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SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

RENTAL 2/25/2023 3/4/2023 Week 8 Royal Palm Beach Resort 2 Bedroom 2 Full Bath Sleep 6 Oceanfront Condo, Completely Remodeled 2021, living room w/sleeper sofa, full kitchen w/granite counter tops, dining area, cable TV in living room and each bedroom, breathtaking views from master bedroom, living room & balcony. Resort

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GETTING HERE:

1. Keep an Eye of Your Flights Regardless of Which Airline You're Flying

Although the number of flight cancellations and rescheduled flights has dropped in a big way since airlines stopped selling tickets on flights for which they had no pilots, airline schedule changes continue.

For the most part, the changes are minor and generally inconsequential to passengers. But in some cases, they can be quite consequential particularly for passengers who are making connections to SXM. There are minimum connecting times at all airports, especially for interline connections — those with a different airline. Connecting times are shorter if you are connecting on the same airline but it's important to remember that if your initial flight is late taking off or delayed by traffic or weather en route, the flight with which you are connecting is unlikely to wait for you if you arrive at the connecting airport too late for your baggage to make the trip between planes.

Bottom line, watch the schedules for the flights you have reserved to make sure the changes the airline makes are truly inconsequential, especially if you are connecting to a different flight for your final leg to SXM. You want to make sure that there is plenty of time built into your connections so that both you and your luggage can make it to your final flight if your initial flight is delayed....

More is [here](#).

2. Where to Find Our Guide to SXM Entry Requirements / Return to US Requirements

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 [through this link](#) (revised) to the files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). 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. MEDEVAC COSTS ARE SOARING: 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.

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

For more information, call us today at 508-591-3483 or Jeff.Berger@skymed.com. 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.

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5. 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 weather or staffing shortages?

This [article](#) gives you answers.

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6. An Update on the '22 Hurricane Season from Our Chief Meteorologist, Rob Lightbown

Unusually Quiet For This Time Of Year With No Tropical Development Expected For The Next Few Days; These Conditions May Become More Active Again In About a Week To Ten Days

The following was written by Rob Lightbown, head of Crown Weather, our go-to source for tropical weather guidance. He is Chief Meteorologist for both Island92 and our EverythingSXM(TM) family of media (everythingxsm.com, SXM Weekly News(TM), Our Everything SXM Facebook Group, etc.):

With Earl now extra tropical southeast of Newfoundland, the rest of the Atlantic Basin is unusually quiet for the peak of the hurricane season. In fact, satellite imagery today indicates that there is barely any thunderstorms over the deep tropics due to a large scale amount of dry and sinking air.

So, why has the Atlantic been so notably unfavorable for tropical development this season, in the face of all of the seasonal model guidance that showed that this would be a very active season. I have a theory that I've been working on that may partially explain the unusual lack of activity, even though we have La Nina conditions.

I think that the massive underwater eruption of the [Hunga Tonga-Hunga Ha'apai volcano](#) back in January may, in part, have to do with the overall weirdness of this hurricane season. I think that it's possible that the huge amount of water vapor that the volcano ejected into the atmosphere may have led to (1) more moisture in the atmosphere that (2) created more overall cloud cover in the middle and higher latitudes that (3) led to warmer overall temperatures that we have been observing in the middle latitudes. These warmer temperatures have led to a net overall stability in the deep tropics. It has also led to an increase of drier air to push off of the European continent into the Atlantic.

The amount of water vapor that the volcano ejected into the stratosphere is unprecedented. A total of about 146,000 metric tons of additional water vapor was ejected into the stratosphere since the volcano erupted. There is no way adding this much water vapor wouldn't mess up the entire weather pattern of the Earth.

Why didn't the seasonal models catch this? I don't think this data of what the volcano did was fed into it and really didn't take it into account.

So far, it has been documented that the results from the volcano has caused Southern Hemispheric stratospheric cooling resulting in stratospheric warming in the Northern Hemisphere. This has led to a displaced high pressure system at a high latitude, which has produced the frequent bouts of dry air that has pushed well into the deep tropics.

