/31/22) How To Get Your \$100 Gift Certificate to Caribbean Gems

One of the newest benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership is a \$100 Gift Card from Caribbean Gems. The Gift Card was sent last month by email to all members of our **JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program**, and will soon be added (for one-time use only) to our members-only passworded "Secret" Website. Details on its use accompany the card.

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 here in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our **Everything SXM Facebook Group.** We hope to finish these updates late during Q1, 2022.

JMB Website Supporters currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members.

Want your own \$100 Gift Certificate to Caribbean Gems? Join JMB Website Supporters and we will send it to you. We recently sent Certificates to all JMB members.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership or to sign up, go here.

## 12. Reminder: Members May Now Advertise Both Timeshare Weeks They Own and Privately Owned SXM Condominiums On Our Site

We are now accepting advertising for both timeshare resort condominiums as well as privately owned condominiums on the island directly from their owners who are members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. This is effective immediately and includes weeks from both 2022 and 2023. Submit your ads through the members-only "Secret" website.

Not a member? Join us by clicking the page curl on our main site, <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u>. All the details you need are there.

## 13. JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program Major Update Expected to Complete This Summer...

The huge update we have been working on for some time of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program — which coincides with a major server upgrade and upgrades to two mission-critical programs for our new servers — is taking longer than we had originally hoped.. Unfortunately, this seems to be a common theme among many businesses dealing with personnel shortages among their principal contractors. In any case, we believe this major upgrade should be finished sometime this coming summer. We will keep you aware of program changes and apologize for the delay.

## 14. Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters and SkyMed Sales Inquiries (UPDATED 4/18/22)

### 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. <u>Here's what's best</u>: 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.

- 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.
- 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 Massachusetts handles all these calls. INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL, since all responses are made by email.
- 3. Our new email is jmbcomms@gmail.com; use it for JMB Website Supporters membership questions. Thank you.

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Buy it NOW, \*BEFORE\* you need it -- just like fire insurance.

For info see the links below, for answers to questions or to sign up by phone call 508-591-3483 (you can text to that number & leave voicemail 24/7). <u>NOTE: My prices for</u> <u>multiyear memberships ARE MUCH LESS THAN YOU</u> <u>WOULD PAY ONLINE</u>. .....SKYMED'S BEST PROMOTION EVER IS NOW UNDERWAY!.....

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## 22 FREE weeks added to all new 5-year ULTIMATES\* 12 FREE weeks added to all new 3-year ULTIMATES\* 22 FREE days added to all new Annual memberships

## <u>"Thank YOU for Your Service"</u> Bonus for US & Canadian Military Veterans & FIRST RESPONDERS:

6 FREE months added to all new 5-year ULTIMATES\* 3 FREE months added to all new 3-year ULTIMATES\* \*What are "Ultimates"? See next story.

## \*\*\*These MILITARY benefits are IN ADDITION TO the benefits for all new members!\*\*\*

16. THE STORY: Only \$1.64/day Gets You Guaranteed Renewable, Price-Guaranteed-Forever SkyMed Annual or Multiyear Medevac Protection:

### WHAT IS SKYMED? WHERE DOES SKYMED WORK?

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. <u>SkyMed members pay</u> nothing for SkyMed-arranged medical evacuation flights that would cost non-SkyMed members \$45,000 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. You'll find an overview of all SkyMed Services <u>here</u>, and you'll find Frequently Asked Questions <u>here</u>.

### • WHAT ARE "ULTIMATES"?

SkyMed Ultimates are SkyMed's best memberships and also its LEAST EXPENSIVE on a cost-per-day basis (about \$1.64/day for family protection). They offer a suite of 18 services and protect you worldwide -- almost everywhere. They are offered in monthly-pay (minimum payment period two years), three-year, and five-year versions.

### LOW GROUP PRICING \*LOWER THAN THE PRICES ON THE SKYMED WEBSITE\*:

All of the SkyMed memberships we sell go to either members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, to members of our various 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 DIRECTLY (contact info below) for details on all of our major-league savings on SkyMed Ultimate multi-year membership prices.

### LIFETIME PRICE GUARANTEE / GUARANTEED RENEWABLE MEMBERSHIPS:

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 2022 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. SkyMed annual and longer memberships are also Guaranteed Renewable when annual or multiyear fees are paid on time -- guaranteed renewable regardless of advancing age or declining health.

# HOW TO CONTACT US: Phone us ANYTIME 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: <u>http://www.skymed.com/jmb</u>. *But please CALL ME DIRECTLY with questions or to sign up - that way I get credit.* 

### 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 Travel 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, here's some important info. 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 a specific trip; it's temporary protection. There is no waiting period for benefits. When you want protection for another future trip, you must make a separate application for it. Short-term protection 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 21 or younger). We always tell people who are 50 or over about the most important advantages of SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships. 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 is far more economical than the \$15/day per family for short-term coverage -- it's now only about \$1.64/day total. Multiyear memberships are also about \$1.64/day and have more features; contact me for full information about features of each type of SkyMed membership. Ultimate memberships protect you worldwide. I can answer all your questions by phone in minutes, and can also take your application by phone (that way I get credit). Phone anytime at 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER). That's a direct line to Jeff Berger. Updated 5/2/22.

