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

**RENTAL** 2/18/2023 2/25/2023 Week -7 The Villas at Simpson Bay Resort and Marina First floor 2 bedroom/2 bath unit sleeps 6. Master bedroom with king bed, 2 bedroom junior suite with 2 full size beds, 2 Murphy beds in living room. Full kitchen. Convenient to pool and elevator. \$2600/week Donna 910-540-9830 [dlearner59@gmail.com](mailto:dlearner59@gmail.com)

**See them all at [http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare\\_rent\\_sale/index.shtml](http://everythingxsm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml)**

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

**SALE 1/22/2023 1/29/2023 3 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Beaumontia Building, fixed and deeded Week Sunday to Sunday but you can bank or trade your week one bedroom sleeps four 3rd floor ocean view, week 1,2 & 4 also available Highly discounted from Resort resale 8,000 Richard 815 236-0642 [cubsgo100@gmail.com](mailto:cubsgo100@gmail.com)**

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**GETTING HERE:**

**1. For Those Who Hadn't Heard, There are Now NO Covid-related Entry Reqts in SXM**

If your next trip to SXM is still at least several weeks away, you may not have been paying attention to what's happening with relation to Covid on the island — and to the island's Entry Requirements.

**SXM dropped its Entry Requirements effective November 1.** To travel here now, all you need is your round-trip tickets and your passport — although when we came, we brought our proof of vaccination, just in case.

Getting here is easy: come soon.

**2. New Cruise Ship Makes Initial SXM Port Call**

A brand-new cruise ship, Celebrity Beyond, made its inaugural port call here in St. Maarten last week, bringing with it close to 3000 passengers plus crewmembers.

Here are the [details](#).

**3. Winair to Acquire Two ATR Aircraft, Expanding Inter-Caribbean Airlift**

Windward islands Airways, popularly known here as Winair, is the St. Maarten-based interisland air carrier that uses DHC 6 short takeoff and landing aircraft (STOL) to take many passengers every day to Saba, St. Barth, and elsewhere. They have also been using wet-leased ATR aircraft for flights to other locations.

Winair is expanding its inter-Caribbean airlift with two new ATR aircraft, the first of which is expected to be delivered in



March and the second a bit later.

Here are all the [details](#) from Winair.

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## 4. 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

\$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](mailto: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.

**SKYMED's EXTRA-WEEKS BONUSES WITH PURCHASES END 12/31, SO GET SKYMED NOW FOR THEIR BEST OFFERS! SEE NEXT STORY:**

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## 5. \*\*\*ABSOLUTELY ENDS 12/31: 22 Additional Weeks FREE From SkyMed with Ultimate Global 5-year Medevac Memberships\*\*\* (Act Quickly If You're Planning a Trip Next Year Across the Pond or to Asia, Africa, Australia, or South America )

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## 6. 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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***Etc./Weather***

## 7. Hurricane Season Ends November 30....

Our chief meteorologist, hurricane expert Rob Lightbown of CrownWeather.com, is saying that conditions are expected to stay as they are, quiet, through the end of this month — and those conditions are not conducive to tropical cyclone development.

The National Hurricane Center is also saying the same thing. However it's apparent that mother nature doesn't read forecasts, and she sometimes does the unexpected. So, though nothing is expected, we will continue to keep a weather eye out for anything unexpected through the end of this year.

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## 8. Current Weather Outlook: December Winds, Christmas Worms

December weather here in the Northeast Caribbean is generally characterized by two things: Christmas winds, which started blowing in a preview on Saturday, and Christmas worms, which are bright red in color and generally appear during December, sometimes in significant numbers. They move like inchworms but are a few inches long.

December is still the tail end of the rainy season, so there can be showers though they tend to be less of a nuisance than in October and November.

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## 9. 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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## **SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc**

### **10. Establish Residency FIRST if You're Buying a Condo or Villa in SXM**

Despite the somewhat curious global economy, sales of condominiums here in SXM continue to roll ahead.

If you plan to buy an SXM condo and spend several months a year here, it is to your advantage to establish residency early. With 10 years of experience, BrightPath Caribbean has the knowledge, expertise, and infrastructure to help you do that with the minimum inconvenience and minimum time spent shepherding the process.

