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#### **SXM Timeshare (or Condo) Sale of The Week:**

**SALE** 3/6/2022 3/27/2022 weeks, 10, 11, and 12 **Simpson Bay Resort and Marina** Three weeks in the same unit with Sunday to Sunday check in: TWO BEDROOMS each with king bed, TV and closets with safes. Two bathrooms, one with a double vanity, living room with 2 single Murphy beds and TV, a full kitchen (granite counters, stainless steel appliances) dining area with table that seats 6. Sliders in the front bedroom and living room open onto a large patio with 2 chaise lounges and a large table with 6 padded chairs. You park your car right in front of the unit. The resort offers a beach, pools, restaurants, piano bar, convenience store, casino, gym, tennis courts, spa and water sports.  
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### SECTION 1: Getting Here: Flights, Airlines, Airports, Cruises, Covid, & Weather; Etc.

#### GETTING HERE:

## 1. EHAS PREAPPROVAL REQUIREMENTS DISAPPEAR NOV. 1

Here is the official government announcement formally issued tonight, Monday, October 24, 2022. Thanks to Jeffrey Sochrin "Dr. Soc" of Island 92 for getting the initial information to us this morning, which we published immediately in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Here is the full final announcement:

DIV: GOV-22-24960

Subject: 1st November 2022 travel

Dear Stakeholders,

*This letter is to inform you about the new entry requirements, which are as follows:*

**--- Travelers will no longer require testing to enter Sint Maarten regardless of their vaccination status to enter Sint Maarten.**

**--- All travelers, including transit passengers, will no longer be required to fill out the EHAS form, prior to boarding their flight.**

*The Ministry of TEA TT is working on an Embarkation Debarkation Card (ED), that visitors will be required to fill out for data and statistical purposes. This ED card will be implemented in February of 2023.*

*Lifting the current travel restrictions will remove all rules against non-essential travel for those wanting to vacation in Sint Maarten. **Travelers will only need to meet the usual immigration and border control requirements to visit the island.** Although all entry requirements will be dropped, there will be health officials present to monitor passengers entering the country. Travelers who may be experiencing flu-like symptoms may be required to test before they depart/enter the country.*

Omar Ottley, Minister of Public Health, Social Development and Labor

## 2. Spirit Shareholders OK Merger With jetBlue, But Federal Regulators Will Make The Real Decision

Shareholders of Spirit Airlines have given their stamp of approval to the proposed merger of jetBlue Airways and Spirit — but now comes the hard part.

Federal regulators will soon start reviewing the proposed merger and they may have serious concerns about it. One of those concerns may be whether it could or would exert upward pressure on airfares. There is also a case in a Boston courtroom now underway against JetBlue because of its current alliance with American Airlines. Though not a merger, the alliance enables JetBlue to coordinate some of its flights on the East Coast to enable connections to American flights overseas to a number of destinations not served by JetBlue.

Here are [details](#).

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### 3. The Cause of High Airfares: Supply & Demand

Many people are wondering why airfares are so astronomical not only to SXM, but to practically everywhere else — especially for nonstops.

Examining this requires a brief look at the history of the problem.

Early during the pandemic, airlines were flying with virtually no passengers and they responded conservatively, as owners of big businesses must. They flew planes by the hundreds or thousands to aircraft "boneyards" in the desert Southwest, places where old airplanes are generally stored so they can be used as parts sources or be prepared for scrapping. In this instance, boneyards were used to store perfectly usable airplanes that the airlines didn't want or need in the air during the pandemic.

The airlines also had to get rid of expensive pilots, so they developed early retirement incentive programs which made it lucrative for pilots to leave, enabling the airlines to save badly needed cash. We believe most of the agreements with the parting pilots included provisions requiring that if they were to return to the airline, they would have to do so at the minimum salary for their position, not the salary they had when they accepted the lucrative early retirement offer. That's why it's unlikely that the thousands of pilots who retired early and can still fly are not at all likely to return to their airline or any other.

After demand for flights returned, airlines were caught with aircraft in the boneyards that had to be refreshed to be made able to fly again. Unlike cars parked for a few months, which may need a battery boost and some gas, refreshing airplanes takes a couple of weeks and you can't do them all at once. They must be returned to full airworthiness before they are allowed to take off. That caused more delays.