### \*What is the SkyMed Ultimate?

Again, the Ultimate is SkyMed's best - and least expensive (on a daily cost basis) form of medical evacuation membership. With SkyMed "Takes You Home"® services in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean, plus Global Emergency Travel Services (GETS) almost everywhere else worldwide, the Ultimate is for people who visit Europe, Africa, Asia, and almost anywhere else your wanderlust takes you. It also delivers 18 critically important travel-related services as opposed to 12 with SkyMed annual memberships. You'll find an overview of all SkyMed Services including those provided with Ultimate memberships here.

### 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. Or email me at jeff.berger@skymed.com (SkyMed inquiries only please). 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 5/2/22

## 17. Answering Your Questions: What Does SkyMed Really Do? ---An Important Message from Jeff Berger to All SXM Weekly

## News Readers----

We've always said SkyMed TAKES YOU HOME® when you become critically ill or injured -home to doctors and hospitals you know and trust, and home where your health insurance works. <u>In</u> recent weeks as many of you have decided to resume traveling, you've asked us for examples of what SkyMed does. Several examples are right here:

For answers to questions or to sign up, email me at jeff.berger@skymed.com or call me at 508-591-3483. Open to Americans & Canadians & xPats only. Based in Scottsdale, Arizona, for the last 33+ years, SkyMed TAKES YOU HOME® when you become critically ill or injured while traveling anywhere in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, or all the nations of the Caribbean. Global protection is available. Cost for family membership is as little as \$1.64/day on annual and multiyear plans. IMPORTANT: Buy directly through me; our pricing for multiyear memberships is much lower than SkyMed's pricing published on the web.

Here are specific examples of how SkyMed works for its members:

**On a recent Thursday at Mullet Bay Beach,** a woman at the edge of the water fell and accidentally knocked down her friend, standing close by. The friend felt pain in her leg as she got up, went to a hospital, and was told she had a "soft tissue injury" and should relax in the sun. Pain continued. Next day she went to the Maho Clinic for another opinion since she couldn't put any weight on the leg without pain. The doctor there sent her to the French Side for a new x-ray. That diagnosis came back - broken leg and she had to be medically evacuated back to the US for surgery. A few days before, the woman had bought short-term SkyMed medevac protection for her short trip to SXM. Cost, under \$100. She was sent home by jet by SkyMed. The charge for the jet: \$0. Without SkyMed, had she needed a medevac jet, the \$26,000 (approx.) price of that jet home would have had to be paid in cash in advance; with SkyMed she was home and in the hospital of her choice the next day for \$0 out-of-pocket.

**Mary Beth and her partner Don** were vacationing in SXM when Don fell and broke his hip -- only about a month after they had bought SkyMed. SkyMed flew them home on a medevac jet for the hospital care he needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: over \$35,000.

An MD from Florida who always visits SXM was on a cruise vacation to the Greek Islands with his wife when he broke his femur aboard the ship. He was rushed to the hospital in Corfu but called SkyMed which arranged and paid for an emergency medevac flight to Athens for urgent surgery. A few days later SkyMed evacuated him again, with an excellent male nurse, all the way home to Florida, where an ambulance took him home for recovery. Required flight cost to the patient: \$0. Savings: huge.

A Summer trip ended in disaster when a child visiting her grandmother in Grand Case was bitten in the head by the grandmother's bulldog, imperiling the girl's eyesight. She was flown to Miami in a medical evacuation jet for emergency eye surgery that saved her sight. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

A woman from Virginia shopped at an island grocer and headed back to her car carrying two bags of groceries. She tripped and fell on a curb and knew at once she had fractured her hip. After being stabilized locally, she was flown home on a medical evacuation jet from SkyMed where she had the surgery she needed. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Two men were riding their horses on a hill in Cay Bay when a car backfiring spooked one of the horses, which threw its rider. The other rider got off his horse to check his companion when the car again backfired, spooking the horse again which led it to kick its dismounted driver in the head, luckily causing "only" a severely dislocated jaw. The local hospital had no ability to solve that problem so the victim was airlifted by SkyMed back to Pennsylvania for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

**A member of the clergy** fell down cement stairs and broke her leg. She too was airlifted home by SkyMed for surgery. Flight cost to the patient: \$0.

Not all trips end well: anything can happen when you travel. Being a member of SkyMed was the common thread in all these cases. SkyMed takes its members home when serious or critical injuries occur in the "SkyMed universe", usually in a private, ICU-equivalent medical evacuation jet -- home to doctors and hospitals the patient knows and trusts -- and home where their health insurance works. That's just one of up to 18 benefits received by SkyMed members for about \$1.64/day for annual or multiyear memberships.