In other words, they know their stuff, they know the latest wrinkles in the law, and they can simplify and expedite the process for you. Mention that you heard about them from Jeff Berger's **SXM Weekly News** and call them at 1 721-554-8900 to get started.

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### **11. 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.

## **12. 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*.

## 13. 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**

## 14. 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.

## 15. 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.

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## 16. 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.

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## 17. 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.

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### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 18. Discounts/Benefits Updates in Final Stages

The major update that we been telling you about to our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program is now moving into its final stages. The stage we're in now involves updates to eliminate partners whose businesses have not survived either Irma or Covid; they have been a number of those. There are also a number of other updates.

For us the most fun part of this is adding new discounts and benefits, a process which will run through much of December. We also expect to continue adding more new discounts going forward into 2023, though all those that are already nailed down will be posted within the next month.

The effects of Irma and Covid on SXM's tourism economy have been quite substantial and some major businesses were impacted. In some cases were hoping they would be able to come back but, sadly, that has always happened. Fortunately, a number of new businesses on the island and are doing quite well and were doing our best to reflect that

in this major upgrade.

We will post more about this very soon.

## 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. You may also phone Membership Services directly at 508-591-3483, which also takes texts.
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.

## **23. BLACK FRIDAY SALE BEGINS:** **Get Hundreds of SXM Discounts & Other Benefits**

**Psst:**  
**BLACK FRIDAY sale has started on new and renewal/reinstatement memberships in our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program -- memberships support everything we**

**do for you INCLUDING THIS PROGRAM & THIS NEWSLETTER!**

**Go to the site via the link below, buy any new, renewal, or reinstated membership of only THREE YEARS or more (including Military memberships) and from now through November 30 we will give you ONE ADDITIONAL FULL YEAR FREE. It's automatic and it is NOW UNDERWAY.**

**Here is the link for [new memberships](#) and here is the link for [renewals and reinstatements](#):  
**THANK YOU, as always, for your support.****

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## 24. Royal Palm Gets New Signage Proclaiming Hilton Vacation Club

Among the changes in accommodations across the island, the biggest affects Royal Palm Beach Club, which has become part of Hilton Vacation Club as we have previously reported. [Here is that full story](#). We intend to keep an eye on this property with the hopes that the change will be positive in every respect for all Royal Palm timeshare owners.

**We have asked Royal Palm timeshare owners to keep us aware of their impressions concerning the new ownership of Royal Palm through our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). So far, those impressions seem to be positive, particularly from Royal Palm timeshare owners who also own other properties that are part of Hilton Vacation Club — good news.**

If you have current information concerning how things are going now at Royal Palm, please don't hesitate to post information in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#); thanks.

We will keep you posted.

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## 25. El Zafiro Boutique Hotel Signage Replaced by White Sands Beach Hotel Signs; Gates Stay Locked

The people who own the property on which the El Zafiro Boutique Hotel stood until several weeks ago have wasted no time getting rid of all the vestiges of that erstwhile resort.

First, they quickly did an auction to sell mattresses and other contents of the property.

In the last few days, they kept the gates locked while adding little "White Sands Beach Resort" signs near the padlocks. Toward the end of last week, they also dumped the big El Zafiro sign at the junction of Beacon Hill Rd. and White Sands Road, which directed traffic left to El Zafiro resort and its restaurant. They replaced it with a "White Sands Beach Resort" sign at that intersection but did not bother to include directional signs showing clients how to get there, which if the El Zafiro part of that property ever reopens would be essential so clients don't get lost.

We know the entire property remains for sale for millions of dollars and that a number of local people are interested in it but we know of no news of any final sale.

We will keep you posted.

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## 26. Big Empty Lot Near Chesterfield's is Prospectively Cruise Port Hotel Site

Within the last few weeks, we have published a story about a major hotel and waterpark ostensibly planned for property adjacent to the Wathey cruise and cargo facilities in Philipsburg.

A large empty lot in that area not far beyond Chesterfield's appears to be the site of that prospective hotel. As we also mentioned in the story last week, many hotel and resort projects have been announced here over the years that didn't happen. In fact, there were rumblings recently about a new project in the Red Pond area (see that story below).

Once construction actually starts on this project, which hopefully will happen, we will let you know. It is one of two large tracts of empty land at either end of downtown Philipsburg where major projects have been announced but haven't yet happened. The other was Planet Hollywood, also reported in detail here in *SXM Weekly News*.