But the real problems came when airlines scheduled lots of flights but didn't have the pilots to fly them. While cancellations became rampant, especially at American Airlines but at many other carriers as well, it became obvious that the airlines were doing a poor job of scheduling only the planes for which they had pilots instead of collecting money for a wish list of flights that they should've known would never happen.

U. S. Sec. of Transportation Pete Buttigieg put an end to this practice this past summer when he ordered airlines to take additional steps to compensate passengers if their flights were delayed or canceled, which seemed to make the airlines finally come to their senses and trim schedules to the reality of pilot availability.

Bottom line, today airlines have fewer planes in the sky than they own (and could fly if they had enough pilots). With very high demand for flights from leisure and business travelers alike, many flights are sold out (or overbooked, in AA's case) and the fact is that airlines can get pretty much whatever they ask in terms of airfare.

Air travel demand is fully recovered, but airlines are not fully recovered since they still don't have pilots they need to operate all the airplanes they own and would like to be flying. Government is unlikely to interfere since it knows the precarious financial condition that some airlines were in during the pandemic and understands their need as for-profit businesses to run profitably and increase reserves. The only thing that might cool things down, reducing demand, might perhaps be a recession. But with volatile fuel prices and close to full employment, it may be that a "recession" is a political football as opposed to a potential reality.

One captain for a major global airline told us:

*The reality is the airlines are only about 85-90% restored, but the demand is completely restored plus a little. Couple that with fuel prices and that's why we're getting such high fares.*

*Pilots are working under contracts negotiated 5+ years ago and are in negotiations for well-deserved higher pay.*

*Rumor is American reached a deal earlier today. If the rumors are true it might not pass membership ratification (and definitely would not pass at some other carriers).*

## 4. PRINT OUT Your SXM Preapproval Form; Forget About Putting it On Your Phone

During check-in for our flight to SXM from Boston this past weekend, the JetBlue agent at our gate was required to check the preapproval status of all passengers. The problem came when she had to deal with people who had the preapproval form on their phones. In many cases, finding the preapproval on the phones became an arduous waste of everyone's time, including the flight crew which had to wait for a full load of passengers to be processed and get on the plane before it could depart. At the end of the day, the people who had printed their preapproval forms from EHAS fared far better and went through the verification process in seconds.

Bottom line: print out your SXM preapproval form and show it to the gate agent so you get to SXM on time. The good news: EHAS is about to go away (see story #1).

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

Tens of thousands of tourists will be visiting SXM this Fall and next Winter. Planning for all of these visits is well underway, and our **Guide to Entry Requirements** (Second Edition, last updated 9/23) 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. [What's happening next Saturday, October 15? Click the link to see all the information you need.](#)

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

Entry requirements (except for your passport & ticket) DISAPPEAR NOV. 1; see story 1.

## 6. MEDICAL EVACUATION COSTS SOAR; Got \$45,000++? You May Need It, In Cash in Advance, to Get a Medevac Jet Home in a Medical Emergency

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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.

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## **8. 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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## **9. Tropical Weather Remains Quiet - & Beautiful**

If you check out the My Radar app on your phone or on your laptop, you'll find that the tropical Atlantic East and well East of SXM is currently clear of any concerning weather. The app does show a couple of potential systems well north of the greater Antilles that could potentially impact the northern coastal USA or the Canadian Maritimes; check local forecasts in your area for details. Here on SXM, butterflies abound, blue skies abound, breezes are light, and the weather overall the last few days has been gorgeous. Even the hermit crabs are walking around waiting for you to get here....

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## **10. 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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## **11. Reserve Your SXM Winter & Spring Accommodations NOW**

**If you are planning to visit SXM this winter or next spring, we strongly advise you to move now to make your accommodations reservations.** From everything we see, this winter is shaping up to be one of the busiest in years on SXM - airfares notwithstanding. If you're one of the many people visiting SXM who owns a timeshare, make sure your timeshare property knows you're coming.

**If you need accommodations, we have hundreds of timeshares for rent directly from timeshare owners on our main SXM website, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).** Please see the other articles in this section if you'd like to rent a villa, a privately owned condo, or if you (finally) want to look into buying your own place on SXM, as many are doing.

Please reserve now so you don't face disappointment.