All this is why we always recommend SkyMed. Call Jeff Berger 24/7 at 508-591-3483 and leave

your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also take your application by phone in about 10 minutes. You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.

**Anything can happen anywhere:** Do it now, BEFORE YOU NEED IT. To learn more, visit <u>www.skymed.com/jmb</u>. JMB members get big discounts off SkyMed's online pricing for all multiyear memberships, the BEST memberships for most people age 50 or over. More contact info is above.

Thanks for reading this.

## **18. Minor Earthquake Rattles Guana Bay Area**

A minor earthquake rattled SXM on Saturday evening at about 8:15 PM. There were no reports concerning where on the open-ended Richter scale this quake fit, although many people especially in the Guana Bay area did report some shaking and rattling which was generally described as light. Some people who were sleeping nearby (yes, some people go to sleep that early) reported sleeping through it. People elsewhere on the island, for example in Cupecoy and Grand Case, reported noise (a "bang") or a very light shaking. There were no reports of any damage or injury.

Minor earthquakes are a normal part of life in SXM. Their effects are usually compared to shaking from a heavy truck driving by. This quake seemed to be at about that level.

## 19. Expectations for a Busy Summer & Fall Season Remain Strong

Across SXM, expectations continue to be for a busy summer and fall season.

Although in the United States some people with compromised immune systems or who have children who are unvaccinated have recently expressed reluctance to travel due to the relaxation of masking requirements aboard passenger aircraft, there are no such problems discernible concerning people planning to visit SXM.

## In fact, the opposite appears to be true. Management at some resorts is telling us that in recent weeks, prospective guests in significant numbers had been locking in prices for future SXM visits.

In SXM, the peak of hurricane season doesn't come until September, which is after the summer vacation travel season. Prospective visitors, realizing that SXM offers more pleasant temperatures and less humidity than many parts of the US that swelter in summer, are planning to visit the island in significant numbers in the coming months. Although the numbers of tourists expected to come to SXM is up from its usual summer levels, the island still offers visitors great dining, superb beaches, little seaweed (not much at all is bothering the island currently), and nothing remotely like the crowds that usually stall traffic on Cape Cod, the Jersey shore, and many other places in the US. Moreover, prices in SXM continue to be significantly lower than inflated travel prices in the US.

Airfares are also reasonable this summer for passengers heading to SXM.

For answers to questions about summer travel to SXM, visit our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Group</u> and feel free to get involved in the conversation there, where more than 33,000 members share an enormous amount of information about their favorite island, SXM.

## 20. Why High Airfares May Not Be the Problem You Perceive Them to Be

When most airlines post fares for the distant future — for example, 330 days in advance — they post what amount to retail/rack rate fares which are far higher than what most people eventually wind up paying.

Prudent airfare shoppers continuously watch for fare changes. As time passes, airlines tend to change fares often. Those who keep watching fares or who subscribe to services that report fare drops tend to make out best when looking for low fares.

## 21. IZI Ristorante Italiano's Website Has a New Home

You've heard that long-time SXM restaurateur David Foini has been serving discriminating restaurant guests for nearly 30 years, more than 15 of them as the owner of Izi Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay opposite Pineapple Pete.

As we've mentioned here in the last couple of weeks, IZI has been widely recognized as a fine restaurant. Although the restaurant isn't going anywhere, its website now has a new name: <u>www.izisxm.com</u>. You can also learn more about IZI, Spiga, Isola, Emilio's, Mario's, Vesna's, and other fine restaurants across SXM by checking out recent editions of **SXM Weekly News** in our PDF archives. All of the restaurants in our Archives are consistent award winners.

## 22. Our Six-Vacation Giveaway is Still Slated for June; How to Enter & What You Can Win

EverythingSXM.com will be celebrating 10 million visits to its suite of SXM websites by giving away SIX SXM vacations this Summer.

Want one?

The vacations will be at:

Villa En Sea high on a hill overlooking beautiful Great Bay and downtown Philipsburg;

Colony Manor Golden Daze condo directly on Simpson Bay beach;

Simpson Bay Resort, Marina, & Spa in the heart of Simpson Bay, on its own private beach;

Belair Beach Hotel on its own private beach minutes from Philipsburg;

Divi Little Bay Beach Resort, on its own private beach with a gorgeous multi-level pool and lots of great restaurants on-site; and

**Azure Hotel & Art Studio**, a small family-owned hotel on the beach and within walking distance of many fine Simpson Bay restaurants.

In addition, there will be a car rental from **Leisure Car Rental** for the grand prize winner, several dinners for two at top island restaurants (see below), and a \$400 women's or men's watch from **Caribbean Gems** in Philipsburg.