## 27. Is Red Pond Ripe for Development -- Again?

It was with a large amount of hoopla that a number of years ago there were announcements of major developments at the Red Pond area, immediately north of the Guana Bay residential area on the Dutch side. A Marriott Constellation resort was to go there along with a condominium project called Aquarius.

As has been the case elsewhere on the island, the project(s) started and a number of buildings were constructed but all that was ever completed was the skeletons of the buildings, encased in cement. Those skeletons remain to this day, occupied by occasional iguanas or curious mongoose.

We are hearing rumblings about development to be announced at this property yet again. We will believe it when construction is actually finished and the projects are open to the public — but in any case, if there is any hard news in that direction we will report it.

## 28. Whatever Happened to Ocean Club in Cupecoy Beach?

Prior to the appearance of hurricane Irma in September 2017, Ocean Club was a prominent feature in Cupecoy beach. With its own beach bar, it attracted hundreds of people every week and it was a destination resort for thousands of loyal visitors every year.

Since Ocean Club was constructed of wood, it was easily destroyed by the 185 mile-per-hour sustained winds of Irma, plus gusts well in excess of 200 miles per hour -- and likely at least one tornado. Owner Eric Loor never answered any of several messages we sent to him in the months following the storm, asking about future plans. We knew that *force majeure* applied because of the totality of the destruction, meaning that since the resort was destroyed by sudden natural causes (hurricane, flood, title wave, tornado, etc.) timeshare owners' properties had zero value after the storm's destruction.

Worse, if that's possible, is the fact that Mr. Loor according to timeshare owners at Ocean Club has never contacted them in the five years since concerning the future of this property. Moreover, the destroyed resort has never been completely cleaned up and the land cleared, so much of the ugly mess left by Irma is still there, a poor legacy of Mr. Loor.

The government here rarely steps into situations like this, so there is no indication of when matters like the Ocean Club (or, for that matter, the still not back in service Towers at Mullet Bay) might again become working properties.

(Incidentally, there is only one "Tower" at Mullet Bay -- not multiple "Towers" despite the name.)

## 29. 81% of Responding Overnight Tourists Stay in Dutch Side Hotels & Timeshares

We frequently conduct polls/surveys in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Although they are unscientific, they do give interesting information about the mood of the people who have answered the poll, who (we imagine) represent a cross-section of SXM visitors.

In a poll we conducted recently on the site, 81% of responding overnight visitors said they stay on the Dutch side in hotels and timeshares. To be sure, we know that an enormous amount of the accommodations capacity on the Dutch side consists of timeshare resorts/timeshare owners, and there is virtually none of that on the French side — so that may skew the results. Nonetheless, the fact is that a huge percent of responding overnight tourists do stay in Dutch side hotels and timeshares — a big vote for that side of the island.

## 30. About The Myth That Only the French Side Has Great Dinners

As mentioned in the previous article, a dominant percentage of stayover tourists stay on the Dutch side of SXM. Some who are new to SXM have said in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) that they plan to drive over to the French side for dinner one night -- a special dinner.

As we've written before, there was a time more than 20 years ago when the French side promoted itself as "the culinary capital of the Caribbean," but now the whole island has taken on that slogan.

On the basis of its long-time reputation, many people still believe that good dining only happens on the French side —

but that supposition is inaccurate.

Today, the culinary capital of the French side is clearly still Grand Case where there are a number of fine dining restaurants. However the moniker is just as well deserved on the Dutch side which has many superb fine dining restaurants including Mario's Bistro, Izi Ristorante Italiano, Emilio's, Vesna Taverna, Astra, Avantika, Movida, the new and exquisite Bamboo House, Mama Pizza, Jai's, Bovin, La Patrona, and many more. In fact, Izi was recently voted the number one restaurant of any kind on the entire island by readers of TripAdvisor....

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## 31. La Sucriere Is a Great Spot for Breakfast or Lunch on the Lagoon

In the heart of Simpson Bay between FedEx and the Toppers Restaurant and rum distillery, you will find La Sucriere, a great spot for breakfast or lunch with a perfect setting on Simpson Bay lagoon.