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## **12. 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.**

BrightPath Caribbean makes your move to Sint Maarten smooth-sailing and fuss-free. You no longer have to deal with

complicated paperwork or complex immigration, incorporation, or retirement procedures. Our consultants in Sint Maarten will oversee everything so that you can focus on the important thing -- your new life in paradise.

### **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.

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## **13. 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*.

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## 14. 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](http://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**

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## 15. Some SXM Timeshare Condo Rentals Still Available for '22,

## and Tons 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](http://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.

## 16. 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](http://www.everythingsxm.com). All the details you need are there.

## 17. 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 everythingxm.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.

## 18. 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](http://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**

## **19. Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters and SkyMed Sales Inquiries (UPDATED 10/17/22)**

**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](mailto: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** on which you can also leave text messages
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](mailto:jmbcomms@gmail.com); use it freely for JMB Website Supporters membership questions.** Thank you.

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

## **20. 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, Our LOWEST RATE, Gets You Guaranteed Renewable, Price-Guaranteed-Forever SkyMed Annual or Multiyear Medevac Protection**

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**THIS UP-TO-22-FREE-WEEKS OFFER MUST END 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!**

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

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**SkyMed Routinely Never Does Bonuses  
-- Except Right Now (ENDING 12/31):**

**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) or email  
jeff.berger@skymed.com. 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!\*\*\***

## **21. 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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, and email address.

--Jeff Berger  
10/17/22

## **22. Answering Your Questions: What Exactly Does SkyMed Do? --- 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](mailto: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](http://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.

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**23. LAST CALL! Beat The 11/1 Price Increase \*NOW\* on Memberships in Our JMB Website Supporters ISLAND DISCOUNT PROGRAM; First Price Increase in Years on New, Renewal, & Reinstatement Memberships; We Depend on Your Support:**



**SXM Weekly News, our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), our resuming-next-year legendary parties for JMB Website Supporters members, our weather/hurricane center in our main site ([www.everythingSXM.com](http://www.everythingSXM.com)), and all the work we do behind the scenes for tourists coming to SXM depends on the support you provide by being members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program.**

Currently offering roughly 300 discounts and other benefits (including the ability to post ads to rent out timeshare condos you own on SXM), we are working to further enhance the program by the end of this year by adding copious new benefits from companies that are familiar to you through our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) as well as from new and emerging businesses on SXM which we recently commented about in SXM Weekly News.

**We need your support now to continue doing this. On November 1, we must increase prices on JMB Website Supporters Memberships, Renewals, and Reinstatements for the first time in many years. We had planned to do this last March but postponed it when Russia's war against Ukraine began and oil prices went crazy. But now, in the face of so many increased costs of doing business, we have to go ahead with the planned increases. You can BEAT THIS PRICE INCREASE by joining JMB Website Supporters, by renewing your current JMB membership, or by reinstating it — but remember please, this increase will happen on November 1 and we don't intend to delay it again. As always we are grateful for your support.**

## 24. Grand Case Tuesdays, The Old "Harmony Nights," Returns January 31

Travelers who have been visiting SXM for a number of years probably remember the weekly Harmony Nights celebrations in Grand Case, now renamed **Grand Case Tuesdays** or **Mardis de Grand Case**. It's a time when you park outside of or in lots at Grand Case and walk or are shuttled to town to enjoy marching bands, all kinds of street vendors with a slew of products and some noshes, and dinner at some of the village's very fine restaurants (with advance reservations).

If you're looking to go to someplace quiet where you can have great personal conversations, this is NOT the night. It's just too noisy. But if you like all the activity and want to see people having fun and join in the festivities, Mardis de Grand Case should not be missed.

Here is more from the organizers:

Are you ready for the 20th edition of Grand Case Tuesdays? From 31 January and for 12 Tuesdays. You want to associate your brand with the event, book your place. Step in the animation / Contact us at [sxmcalypsoevent@gmail.com](mailto:sxmcalypsoevent@gmail.com)

More to come...

## 25. The Closed El Zafiro Hotel Property Remains Locked Tightly

The gates to the property formerly operated as El Zafiro boutique hotel in the Beacon Hill area remain tightly locked, with no sign of any activity. The hotel closed several weeks ago thanks to a dispute between its long-time operator Nicole Dupree and its owner, who also owns the White Sands Beach Hotel nearby.