Dinners for two will be at Mario's Bistro; Emilio's Restaurant; Isola Restaurant; Vesna Taverna; Mama Pizza; Movida; IZI Ristorante Italiano and Spiga in Grand Case. All are subject to limitations set by the owner; if you exceed the limit, you are responsible for the excess.

Our **GRAND PRIZE** winner will also appear live on **Island 92 radio with Jeff "Dr. Soc" Sochrin** on his Fresh Air in the Morning Program.

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN AND <u>IF YOU RECEIVE YOUR OWN COPY OF SXM WEEKLY NEWS, YOU ARE</u> <u>ELIGIBLE TO WIN</u> BUT YOU STILL MUST ENTER. <u>ENTER HERE</u>. If you do NOT subscribe, you must go to sxmweeklynews.com now to subscribe <u>FREE</u> before entering this giveaway. <u>ENTRIES FROM NONSUBSCRIBERS</u> <u>ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO WIN</u>. PREVIOUS WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.

## 23. Two New SXM Euro Oval Stickers Now Available; Where to See Them & How to Order

As many readers are aware, we have SXM euro oval stickers available for sale to our readers for very reasonable prices. There are currently two versions available: our traditional green SXM Euro ovals with a large SXM overlaying a recently modified image of coconut palms in the background, and a purple sand chair SXM euro oval which features the SXM letters in large purple type with a purple sand chair in the background. Both of these are now available for ordering.

They are great for cars, smooth-sided luggage, mirrors in your home, and LOTS of other places. These are copyrighted by us and available ONLY from us by mail. (Sorry, no magnets but we ARE working on luggage tags...) Available for mailing only to USA, Canadian, and APO/FPO Addresses. **Pricing:** 1 for \$10, but THREE for \$20 including shipping; multiple orders of three accepted (order a total of 6 or more ovals and we'll send a surprise in the package). Unless you direct otherwise, <u>We will send you our green coconut palms SXM euro oval to fulfill your order. If you'd like to have both</u>

the purple sand chair SXM euro oval and the new green coconut palm tree SXM euro oval, tell us how many of each you want when ordering.

To see pictures of both Euro ovals, please visit our **Everything SXM Facebook Group** and search for "coconut" or for "purple sand chair" -- remember that prices are as indicated in the preceding paragraph when ordering.

**HOW TO ORDER:** Please use PayPal and submit payment to jeff@jmbcommunications.com. NOW BEING SHIPPED. Allow 3 weeks for delivery but they will likely arrive much sooner. Printed on vinyl and varnished for long life. Questions? TEXT US at 508-591-3483 or email us ONLY AT jmbcomms@gmail.com please. IF YOU DON'T USE PAYPAL send a US DOLLAR check payable to JMB Communications to JMB, P. O. Box 1812, Plymouth, MA 02362-1812. Include # of ovals you are ordering and your phone, email, and delivery address.

## 24. How You Can Help Us Continue to Avoid a 2022 JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program Price Increase...

We depend on your support to enable us to publish *SXM Weekly News* every week. We also depend on your support to fund the work we do to publish news in our **weather center** and in our **Everything SXM Facebook Group** concerning tropical weather approaching SXM for the US mainland. Your support also makes possible the winter parties we hope to resume next winter for our JMB Website Supporters members plus all the benefits of our JMB website Supporters Island Discount Program.

Earlier this year, we announced that we were going to increase prices — since the price increase was long overdue and held off because of Covid. **We never did that price increase**, wanting to hold the line for our members and we still want to hold the line. But Russia invaded Ukraine and crude oil prices have shot through the roof, as we all know, and the costs of everything have gone crazy. At this point, we still don't want to raise prices but we need your help now to be able to hold the line on our current pricing for membership in our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. Please join or renew now, here. We will be grateful for your support as we begin our 31st year communicating about SXM to hundreds of thousands of readers around the world.

**This is important:** we have been working on and continue to work on a significant upgrade of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. We are hoping the upgrade will be finished by the end of this summer, and we are depending on our partners and our sponsors to offer new discounts to all our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program members. If you are our Sponsor of JMB, please contact us at <u>jmbcomms@Gmail.com</u> or text us through WhatsApp at 721-588-4188 so we can get things started for you.

Regardless of whether **you** are already a member of JMB Website Supporters, you can join or renew your membership and get hundreds of benefits through us now, <u>here</u>. We are grateful for your support, as always. You make all this possible!

## 25. Ordering Presents from SXM for Everyone on Your Gift Shopping List

If you have family members, relatives, or friends who visit SXM, now is a great time to order gifts for them — and there are many more gift selection options on SXM than you might think.

Of course, tops on the list is jewelry gifts from one of our sponsor jewelers. You'll see all of them listed in the Sponsors list in this edition of *SXM Weekly News* (list is below).