La Sucriere has been making delicious fresh croissants here for years. But you might not realize that they also have a huge selection of fresh homemade French pastries, baguettes, and other bakery items, as well as scrumptious freshly made sandwiches and an assortment of drinks including fresh coffee.

La Sucriere not only can create a highly personalized picnic lunch for your family (they open at 6 AM), but you can also dine leisurely on their deck on the lagoon with beautiful nature all around you. That may even include an occasional docile iguana. They're vegetarians, so don't worry about their fearsome look. They are there strictly to immediately clean up any crumbs you happen to drop on the deck.

When you visit, don't hesitate to tell them that La Sucriere was highly recommended by Jeff Berger's **SXM Weekly News**.

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## 32. POPULAR DUTCH SIDE RESTAURANT FOR SALE

Prime location in Simpson Bay... 100 seats... Interior and terrace... Fully equipped... In excellent condition... Good lease... Correct rent. Off-street parking.

Price including current N. V. concept, name and good will, fit-out and inventory, \$595,000. Price for the lease, fit out, and inventory only,\$395,000. For further information please contact [SXMrestaurantforsale@Gmail.com](mailto:SXMrestaurantforsale@Gmail.com)

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## 33. Cheri's Re-imagination / Redevelopment Site Work Moves Closer to Opening Day

Work is continuing every day to complete the new complex of restaurants being built at the former site of Cheri's Café in Maho. Although the opening date continues to be approached, it won't be formally announced until everything has been set perfectly and is ready to go. We expect to have some photography from inside the complex before it opens, which is still expected to happen sometime next month; that photography will appear in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

As always *SXM Weekly News* will keep you posted.

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## 34. Megayachts, Private Jets Gliding Back to SXM

Especially during the last week+, numbers of megayachts have started to populate lagoon moorings and have started to anchor off the coast in Simpson Bay. In addition, increasing numbers of private jets are arriving at SXM Airport in numbers that are expected to soar this week as the Thanksgiving holiday approaches.

If you are on the island, this week you should expect somewhat longer bridge opening times as megayachts arrive and get to port.

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## 35. How to Save on Gas

Unlike the situation in the US, where closing the windows and using your air-conditioning while driving improves airflow around your car and improves gas mileage, the situation in SXM is the exact opposite.

Here, using your air-conditioning puts a gas-guzzling strain on the small engine in your rental car. If you are comfortable doing so, we strongly suggest you leave the windows open and the air conditioning off to improve gas mileage significantly.

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## 36. French Side Construction on RN 7

The main road from Marigot by the Grand Case airport and hope estate and back through French quarter toward the Dutch side border is called the RN7 route. Large sections of it will be undergoing repaving during the next few weeks. Unlike the situation a much of the US, when repaving is done here in SXM, it is typically done during the day -- when it disrupts traffic. We are giving you a heads up that this can occur during December on the French side -- but not at night when you may be doing dinner there.

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## 37. Strange Construction on Blvd. de Grand Case

After much fanfare and false starts, Boulevard de Grand Case, the main road through Grand Case village, was repaved a while back. However, in recent weeks, crews have been digging up parts of it again for some kind of work that clearly could and should have done before the full repaving was done. How long this will take, we don't know — but it looks insignificant from a nighttime traffic perspective as far as we can tell.

Why it is happening as high season begins is another question. It appears that the French side government doesn't consider tourism when making decisions that directly impact tourists -- and everyone else.

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## 38. Sand Returning to Maho Beach

Stand on Maho beach, where thousands of people each week watch planes arrive and depart from SXM Airport, was washed away during stormy weather a couple of weeks ago. The good news is that it has now started to be replenished by mother nature...

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## 39. Crews TEMPORARILY Fill Cavernous Pothole on Beacon Hill Road (Maho Beach)

A couple of weeks ago here, we wrote about cavernous potholes on Beacon Hill Rd., the road on which many tour buses pass to let people off who want to watch planes take off and land at SXM Airport. The cavernous potholes were at the beginning of the road just after the Tortuga bar/restaurant at the Northwest End of Maho Beach

It is clear that they have filled the holes with temporary material, something they have done repeatedly here over the last few years. Why they haven't filled them with cement that could last for a long time, we don't know; instead, they just keep filling the same holes repeatedly with material that doesn't work for any significant duration.