I don't think it's a coincidence that the Southern Hemisphere is now experiencing the coldest temperatures recorded in decades. Everything on this planet is connected to each other in some way or the other. It would make complete sense that the Tonga volcano has had an influence on the Atlantic hurricane season. Although, truth be told, I really thought these effects wouldn't occur until the 2023 hurricane season and in fact, I still think the effects from the volcano may help to suppress the Atlantic during the 2023 hurricane season too.

Also, the disrupted weather patterns from the Tonga eruption could be an issue for many years to come. The reason why is because the large amount of water vapor that's now sitting in the stratosphere may take up to a decade to finally circulate its way out.

While this is just a theory that I'm working on, I do think that the evidence is quite strong that the Tonga eruption may be to blame for this incredibly suppressed hurricane season.

There Is A Tropical Wave In The Eastern Tropical Atlantic That May Give Us Trouble Down The Road A Bit:
Satellite imagery today indicates that there is very little in the way of shower and thunderstorm activity associated with this tropical wave, which is located along the 33 West Longitude line. Water vapor imagery reveals that the air mass is quite dry just to the northwest of this wave and this should prevent development for the next few days.

Interestingly, the amount of wind shear ahead of this tropical wave looks pretty favorable and it's really the widespread dry air as far west as 60 West Longitude that will stop any development.

That said, analysis of the MIMIC total precipitable water loops indicates that while there is dry air on the northern side of the tropical wave, there is also a notable amount of moist air rotating around on the southern and eastern sides of this wave. This could lead to this wave to maintain itself and fend off any total collapse from the dry air intrusions until it reaches about 60 West Longitude.

West of 60 West Longitude, the environmental conditions could be quite favorable for this tropical wave to develop once it reaches this area next weekend or so. Because of this, I do think that this tropical wave does need to be watched closely.

A look at the model guidance with this tropical wave reveals that they all do show some sort of potential development once we get into the week of September 19th.

While the GFS model does show its western Caribbean bias of spinning up everything into a tropical cyclone, it does show this wave tracking quickly westward across the Caribbean between late next week and next weekend and encountering very favorable environmental conditions in the western Caribbean during the first half of the week of

September 19.

The Canadian model guidance forecasts this wave to remain north of the Caribbean and reach the area around the Bahamas by next Monday where the environmental conditions may be favorable for development.

The European deterministic model does forecast potential development of this wave in the southeastern Bahamas around next Monday.

A look at the European ensemble model guidance reveals that it is forecasting a 30 percent chance for tropical development near the Turks and Caicos Islands around next Monday and next Tuesday.

My View Right Now Is that I'm very skeptical with what the model guidance shows. They've been abysmal with their mantra of constantly making tropical cyclones that never materialize. So, until we get into the one week or less time frame and still see the guidance showing development, I'm going to be skeptical. That said, this tropical wave will need to be watched closely as it's possible that the environmental conditions could be favorable for development once it reaches the area west of 60 West Longitude between next weekend and during the first half of the week of September 19th.

7. Be Properly Prepared for Hurricane Season

Compiled by NOAA and the National Hurricane Center, this information can help anyone who is ever in the path of any tropical cyclone hopefully make it through that event safely. For your own safety, download [this document](#) and save it after reading -- and feel free to share it with others.

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8. 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) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather Center / Hurricane Center" at www.everythingsxm.com -- 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 [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) 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 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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9. For SXM Condo Buyers, Some Critically Important Advice

Moving to the Caribbean requires a multi-step procedure that involves different citizenship programs. While territories in the Caribbean region have made relocation to the Caribbean easier for people, it's still a meticulous process. It's best to go through the application with seasoned immigration consultants.

Our partner [BrightPath Caribbean](#) is an expert immigration agency that has helped countless people move to their slice of paradise in the tropics. Investors, retirees, and skilled workers who were assisted by the BrightPath team now enjoy life in the land of sun, sea, and sand.

By working with BrightPath's immigration consultants, you don't have to deal with the nitty-gritty of the complicated immigration process. Plus, you avoid delays and increase your chances of approval.