You should also consider all the restaurants you love on the island, many of which offer gift cards you can give to others. To order, look them up on the web and phone them, preferably before their evening opening hours so you can make the order by phone. If your friends are already on the island or if you are on the island, you can arrange to pick up the gift cards at the restaurant. If you or the person receiving your gift will not be on the island for a while, talk to the restaurateur for delivery options.

Third, consider buying gifts directly in the Rima store west of the center of town in Philipsburg; mention us to Kenny, who owns the store, though he may be at their other store diagonally across the street which also has the name Rima on it. *He sells all Rima merchandise at discount pricing*. If you prefer to order from Rima corporate DIRECTLY, you can do that and get a discount for JMB Website Supporters members of over 30% off their posted prices — and delivery is readily available. *If you are a JMB member, login to our members-only secret website for information on how the discount for JMB Website Supporters members works and how to order at discount rates from the Rima website.* Discounts online are for JMB Website Supporters members EXCLUSIVELY.

You can also buy friends gift memberships in our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. Order your membership as usual, but in the comments section on PayPal or in a note (if you send us your membership payment by check) note the name of the recipient, their address, their email address, and their phone number; your gift will be sent to them by email. For JMB membership info, click the page curl on our main site, <u>www.everythingsxm.com</u>

## 26. Why The Vast Majority of Overnight SXM Visitors Rent Cars

According to an informal, unscientific poll we conducted in our **Everything SXM Facebook Group** recently, we discovered that well over 90% of stayover tourists responding to our survey questions rent cars while they are on the island. The reason they cited most frequently was their desire to enjoy everything SXM offers, especially its extraordinary spectrum of dining options, its tropical beaches, and many other special things available only in person such as Parrot Ville, Loterie farm, Cupecoy beach sunsets, kite surfing, historical explorations, snorkeling, and many more. For information on the best car rental agencies on the island, please see our Sponsors list in this edition of *SXM Weekly News*. The *SXM Weekly News* staff has been using Leisure Car Rental for quite a few years.

## 27. Which Italian, Seafood, Lobster, Sushi, Steak, Vegan/Vegetarian, and Burger Restaurants Are the Best?

Our preferences in all of these areas are expressed clearly in our Restaurant of the Week selections every week here in *SXM Weekly News*. You can read our selections from the last several months below, in "Restaurant of the Week" in this edition of *SXM Weekly News*.

But what do our 33,000 readers think? Especially if you are a new reader of *SXM Weekly News* or are a new member of our **Everything SXM Facebook Group**, you will want to ask that question of our members. You can do exactly that in our **Everything SXM Facebook Group**. Before you do, however, we suggest you use the search window in our group and search by the name of the restaurant or the type of restaurant you seek — you may very well find the answers you're looking for without having to ask the question.

## 28. What Are the Best Sources of Accommodations Rentals?

We offer hundreds of timeshare condominium rentals directly from timeshare owners in the listings on our main site, www.everythingSXM.com. There, you're not buying from strangers — you're buying from other people who love St. Maarten as much as you do. We've been doing this since 1992 and we know that it's the way thousands of people have rented weeks successfully over the last 30 years. Give it a try. More information about Condominiums is in Section 2, above.

## 29. Enormous Library of SXM Information is On The Web

Regardless of what kind of SXM information you need, our sites deliver it.

Here are three examples:

a) our **SXM Weekly News PDF archives** include every edition of SXM Weekly News since 2014 – now approaching 9 years of editions and hundreds of thousands of words of SXM information. Our PDF archives are searchable by keywords to make it easy for you to find whatever information you seek quickly and easily on your computer. (A link to the Archives is in every edition of *SXM Weekly News*.)

b) our **Everything SXM Facebook Group** is a repository for an enormous amount of SXM information posted during it's more than 10 years of existence. You can search all posts ever allowed, for any SXM topic — and you will find hundreds of posts on virtually any specific topic. If you don't find what you're looking for, you can always post a question on that site that will tap the brains of nearly 33,000 members — not counting their friends and spouses. The vast majority of our members are tourists who have spent years visiting SXM and who have a wealth of information available.

c) we have a **Files** area in our **Everything SXM Facebook Group** with another enormous reservoir/library of island information. Our files are also searchable directly from our everything SXM Facebook group. They are also frequently updated by our admins and moderators, particularly Contessa Aiello who has written most of them.

Take advantage of these resources — and don't forget to thank those who have made them possible.

## 30. Flying This Summer? Here's Something Else You Should Know

If you are traveling anywhere this summer, there is a way you can inject tremendous peace of mind into your travels...

For the first three months of any new SkyMed annual or multiyear membership, SkyMed excludes coverage of preexisting conditions; after three months, those conditions are covered in full. So...to AVOID ANY IMPACT on your travel plans this Summer or Fall, buy your new SkyMed annual or multiyear membership NOW, at least three months ahead of your planned Summer/Fall travel -- then the 90-day exclusion period for preexisting conditions will end before you travel...