If you have any questions regarding future reservations at El Zafiro please contact Nicole via Facebook. **The Hotel is closed.**

## 26. Ritz Carleton Superyacht to Homeport in SXM

We were unaware that the Ritz-Carlton nameplate applied to any superyachts until we read this story. Their new supermegayacht will be home ported right here in SXM; it's quite a ship. [That full story is here.](#)

## 27. Sargassum Update

When there is a significant amount of Sargassum seaweed from the Sargasso Sea around SXM, you can see it in

patches as you approach SXM Airport from the air.

During our Saturday afternoon arrival, we saw exactly *no* Sargassum seaweed patches. Although we haven't been everywhere yet and have not seen every beach, those we have seen so far show no Sargassum at all. Skies the last few days were a brilliant dark blue, few clouds, gentle breezes, warm temperatures, low humidity, most restaurants already reopened, and no seaweed.

Time for you to get down here.

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## 28. A (Beautiful) Tropical Snowstorm Blossoms Across SXM!

by Ilene

There is no such thing as a snowstorm in SXM, but the island has something even better: thousands and thousands of fluttering butterflies are enjoying each other's company and tens of thousands of flowering plants and weeds across the island. The only bad news is that butterfly school apparently gets poor attendance on the day they cover the importance of flying high over roads and as a result, they don't know to pay attention to and avoid traffic. Perhaps eventually survival of the smartest will occur.

In the meantime, you can enjoy the presence of many of these pleasant little butterflies on each flowering plant near the property you call home here. Butterfly season is here and at times it will look a bit like the start of a large-flake snowfall — tropical version.

Also bear in mind that if you wear brightly colored clothing you may bear some resemblance in their minds (?) to the kinds of flowers where they enjoy breakfast or lunch, so some may just decide to land on your shoulder.

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## 29. Make Your SXM Thanksgiving Reservations NOW

If you have ever been on this island during Thanksgiving, you know that it is one of the busiest weeks of the entire year here. America's Home Town Plymouth, Massachusetts, does not have a monopoly on Thanksgiving festivities: everything you can enjoy anywhere in the USA on Thanksgiving you can also enjoy here in St. Maarten — much more on the Dutch side than on the French. Full Thanksgiving dinners are offered from lunch onward by many restaurants, and you will see lists of them published in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Foremost among them is the Toppers restaurant run by Topper, Melanie, and Marni Daboul; Topper hails from Massachusetts and knows everything there is to know about Thanksgiving, which started there hundreds of years ago in 1627. The Topper Family will have dozens of turkeys, gravy, potatoes, stuffing, squash, cranberry sauce of course, and all the other fixins you're looking for plus lots of pies they've made especially for the holiday -- plus their legendary rum cake from the Toppers Rum Distillery which is there too.

Toppers Restaurant is now located at the site of the former Carousel, where the Toppers Rum Distillery is also located as is Toppers Gelateria and their souvenir shop with a huge variety of great souvenirs as well as many flavors of delicious award-winning rum.

**DO YOU HATE TURKEY?** No problem, their full regular menu will also be available as always. Make reservations NOW to avoid disappointment.

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## 30. At Supermarkets: Watch Pricing & Watch Expiration Dates CLOSELY

SXM has some fine supermarkets – both Carrefour markets and Super U are excellent, and you will quickly discover what you enjoy buying from each. Other markets may have good prices on other items so definitely keep your eyes peeled for sales advertised in the *Daily Herald*, the major newspaper on the Dutch side.

One thing to be aware of is that the pricing shown on the shelf may not be the pricing that comes up on the register — those prices for some reason are sometimes higher (we really never see that issue at Carrefour or Super U). It is also wise to check the expiration dates on all of the products you buy at markets we have not named here, though not all of them have intelligible dating. As usual, don't buy anything that is outdated or dented since the contents could be compromised on dented merchandise.

When we see wrong pricing in SXM (which seems to happen more with sale merchandise than regular merchandise) we mention it to the cashier and they are not always responsive so we get a manager.

At one supermarket not mentioned above we had a carriage full of goods and found multiple things that were not charged at the price on the item. The store manager was unwilling to do anything about it. We told her to have fun putting the stuff away because we weren't interested in spending anything at that market, and we haven't mentioned it by name at any time since. (\$9 for a small jar of Smucker's jam labeled for sale at about \$3 "is a computer error so we can't change it," the surly manager told us. We pointedly informed her of the difference between "can't" and "won't" and walked out.