Moving, retiring, and opening a business in Sint Maarten (country abbreviation SXM) all involve complicated, multi-step processes. So leave the nitty-gritty to professionals who are well-versed in immigration and the business climate in this Caribbean country.

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Moving to St. Maarten

BrightPath Caribbean provides various services to prepare for your relocation, retirement, or venture in Sint Maarten.

Immigration Services

Our team handles immigration matters for individuals who want to relocate to St. Maarten. Moving to this country is no easy task, but the effort is more than worth it. Its beautiful beaches and scenery make it seem like you're on vacation all year round.

BrightPath immigration consultants in Sint Maarten:

- Walk you through the various immigration avenues in Sint Maarten, including investment, employment, family reunification, cohabitation agreements, and more
- Collect required documents based on the avenue for immigration and review them for completeness and accuracy
- Oversee the entire application process and guide you every step of the way

Business Incorporation Services

Our business incorporation consultants see to it that you start your company on the right legal footing. You'll get expert-level guidance in:

- Business License. Our experts deliver reliable advice about the right business license for your company if you haven't applied for one yet. We also guide you in applying for the license in St. Maarten.
- Name Search. BrightPath consultants check if your chosen business name is available. If not, we can work with you to form a cleared name.

- Preparing the Articles of Incorporation. Our team prepares and makes sure the paperwork is complete and error-free. We'll also be the ones to file the articles of incorporation.

Business Banking Services

Our team opens bank accounts for existing or planned businesses in SXM to make sure your company starts on the right financial footing. You'll be assisted as you:

- Choose Your Bank. Our consultants review your business banking needs, as well as your in-person and online banking preferences, to help you choose the right bank. Our goal is to find a bank that provides scalable solutions and day-to-day banking convenience.
- Gather Requirements. Our team helps you collect the required documents and review them for accuracy and completeness. We'll also be the ones to submit them and set an appointment with your chosen bank in Sint Maarten.
- Sign Forms. You simply attend the appointment and sign the forms.

Retirement Planning Services

You'll develop a personal retirement planning strategy that takes into account your personal financial goals, the financial risks you face, and the kind of life you want to lead during your golden years in the Caribbean. Our retirement service consultants in Sint Maarten:

- Help you set clearly defined goals for your retirement in St. Maarten
- Improve tax efficiency and help you maximize your benefits
- Plan your legacy in case you want to leave something to your grandchildren or a charitable institution

Sint Maarten Awaits:

There's more to Sint Maarten than beautiful beaches and breathtaking landscapes. The culinary scene is rich and diverse, representing over 100 nationalities, including French cheeses and Mediterranean wines. The shopping experience is divine, and the festivals are spectacular.

If you're eyeing St. Maarten for your retirement or new venture, then you've made the right choice.

10. 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](#). (Link is being updated).

Please check this link to [BrightPath 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*.

11. 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 [Island Real Estate Team](#). Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're

interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

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

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

[GoBeach Vacations](#)

[Sunshine Properties](#)

[Monte Verde / Belle Vue](#)

Villa Acropole:

www.acropole-stmartin.com

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

12. Some SXM Timeshare Condo Rentals Still Available for '22, and Lots for 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.

13. Reminder: JMB 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, www.everythingsxm.com. All the details you need are there.

14. 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.

15. 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 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

16. New, Updated \$100 Jewelry Gift Card Emails Coming to All JMB Website Supporters Members: News About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates (Updated 8/15/22) How To Get Your \$100 Gift Card 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 earlier this year by email to all members of our **JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program**, and **will be sent again shortly; it is being revised as you read this.** Details on its use accompany the card.

We are continuing to work to dramatically increase the already significant 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**. These additions will be reported in *SXM Weekly News*. We expect to finish these updates by late this Fall.

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.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership or to sign up, [go here](#).

17. JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program Major Update Expected to Complete Late This Fall...

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 still be finished by late this Fall. We will keep you aware of program changes and we apologize for the delay.

18. Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters and SkyMed Sales Inquiries (UPDATED 6/6/22)

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. 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**. You may also call our JMB office, 508-747-8281.
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 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.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

19. **ABSOLUTELY ENDS 12/31**: Get Up to 22 Bonus Weeks **FREE** When You Buy SkyMed---

Up To 22 Weeks FREE (PLUS Military/First Responder Free Weeks) with New Multiyear SkyMed Purchases ===Only \$1.64/day Gets You Guaranteed Renewable, Price-Guaranteed-Forever SkyMed Annual or Multiyear Medevac Protection

THE UP TO 22 FREE WEEKS OFFER ENDS 12/31!

MAKE YOUR MOVE TO SKYMED NOW AND GET 22 WEEKS FREE WITH YOUR NEW PURCHASE OF A FIVE-YEAR SKYMED ULTIMATE, OUR

LOWEST-COST-PER-DAY, MOST FEATURE-RICH MEMBERSHIP!

***IF YOU HAVE EVER THOUGHT ABOUT SKYMED,
NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT***

**SkyMed Routinely Never Does Bonuses
-- Except Right Now:**

**Only \$1.64/day - *LESS THAN A CUP OF COFFEE* -- gets
you annual or multiyear SKYMED MEDEVAC protection for
virtually all of your upcoming trips.**

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). NOTE: My prices for
multiyear memberships ARE MUCH LESS THAN YOU
WOULD PAY ONLINE.***

.....SKYMED's BEST BONUSES EVER MUST END 12/31/22.....

BONUSES

For ALL NEW MEMBERSHIPS in 2022:

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*

ALL THESE BONUSES GO AWAY 12/31/22!

=== PLUS ===

"Thank YOU for Your Service"

**Bonuses 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!*****

20. SKYMED DETAILS: 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. SkyMed members pay 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 [here](#), and you'll find Frequently Asked Questions [here](#).

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: <http://www.skymed.com/jmb>. But please CALL ME DIRECTLY with questions or to sign up - that way I get credit (number above). Or jeff.berger@skymed.com

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. **Although at \$15/day per couple SkyMed short-term protection is the most expensive product SkyMed sells on a cost-per-day basis**, short-term protection is economical if you seldom travel and take brief trips. The cost is \$9/day per individual, 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 also 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 that also accepts text messages. *Updated 6/20/22.*

*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
7/25/22

21. **Answering Your Questions: What Does SkyMed Do for its Members?** **--- from Jeff Berger**

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. **In 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 www.skymed.com/jmb. 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.

22. The Hot Mess at GEBE Worsens

GEBE is the Dutch side electricity and water company. Earlier this year, ransom-hungry hackers invaded and crippled its website. GEBE found itself unable to access the last several months of customer meter readings and unable to bill its customers for service. In recent weeks, it has reportedly been mailing estimated service bills to many business and private customers, in some cases bills which are allegedly many times GEBE's usual rates which themselves are 2 to 3 times the rates charged by electric utilities in the United States. Worse, it is asking customers to pay the bills in full and in a hurry -- thousands of dollars.

GEBE customers tell us that they have waited hours to make the in-person required payments or a portion of them or to protest bills which bear no resemblance to reality. They also tell us treatment by the utility is poor.

Senior executives on the board of the company have been resigning in droves. The company says its financial position is tenuous.

Because GEBE is owned by the government of St. Maarten, nobody expects it to fail — but a hotter and messier hot governmental mess is difficult to imagine. In the past, the reliability of GEBE has been compared to that of Zimbabwe in Africa — not a complementary comparison for either company.

One of the most unsettling parts of this mess is that GEBE is not currently offering any plans to enable customers to pay over time even as the country's prime minister urges people to pay over time; [that story is here](#).

The elderly, on fixed incomes, have been given discounts in the past on GEBE's sky-high bills. Now GEBE has discontinued that discount.

It also is being alleged that the company did not have adequate safeguards in place to ensure the security of its data, something for which it is being severely roasted. That story is [here](#).

We will continue to bring you further details as this corporate saga plods on.

23. Anguilla Mourns The Passing of Queen Elizabeth II

All of the far-flung elements of the British Empire are sharing sadness after the passing late last week of Queen Elizabeth II. She had spent her entire adult life in service to her country and most everyone affected by the monarchy regarded her as the lovable matriarch of their extended family.