**Why get annual or multiyear memberships?** SHORT-TERM family memberships (for a week or two) are \$15/day, while guaranteed renewable for life, price guaranteed for life annual and multiyear memberships are only about \$1.64/day -- less than a decent cup of coffee. Call me at 508-591-3483 or jeff.berger@skymed.com for answers to questions or to sign up by phone.

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### 31. Restaurant of the Week: Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine

Setting / Location: #68 Welfare Road, Plaza del Lago, Cole Bay, near Top Carrot

**Offerings**: A seemingly never-ending spectrum of culinary delights -- not only vegan/vegetarian but seafoods, lobster (menu changes constantly), beef, and lots, lots more. Indian dishes too. This is healthy dining with amazing flavors, textures, and aromas -- very unique and amazingly creative/innovative. Just do it: you'll be hooked on coming back often. This is a very, very special restaurant. Jai's training at the prestigious CIA (Culinary Institute of America) shows in his careful attention to all the details. Jai's is not to be missed! **Summary**: Go. It's that simple...

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine (featured 5/9/22), Simpson Bay Leave your preconceptions behind! A 15second walk to the opposite side of the building from Top Carrot. Outstanding dinners (and 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 an ever-growing spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and tastes. You gotta try Jai's! Highest recommendation. See https://www.facebook.com/jaissxmresto

Astra Steak & Seafood (featured 5/2/22) is the newest creation of the organization that also operates Avantika and Movida in the same area of Simpson Bay. It's relatively new, beautiful, constantly evolving, and has high-quality written all over it. We go often and love it. See <u>https://www.astrasxm.com/</u>

Melange International Grill, Port de Plaisance (next to Princess Casino entrance). (featured 4/18/22) A spectrum of delightful offerings from Europe, the USA, and South America. One of the most eclectic menus on SXM. Delicious dining.

**Mama Pizza**, Porto Cupecoy & Oyster Pond, (featured 4/4/22) 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. <u>https://www.facebook.com/Mamapizzaisthebest</u>

**Mandarin Pan Asian** at Port de Plaisance Resort off the Union Road, Cole Bay, (featured 3/21/22). Excellent selection of palate-pleasing offerings from Japan, Thailand, and China. Highly recommended.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, <u>www.izirestaurant.com</u> (featured 3/14/22). 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.

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 3/7/22). 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. <u>www.isolaristorante.com</u>

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 2/28/22) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

**Bovin Steakhouse at Simpson Bay Resort, Marina Plaza next to la Patrona (featured 2/21/22)** Upscale restaurant offering sumptuous dining, outstanding service, and more than just steak (though we expect lots of steak lovers will

flock here.

Avantika Thai <u>www.avantikasxm.com</u> (featured 2/14/22) Avantika is flat-out wonderful; SXM's best 4hai Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by seasoned service. Go...you'll become a regular.

**Spiga**, <u>www.spiga-sxm.com</u> (featured 2/7/22) Chef-co-owner Ciro Russo & Lara Russo haven't missed a beat here as Spiga continues to be simply the best restaurant of any kind in Grand Case, where it has a lot of competition. Incredibly irresistible food, great staff, service, and beautiful ambiance. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Absolutely not to be missed.

SkipJacks Seafood Grill, Bar, and seafood Market (featured 1/31/22 is one of the largest seafood restaurants on the island, located in a remarkable site overlooking Simpson Bay Lagoon and many megayachts. With many types of fresh fish cooked to order, SkipJack's is best known for lobster, both the local spiny variety and even some flown in from Maine. Pick your own and have it prepared as you like it. Lots of other choices too for all kinds of appetites. Classic attentive service and delicious everything. It's a must.

**Emilio's at the Emilio Wilson Estate**, Dutch Side, <u>https://emilios-sxm.com/</u>. [Featured January 2022] Truly fine dining in one of SXM's most well known and respected restaurants. The property is rich in history, the owners and Chef Sidney are culinary perfectionists, and you will kick yourself if you don't go here early in your trip so you have time to come back. Sunday Brunch is a must but requires reservations as does dinner. Not to be missed.

**Mario's Bistro at the Cliff**, formerly Mario's Bistro <u>www.mariobistrot.com/en/</u> **1/17/22** Mario's is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have -- here in SXM or anywhere else. *Go.* Phenomenal dining. 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.

The Coffee Lounge, (featured 1/3/22) Simpson Bay next to Domino's and in Philipsburg at the head of town. Great freshly roasted coffees, pastries, and sandwiches. Don't miss it.

**Vesna Taverna**, <u>www.vesnasxm.com</u> (featured 12/27/21). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

**Pineapple Pete**, <u>www.pineapplepete.com</u> (featured 12/20/21) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids & their parents.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (12/20/21) now combined with Pineapple Pete at the Pineapple Pete location, opposite IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay. GREAT sushi rolls and sashimi and much more.