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## 40. Swimming at Friars Bay Beach Banned at least to 11/24

A nearby pond was filled to overflowing by recent heavy rains, so local authorities allowed it to drain off the coast next to Friars Bay Beach. Consequently, swimming at Friars Bay Beach has been banned until November 24, a date recently extended by French side authorities. We will report in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) if this reopening date is again delayed.

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## 41. SXM Thanksgiving Reservations ARE A MUST

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 Dutch side restaurants, and you will see lists of them published in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) close to the holiday.

Among them will be the **Toppers Restaurant** in Simpson Bay; the seaside restaurant at **Mary's Boon Beach Resort**; and **Emilio's**, near Philipsburg.

**RESERVE NOW SINCE MANY PLACES SERVING T-DAY DINNERS WILL BE SOLD OUT at the times many people want.**

**DO YOU HATE TURKEY?** No problem, you can do Turkey for lunch and traditional non-Thanksgiving dinners elsewhere at night as we're doing. Make reservations NOW to avoid disappointment.

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## 42. 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 -- during this month.

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## 43. Our Newest SXM Vacation Giveaway Is Updated: ENTER NOW

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:

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## 44. Restaurant of the Week: Bamboo House

**What/Where:** Bamboo House, Cole bay, Dutch side

**Particulars:** This new restaurant, opened early this year, rates an enormous WOW.

*Located on a hillside high above Cole bay, reached through an access road that terminates at the restaurant's entry (where you get valet parking), Bamboo House is strikingly original, huge by SXM measures, and drop dead gorgeous, especially at Sunset (happy hours) and at night. The breathtaking view is of the entirety of the lagoon, Simpson Bay, and the shimmering Caribbean. Bring your camera. If you love sushi, Bamboo House will completely blow your mind. For sushi masters, sushi is an art form, and here Bamboo's sushi masters deliver masterpieces. We had a 15-piece platter which was creative beyond belief, and Ilene enjoyed a large salad that included mango, avocado, chunks of cream cheese, and much more. Dessert was tropical coconut ice cream, plus mango, plus caramel -- three scoops of creamy richness and deliciousness (mine). The menu is extensive and carnivores aren't ignored -- their filet mignon will be a long-time memory. Bamboo House is a must and so are reservations; it's a busy place you must not miss on your next SXM visit. Top-class service as you'd expect and bartenders who know exactly what they're doing. Chef Jack from California knows his stuff and you will quickly conclude that one visit here is not nearly enough. Open for lunch too!*

### Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**Bamboo House (11/21/22)**, located high on a hill in Cole bay has spectacular island views and equally spectacular dining and service. Exquisite sushi, steaks, and lots more. Vegetarians welcome; people with special dietary needs are well cared-for here too. Jeff rates Bamboo with one huge WOW -- go; you will absolutely be visiting more than once.

**Mario's Bistro at the Cliff**, formerly Mario's Bistro [www.mariobistro.com/en/](http://www.mariobistro.com/en/) 11/14/22 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.

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.izisxm.com](http://www.izisxm.com) (featured 11/7/22). Open for dinner starting at 5pm except Mon., when they're closed. Fantastic food from one of SXM's absolute best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too.

**Avantika Thai** [www.avantikasxm.com](http://www.avantikasxm.com) (featured 10/31/22) Avantika is flat-out wonderful; SXM's best Thai; Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by seasoned service. Consistently excellent. Go...you'll become a regular.

**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.

**Isola** next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 8/29/22). Italian food, many choices (pizza too though that may go away), busy, good specials. Lively; busy; entertainment some nights. Many folks from Simpson Bay Resort dine here as well as many locals and lots of casino high-rollers. [www.isolaristorante.com](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/>

**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.

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

**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..

## 45. Enormous Library of SXM Information is On The Web (Updated)

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 -- 9 years of editions

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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 nearly 35,000 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.

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

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## 47. Getting Answers to All Your Questions About SXM

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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).

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

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Thank you.

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## **JAI'S CONTEMPORARY FUSION CUISINE**

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

**BOLD BUDDHA** Restaurant, Great bay beach Promenade at Horizon View Hotel (new)

**BUCCANEER BEACH BAR**

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**BAMBOO HOUSE** (new 5/16/22)

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## **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.**

**[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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## **50. 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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## **51. 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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## 52. SXM Business Owners: How To Increase Foot & Web Traffic

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

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**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.**

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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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