Many people from the European continent live on SXM, and thousands more visit every year — so the end of the Queen Elizabeth era hits very close to home for a large portion of the island's population. To visit a nearby island that is one of the family of nations that are part of the British Empire, one need only take a quick ferry to Anguilla where British traditions continue.

This is a story about [how Anguilla is dealing with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II](#). They are now welcoming King Charles III as he begins his royal reign in great sadness.

24. "Sargassum Steering Committee" Formed on French Side to Strategize Combating Seaweed

It appears that the French state has taken note of the impact of Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea upon French Caribbean islands, and it wants those islands to work on solutions which it is committed to supporting financially.

We don't know how the French side will coordinate its efforts with the Dutch side to ensure island-wide effectiveness of whatever steps are taken — but based on recent historical cooperation between the two sides of the island, we are confident that such cooperation will be forthcoming.

Here is the story [about the new French state efforts to combat Sargassum seaweed](#) where it is impacting the French Caribbean.

25. More Food Choices Coming to SXM Airport Departure Hall

There isn't much detail available yet, but one thing is certain: the departure halls of the all-new SXM Airport, scheduled to open in phases during 2023, will be larger than before hurricane Irma arrived five years ago and will offer more selections of food and drink for expected increasing numbers of tourists who will use the airport in the years ahead.

Here is [that story](#).

As soon as more details are available we will publish that information here in *SXM Weekly News*. We also expect this fall and beyond to be able to publish photos of the areas under construction and coming online in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

26. Construction Projects Underway at Simpson Bay Resort

A number of recent guests at Simpson Bay resort have told us there is a bit of construction underway there. Here are the details of what's happening directly from Marcel Javois, general manager of the facility:

We currently [are proceeding with] the re-tiling of the Alamanda pool, the re-tiling of the deck above La Patrona, and the installation of a new elevator. Also, the Jacuzzis in the Marina Penthouses have been replaced.

27. New "Caribbean Guilder" to Replace Antillean Guilders on Dutch Side

Although the Netherlands Antilles was dissolved and country St. Maarten came into existence on October 10, 2010, the official currency of the Netherlands Antilles, the Antillean guilder, has remained in circulation ever since.

There has been talk about Dollarization — making the omnipresent US dollar the official currency of the Dutch side of the island, since dollars are accepted everywhere. But last week's announcement appears to have put the kibosh on Dollarization, since the Dutch side and other member nations of the former Netherlands Antilles appear to be ready to move forward with the establishment of the Caribbean guilder during the next couple of years. That story is [here](#).

28. Should the Dutch Side Lease Land Abroad to Explore Sustainable Agriculture?

The Dutch side seemed to be floating a trial balloon within the last couple of weeks when one of the governments ministers said that he was considering leasing land abroad to explore sustainable agriculture. That story is [here](#).

There seems to be a noticeable lack of enthusiasm on the part of the citizens of the Dutch side for encouraging the government to establish and manage new businesses when, in the view of many of its citizens, the Dutch side has done a bit less than a stellar job in its management of businesses already under its control — GEBE, for example (see story at the top of this section). Nonetheless, the idea has been proposed and details of the proposal are linked to above.

29. One Pointed Reaction to the Proposal for "Leasing Land Abroad"

Disclosure: we have seen no scientific surveys indicating whether public reaction to the proposal for leasing land abroad is positive or negative. Early chatter on some social media sites related to SXM regarding this proposal seems to us to be a bit lacking in enthusiasm... But we cannot say what the general population thinks of this idea since they have not at this point been surveyed, to our knowledge.

Nonetheless, we think our readers will be interested in [this rather pointed reaction](#) to the proposal from someone who appears to know quite a bit about the topic.

30. Is "Leasing Land Abroad" As Counterintuitive as Some People Seem to Believe?

In the wake of supply chain disruptions caused by the failure of overseas suppliers to deliver ordered products on time in the face of the Covid Pandemic, many major *United States* businesses are looking seriously at "re-shoring," or bringing back manufacturing to the United States that has long been handled in China or elsewhere.