**Topper's** <u>http://www.sxmtoppers.com/</u> (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 (rhum is the French spelling) and rhum cake when you dine. Open until late night. Sports on TV. From cops to billionaires, everyone loves Toppers.

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 9/7/2021: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. <u>www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html</u>

**Blue Bitch Bar** <u>www.bluebitchbar.com</u>, formerly Taloula Mango's Blue Bitch Bar, is THE bar/restaurant to visit on the Boardwalk in Philipsbuirg. (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....

<u>Pure Ocean Restaurant</u> 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.

**Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant**, <u>www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant</u> 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**, <u>www.sailstmaarten.com</u> (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.

You will find hundreds more restaurants from both the Dutch Side and French Side listed in the Files area of our <u>Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group</u>. Our thanks to our Admin there, Contessa Aiello, who edited the restaurant entries on that site.

## **32. Getting Answers to All Your Questions About SXM**

Regardless of what questions you have about SXM, you can find the answers to any questions either in the files area of our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Group</u> (where we post our current Guide to Entry Requirements) that answers many questions) or you can simply post a question on our site.

We have over 32,000 members, more than other active SXM Facebook sites combined. Our site is also a unique news and information portal, not typical social media where people post pictures of smiling cats, monkeys standing on their

heads, and other pointless items. Our SXM site is strictly SXM focused with no drivel. Join it today at www.facebook.com/groups/mySXM.

# 33. Important Updated Contact Information for Everything SXM / JMB Communications / JMB Website Supporters Membership Services and SkyMed Sales (UPDATED):

Because of volume, email is not the best way to reach us. <u>Here's what's best</u>: 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.

- 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.
- 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 Massachusetts handles all these calls. INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL, since all responses are made by email.
- 3. Our new email is jmbcomms@gmail.com; use it for JMB Website Supporters membership questions. Thank you.

## 34. Who Our Sponsors Are, & Why You Should Patronize Them (Updated 5/9/22)

Our JMB SXM Web Media Sponsors help make it possible for us to research, write, produce, and email you *SXM Weekly News* every week. They also enable us to spend lots of hours making sure our **Everything SXM Facebook Group** fulfills its mission to be SXM's only authentically managed [by a seasoned journalist] interactive conversational SXM news and information portal on Facebook. And their help makes our JMB Website Supporters members-only Island Parties possible (resuming next year) as well as all the working going into enhancing our Island Discount Program now for its thousands of loyal members. Thank You for patronizing our Sponsors! (JMB Communications is based in Massachusetts, USA).

### AMUSEMENTS

Island Pedals Beer Cycle (Philipsburg)

### <u>ARTISTS</u>

Roland Richardson Patty Meotti Laura Fisher Saxon

### AUTHORS/NOVELISTS

**Russell Clark** 

Jacky Rom

### **BOAT TOURS / BOAT CHARTERS**

**<u>Celine Charters</u>** (Enigma)

Luxury Private Catamaran Charters: www.sxmstmartincatamarancharters.net

Rumbelly Boat Charters Pleasure boats, motorized and catamaran (new)

### **BOUTIQUES**

### En Vogue, Billy Folly Road opposite Atrium Resort

### **BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES**

**SXM Beer Brewery** 

**Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery** 

Caribbean Brewing

CAR RENTALS:

Leisure Car Rental

#### Sax Car Rental

Exclusive Car Rental

**Tropicana Car Rental** 

**Dollar/Thrifty Car Rental** 

SixT Car Rental

#### **CHILD CARE & MORE FOR VISITORS**

Alisha Brookes

### COFFEE / PASTRY & MORE (NEW):

Coffee Lounge & More: Head of town in Philipsburg and Simpson Bay near Domino's

#### **COVID TESTING:**

Medcare (near Avantika in Puerto del Sol)

Test-to-Fly (new 1/22)

### CUBAN CIGARS:

**Cigar Mack** 

**SXM Cigars** 

### DOLLAR STORES

All in One Place (Near Carrefour and now in Simpson Bay near Domino's)

### **DUTY-FREE SHOPPING (NEW)**

Great Deals on Watches, Bags, Wallets, Sunglasses and Fashion Jewelry:

https://www.facebook.com/buy.sxm

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

<u>SkyMed International</u> (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.)

### FASHIONS FOR WOMEN

En Vogue, Billy Folly Road, Simpson Bay, opposite Atrium Hotel. (New 1/22)

### **FISHING CHARTERS**

Taylor Made fishing charters, Captain Dougie. Full day or half day Call WhatsApp # 721-524-7510

Immigration (SXM Residency) / Relocation / Business Formation / "Papers" Consulting Companies BrightPath/Caribbean is posting in our Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group

#### JEWELERS:

Zhaveri Jewelers in Philipsburg.

**Caribbean Gems** 

**Oro Diamante** 

Majesty Jewelers

Ray's Jewelers

**Alpha Jewels** 

JN Jewelers (Maho under Jax, open late) NEW!