Again Carrefour and Super U are excellent; some others are not in the same class.

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## 31. You're Invited to Our SkyMed Member Appreciation Luncheon in SXM January 20

**SKYMED MEMBER APPRECIATION LUNCHEON in SXM has been scheduled for Friday January 20 – we want you to join us even if you're not a member (yet) so you can meet SkyMed's top management and learn more!**

SkyMed top executives Eleanore and Will Klein will be there to meet current SkyMed members and others interested in learning more. If you will be in SXM on Friday January 20 and want to learn more about SkyMed, email us now at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com) with your names, email addresses, SkyMed member numbers (if you're members), and the names & emails of others who you would like to invite to this SkyMed event (they're welcomed, but please MAKE SURE THEY ARE INTERESTED AND WILL BE ON THE ISLAND ON THAT DATE BEFORE INVITING THEM).

Advance registration REQUIRED. We will contact everyone once formal invitations are ready to go -- next month.

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## 32. Our Newest SXM Vacation Giveaway Is Updated

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 last Winter, 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 one more week of vacations here on SXM.

That vacation will be at beautiful **Villa Kimon** 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. You'll get to spend seven days and 6 nights there.

We will also give away a couple of dinners for two to our winner; 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 these directions:

**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](http://sxmweeklynews.com) now to subscribe FREE before entering this giveaway. ENTRIES FROM NONSUBSCRIBERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE TO WIN. PREVIOUS WINNERS ARE NOT ELIGIBLE.**

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## 33. Restaurant of the Week: Mama Pizza / Italian Restaurants

**What:** Mama Pizza Italian Restaurants

**Where:** Porto Cupecoy, Dutch side, and Oyster Pond, French side

**Particulars:** Mama Pizza has outstanding, authentic European Recipe pizza -- many varieties. They also have an enormous menu of Italian favorites, and frequently have fresh fish (wahoo, mahi) caught in nearby waters. Pictures of fresh catch are often seen in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). They are located in a scenic dockside location at Porto Cupecoy and in the heart of Oyster Pond. Owners Desmond & Stephanie Culbert know their stuff; tell them we sent you. Reservations strongly recommended, especially on weekends.

### Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Mama Pizza**, Porto Cupecoy & Oyster Pond, (featured 10/24/22) Big, outstanding pizza, and sizable portions plus reasonable prices on numerous other delicious Italian specialties. They also have 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>

**Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine** (featured 10/17/22), **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/jaissxmresto>

**Pineapple Pete**, [www.pineapplepete.com](http://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](http://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](http://www.isolaristorante.com)

**Astra Steak & Seafood** (featured 7/25/22) is the newest creation of the organization that also operates Avantika and Movida 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](http://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](http://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](http://www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html)

**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.

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

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

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## 34. SXM Euro Oval Sticker Offer is Closed for the Season

As many readers are aware, we have had 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. The deadline for ordering has now passed but will reopen in April.

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## 35. 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](http://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.

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## 36. 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.

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## 37. 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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## 38. 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](http://www.facebook.com/groups/mySXM).

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## 39. 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](mailto: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](mailto:jmbcomms@gmail.com); use it for JMB Website Supporters membership questions.**  
Thank you.

## 40. Who Our Sponsors Are, & Why You Should Patronize Them (Updated 10/17/22)

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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**Jennifer's Vacation Villas**

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**LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)**

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**Emilio's**

**Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar**

**Nowhere Special**

**ROXXY Bar / Restaurant**

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

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**VILLA RENTALS / RENTAL COMPANIES:**

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

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

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

**[GoBeach Vacations](#)**

**[Sunshine Properties](#)**

**[Monte Verde / Belle Vue](#)**

**Villa Acropole:**

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

**Villa Vijoux:**

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

**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)

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## 41. 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.*

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

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

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

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

SXM Weekly News, our [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com) website and its Hurricane Center, and our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) along with our many Vacation Giveaways and hundreds of benefits of JMB Website Supporters membership *are all made possible through our partnerships with our JMB Website Supporters members and our Sponsors.*

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Tourism is returning in a big way and with it, plenty of opportunity to bring more tourists into your business not only in the short term, but especially as tourist business increases in the months ahead. Contact us today for more information.

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**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)-- Frequently Updated**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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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.

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