In fact, Pres. Biden's new legislation concerning the semiconductor industry is designed to solve the problem faced by many manufacturers in the automobile business who can't get the semiconductor chips they need to be able to continue to manufacture cars. In fact, some big automakers are saying that full-scale deliveries of new cars are unlikely to resume until late next year at the earliest, when current semiconductor manufacturers may be back in business.

Semiconductors are long-lead time items. If there are to be new semiconductor fabrication facilities in the US, bear in mind that such facilities involve long lead times for design and construction, unless incentives are provided to accelerate the completion and introduction of facilities already in the design phase. Semiconductor fabrication facilities, called "fabs" in the business, cost billions of dollars for development and construction and will contain equipment capable of producing semiconductor chips to run cars, large and small appliances, manufacturing plants, major industries and facilities, all kinds of computers, and a universe of devices that none of us might have imagined need semiconductor chips to be maximally productive.

So the concept of "leasing land abroad" may also be counterintuitive, since it would involve travel, transportation, prospective shipping costs, training costs, facilities costs, and many more expense items that would likely be avoided at least in the majority of cases by executing the operations and research (if necessary) at home on St. Maarten. We think you will be interested in this [related article](#) about re-shoring, even though it relates to companies returning manufacturing from overseas back to the United States.

31. NEVER Put Prescriptions (or Anything Else Important) in Checked Baggage

Sooner or later, it seems to happen to all of us: luggage gets delayed, misrouted, lost, or stolen — and its owners are severely inconvenienced by the lack of necessities lost in checked baggage. [The worst impacts resulting from luggage that doesn't go where you expect it to go happen when you have put very important items in your checked baggage — prescriptions, money, credit cards, cameras, etc. None of these should ever go in checked baggage.](#)

Our recommendation: put in your checked baggage only things you can do without for your entire trip. Important things, like those listed above, should always go in your carry-on baggage (plus, perhaps, a couple of changes of underwear).

32. Guys: Your Wallet Goes in Your *Front* Pants Pocket

SXM is paradise — not Utopia. Whatever can happen where you live or in big cities near your residence can also happen in SXM.

There are pickpockets almost everywhere there are tourists *worldwide*. That's why years ago guys moved their wallets from their back pants pocket to an inside pocket of their jacket. Unfortunately, that was a tactic that pickpockets quickly picked up on (so to speak), so many men started packing lean to have thin wallets in their front pants pocket, in an attempt to reduce the likelihood of pickpockets being successful. Other guys simply carried their license and a bit of cash and one credit card (like a [jetBlue mastercard](#)) in their pockets while they leave other items locked in their room safe — another alternative.

We have written about crime in SXM in our main everythingSXM.com website; see that article [here](#).

33. New Two-SXM-Vacation Giveaway Announced by JMB's Everything SXM Website!

It was only at the end of July that we gave away six St. Martin vacations as part of the celebration of our SXM websites surpassing 10 million visits; the winners were announced in the last couple of editions of SXM Weekly News.

Although it's usually some time before we announce another giveaway, we can't deny the enthusiasm we all feel about the way St. Martin recovered this past season from the impact of the Covid Pandemic preceded by Annoying weather events five years ago. It was clear that more than a million people wanted to celebrate life by returning to SXM this past letter, and return they did.

We decided that before the 2022 – 2023 high season begins in a couple of months, we want to do some celebrating of our own by giving away two more weeks of vacations here on SXM.

Those vacations will be at Villa high on your right just off the road high on a hill just to the west of downtown Philipsburg.

As you follow the shore road westward out of Philipsburg and by the site of the former Sonesta Great Bay, you have passed **Villa Kimon** on your right.

In addition to a seven day, six night vacation at Villa Kimon, we are also giving away an eight-day, seven night vacation at **El Zafiro**, a beautiful seaside resort when you step out of your room and are on one of the most beautiful beaches on the island.

In addition to these two beautiful vacation locations, we expect to give away a couple of dinners for two to each of the vacation winners; those will be announced shortly.