Jewels & Beyond (Maho) NEW!

**Shoppers Haven** 

**Royal Jewelers (new)** 

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)

Kasprowski Publisher

### PARFUMERIE / PERFUME

Tijon Parfumerie, Grand Case, www.tijon.com

PHARMACIES

Simpson Bay Pharmacy

**Orange Grove Pharmacy** 

### 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*.

**Jennifer's Vacation Villas** 

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.

BrightFuture Real Estate (new)

My Net Immo (French Side, Muriel Lemoine)

40Weeks SXM Vacation rentals

### RESORTS:

**Baker's Suites** 

**Belair Beach Hotel** 

Simpson Bay Resort

Azure Hotel & Art Studio

Mary's Boon (new 1/22)

### **RESTAURANTS, BARS, & BEACH BARS**

<u>IZI</u>

**SPIGA** 

### **VESNA TAVERNA**

ISOLA

Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

**Pelican Bistro** 

Soggy Dollar Bar

**Topper's Restaurant** 

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

NAVY BEACH

**BOVIN STEAKHOUSE** 

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) COFFEE LOUNGE & More, Head of town in Philipsburg & Simpson bay near Domino's (new) BUCCANEER BEACH BAR NAVY BEACH

### **RESTAURANT ORDERING ONLINE**

Orders.sx

**SOUVENIRS** 

Flamboyant on The Boardwalk, Philipsburg (new 1/22)

SPAS

Sunset Spa, Simpson Bay Resort (11/21)

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 <u>Island Real Estate Team</u>. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

Jennifer's Vacation Villas has also joined us as a villa rental partner. *Jennifer's Vacation Villas* is a licensed management, real estate and villa rental company specializing in the rental of private villas and condos on both French and Dutch St. Maarten. Its proprietor, Jennifer, is a New Yorker who has been residing in St. Maarten for 40 years and whose goal is to provide guests with personal attention and to ensure that their vacations are memorable. Jennifer's Vacation Villas also does Weddings, Private Events, and any additional services including massages, boat trips, and private catering. Their aim is to make your vacation stay as comfortable, accommodating, and easy going as possible. Call 1 (721) 544-3107 | +1 (631) 546-7345. When you contact them, please tell them you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

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

**GoBeach Vacations** 

**Sunshine Properties** 

Monte Verde / Belle Vue

Villa Acropole: www.acropole-stmartin.com

Villa Vijoux: https://www.facebook.com/VillaVijoux

Villa Steel Magnolias (new 1/22)

40Weeks SXM Vacation Rentals (new)

Villa En'sea 5 bedroom Villa, overlooking Philipsburg bay (new)

Villa Kimon

Daffodil Villa

#### Wedding Planners / Wedding Venues

**Fawnette Scott-Angelides - Azure Hotel and Art Studio** (Fawnette is a minister and she owns Azure, a venue on beautiful Simpson Bay Beach, where beach weddings are her specialty)

Sint Maarten Marry-Me Destination Weddings (new)

Updated 5/9/22

## 35. 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 <u>Everything SXM</u> <u>Facebook Group</u>. 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  $\Delta \Delta \phi$  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.

### 36. 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 everythingsxm.com and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership (the page still says Military). We'll also need a DD214 (or other police / fire / nursing ID) with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you all to our new best-of-all JMB Website Supporters Platinum Memberships.

## **37. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly**

Join our <u>Everything SXM Facebook Group</u> and you'll now find over 32,300 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.

## 38. 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 <u>here</u>. 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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between about 9:45am and 10am island time

on "Fresh Air in the Morning" with Dr. Soc.

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

SXM Weekly News, our <u>everythingSXM.com</u> website and its Hurricane Center, and our <u>Everything SXM Facebook</u> <u>Group</u>  $\diamond \Delta \diamond$  along with our many Vacation Giveaways and hundreds of benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership  $\diamond \Delta \diamond$  are all made possible through our partnerships with our JMB Website Supporters members and our <u>Sponsors</u>.

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 <u>susank@jmbcommunications.com</u> with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". <u>Or PM us on FB for an even faster response</u>. 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.

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

Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.

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

JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership

Want to rent or buy a week?

"2022 St. Maarten / St. Martin Timeshare Weeks For Rent or Sale" are posted at <a href="http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/timeshare\_rent\_sale/index.shtml@@Listings">http://everythingsxm.com/sxm/timeshare\_rent\_sale/index.shtml@@Listings</a> are now updated weekly. Ads are free (no commission) but are accepted from our JMB Website Supporters members only.

### **SECTION 5:** For Members Only

A. Where to Get Member Info: www.everythingsxm.com/secret

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

C. How To Submit Rental or Sale Ads or Update the Price in an Ad: See <u>www.everythingsxm.com/secret</u>.Your username and password are required.

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

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