Everyone who entered our previous six vacation giveaway is already eligible to have their entry drawn in this giveaway. However, if you have not yet entered, you can do so now — just follow the directions in the next paragraph.

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN AND IF YOU RECEIVE YOUR OWN *FREE* COPY OF SXM WEEKLY NEWS DIRECTLY FROM US, YOU ARE ELIGIBLE TO WIN BUT YOU STILL MUST ENTER. [ENTER HERE](#). If you do NOT subscribe, you must go to sxmweeklynews.com now to subscribe **FREE** before entering this giveaway. **ENTRIES FROM NONSUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO WIN. PREVIOUS WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.**

Get your SKYMED MEMBERSHIP *BEFORE* you need it. Air ambulances are now more costly than ever: when you become seriously or critically ill or injured while traveling, SKYMED TAKES YOU HOME® to doctors and hospitals you know & trust. Otherwise you must pay tens of thousands of dollars in cash in advance to get a medevac jet -- if you can even do it (NOT easy or fast if you don't know how). SkyMed annual or multiyear memberships are only about \$1.64/day, and they're guaranteed renewable regardless of age or medical condition at renewal and they are PRICE GUARANTEED FOR LIFE. Why wait? CALL today 508-591-3483 or email us at jeff.berger@skymed.com; include your callback number & time zone please. Protect your family TODAY!

34. Restaurant of the Week: Pineapple Pete & Wasabi Charlie, Simpson Bay Near Topper's and Opposite IZI

What: A spectrum of seafood, beef, and chicken plus a full Japanese menu await you at these two popular home cooking +++ restaurants located next to each other in Simpson Bay. If you don't find something you like here, it's time to change your dietary choices; their selection is that broad. Relaxed, friendly ambiance where Canadian "Pete" (Pierre) Ferland is usually in house greeting his customers. Hint: their Lobster Thermidor may be the single best selling Thermidor in the Caribbean.

Where: Across Welfare Road from IZI Ristorante Italiano, and next door to Domino's in Simpson Bay.

Particulars: Both of Pierre "Pete" Ferland's popular restaurants, Pineapple Pete & Wasabi Charlie, and now next door to each other in Simpson Bay, offering a kaleidoscopic choice of comfort foods plus legendary burgers, even more legendary lobster, and a host of other popular entrees plus the entire Wasabi Charlie menu of sushi, sashimi, and hibachi specialties. It's a must stop in Simpson bay -- Highly recommended!

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 9/12/22) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids & their parents.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (9/12/22) 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.

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 9/6/22) Avantika is flat-out wonderful; SXM's best Thai; Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by seasoned service. Go...you'll become a regular.

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 8/29/22). 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. Outstanding restaurant. www.isolaristorante.com

Astra Steak & Seafood (featured 7/25/22) is the newest creation of the organization that also operates Avantika and Movidia in the same area of Simpson Bay. It's new, gorgeous, constantly evolving, and has highest-quality written all over it. We go often and love it. See <https://www.astrasxm.com/>

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izisxm.com (featured 7/11/22). 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.

Bold Buddha Bar/Restaurant, 49 Front Street at Horizon View Hotel, Philipsburg (featured 7/5/22) Cool new place with seasoned service, very good tapas / Caribbean / Asian and other food, a superb location, and a perfect concept. Highly recommended; something new and different. Ideal place to cool off with a delicious drink and make your taste

buds happy.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnasxm.com (featured 6/13/22). Now open every day but Monday for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining, reasonable pricing.

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, (featured 5/23/2022): Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine (featured 5/9/22), **Simpson Bay** Leave your preconceptions behind! A 15-second 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/jaisxmresto>

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

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.

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.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (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, <https://emilios-sxm.com/>. [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 www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 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.

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 (rhum is the French spelling) and rum cake when you dine. Open until late night. Sports on TV. From cops to billionaires, everyone loves Toppers.

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....

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.

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.

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.

35. LAST CALL -- ORDERS END FOR THE SEASON OCT. 1 -- ORDER NOW: 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, We will send you our green coconut palms SXM euro oval to fulfill your order. If you'd like to have both 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.

36. 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.

37. 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 its 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 well over 33,000 members, not counting their friends and spouses. The vast majority of our members are tourists who have spent years visiting SXM and 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.

38. Flying Next Winter? Here's Something Else You Should Know

If you are traveling anywhere this winter, 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 pre-existing 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 travel -- then the 90-day exclusion period for preexisting conditions will end before you travel...**

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39. 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 [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) (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 33,000 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.

40. 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. 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.**
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 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.

41. Who Our Sponsors Are, & Why You Should Patronize Them (Updated 8/8/22)

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).

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Roland Richardson
Patty Meotti
Laura Fisher Saxon

AUTHORS/NOVELISTS

Russell Clark

Jacky Rom

BARS

Juggie's "The Smallest Bar In The World," Philipsburg

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[Celine Charters](#) (Enigma)

Luxury Private Catamaran Charters:
www.sxmstmartincatamarancharters.net

Rumbelly Boat Charters Pleasure boats, motorized and catamaran

BOUTIQUES

En Vogue, Billy Folly Road opposite Atrium Resort

BREWERIES & DISTILLERIES

SXM Beer Brewery

Toppers Rhum & Vodka Distillery

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

COVID TESTING:

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Test-to-Fly (new 1/22)

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En Vogue, Billy Folly Road, Simpson Bay, opposite Atrium Hotel.

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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](#)

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[Ray's Jewelers](#)

[Alpha Jewels](#)

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Tijon Parfumerie, Grand Case, www.tijon.com

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Simpson Bay Pharmacy

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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.**

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40Weeks SXM Vacation rentals

RESORTS:

Baker's Suites

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Simpson Bay Resort

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[SPIGA](#)

[VESNA TAVERNA](#)

ISOLA

Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)

Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

Soggy Dollar Bar

Topper's Restaurant, Gelateria, & Rhum Distillery

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

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RANCHO del SOL

SUNSET CAFE (Grand Case)

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ASTRA

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COFFEE LOUNGE & More, Head of town in Philipsburg & Simpson bay near Domino's (**new**)

BUCCANEER BEACH BAR

NAVY BEACH

BAMBOO HOUSE (new 5/16/22)

BOLD BUDDHA BAR / RESTAURANT on the Boardwalk at Horizon View Hotel, Philipsburg (6/27/22)

RESTAURANT ORDERING ONLINE

Orders.sx

SOUVENIRS

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

SPAS

Sunset Spa, Simpson Bay Resort (11/21)

Patty's Healing Hands Massage (7/22)

STAR WARS / YODA GUY MUSEUM

[Nick Malley, Front Street](#)

VILLA RENTALS / RENTAL COMPANIES:

If you're interested in making a villa reservation (doing it with close friends can be fun and more economical than you'd imagine), contact our top recommended Villa rental/sale partners at **[Island Real Estate Team](#)**. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles villa rentals: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you're interested in a rental and you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*. Hundreds of villas are now online.

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

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

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[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 speciality)

Sint Maarten Marry-Me Destination Weddings (new)

Updated 8/8/22

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

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

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

43. First Responders Now Get Platinum-Status JMB Discounts

If you're U. S. Military with a DD214, you're able to get a Platinum-Status Military JMB Membership for \$16.99/year, the lowest we ever charge anyone. You get instant Platinum Status which is permanent as long as you're a JMB member plus 300+ SXM discounts and other benefits. All you do is pay for four years to start and renew in four-year increments (\$67.96). Nobody else pays so little -- our small way of expressing how grateful we all are for your service.

And now we're adding police, firefighters, EMTs, and nurses to our just-renamed Military / First Responder Memberships in recognition of their sacrifices for the rest of us every single day. We just need you to send us documentary proof (ID) that you're one of America's very best. To sign up or upgrade your JMB membership to Military / First Responders, visit [everythingxsm.com](#) and click the page curl to sign up for your JMB military membership (the page still says Military). We'll also need a DD214 (or other police / fire / nursing ID) with your SS# obliterated for security. We'll be delighted to welcome you all to our new best-of-all JMB Website Supporters Platinum Memberships.

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

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