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**\$800/week** Sandy @ 727-580-4343 [kpsandy@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:kpsandy@tampabay.rr.com).

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**SALE** 12/16/2023 12/23/2023 Week 50 Simpson Bay Resort and Marina Villas Two bedroom lockout unit (includes full 1 bedroom and lock out) - 4th floor up to 6 people. Beautiful, large deck overlooks Simpson Bay. Master suite includes full kitchen, 1 king size master bedroom, 2 Murphy beds, spacious bathroom with separate double vanity area. Junior suite (lock out) has 2 full beds, small kitchenette and a spacious bathroom with a separate double vanity. This unit is in a great location near the marina building. \$15,000 Karen - 610-999-5400 [Smayer@msmpc.com](mailto:Smayer@msmpc.com)

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**GETTING HERE:**

**1. Final-Ever Boeing 747 Leaves the Factory**

The final-ever commercial Boeing 747 airliner to be produced has now left the factory in America's Pacific Northwest. That story is [here](#).

This story is particularly poignant for SXM, where the 747 was a beloved aircraft when flown here by KLM, Air France, AOM, and a number of other airlines for many years. The Queen of the Skies, as it was labeled for decades by Boeing, became probably the most fabled airliner in the history of aviation and it has been missed by hundreds of thousands of plane viewers on and near Maho beach in the years since it left the skies of SXM.

**2. Airport Stays Very Busy on Saturdays -- But on All Days, Get There 3 Hours Ahead of Flight Time**

In SXM, it's the height of high season -- one of the busiest times of the year. The busiest day at SXM Airport is Saturday — but regardless of that, it is prudent to be at the airport three hours ahead of your flight time seven days a week. On Saturdays, three hours is essential, but on the other days it's wise: at the end of the day, it is better to be an hour and a half early rather than one minute late, and processing times to the airport can vary greatly for many reasons.

**3. Reminder: SXM Has No Covid Entry Requirements**

SXM's Covid entry requirements were discontinued effective November 1. There is no reason to expect any similar requirements to be reinstated.

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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 related to it.

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.

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## 5. What To Do If Your Flight is Canceled or Delayed...

What should you do if your flight is canceled or delayed as happens fairly often now due to weather or staffing shortages?

This [article](#) gives you answers.

***Etc./Weather***

## 6. Weather Stays Imperfect, for Now

If memory serves correctly, generally by now, SXM weather has started to dry out from rainy season actuality. Although the weather has been good here -- certainly far better than in the US, it has still been rather damp compared to our recollections of recent years. Yes there has been plenty of sun and temps in the 80s -- but not as much as many people would like. That should change soon.

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## 7. Nighttime Temp Plummets to 73 With Even Lower Windchill; Hats, Jackets Appear on Some Locals

Some people think it never gets cold here in SXM — but those people would be wrong. The all-time record low here sometimes plunges into the frigid high 60s, dangerously cold for people accustomed to daytime temperatures up in the 80s. The people who were lucky in these circumstances are those who worked in the freezers of supermarkets or cold storage facilities here; they had heavy coats, hats, and gloves and wore them outside to protect themselves from the frigid low-70s temperatures.

Tourists, of course, accustomed to much different weather realities, loved it — and didn't even venture out with long sleeves, opting instead for stylish short-sleeved casual wear. For them, SXM was obviously the place to be.

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

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

Here are SIX sources of current SXM weather info:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather Center / Hurricane Center" at [www.everythingsxm.com](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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## 9. 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 toll-free from the USA and Canada at 1-855-203-0050 or in SXM call 1-721-554-8900 to get started.

## 10. 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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## **11. 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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## **12. 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)**

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

**Villa Kimon**

**Daffodil Villa**

*Updated 1/23/23*

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## 13. Many More 2023 SXM Timeshare Condo Rentals Now Available

**Dozens of new listings of timeshare and other condominiums for rent and for sale for 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 again in recent days. Rentals for 2024 will start being accepted for publication some time next month.

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## 14. 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 2023 (and starting in March, 2024). 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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## 15. 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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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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## 16. 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) anytime; don't forget to tell us your time zone. Thanks.

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### SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

## 17. TWO \$100 Jewelry "Gift Cards" NOW LIVE (Really): Where to Find Them

**They're now LIVE! Your 2023 Caribbean Gems \$100 Gift Certificate is now ready for downloading from the bottom of the home page of our Secret Site.** Log in using the orange login box below the masthead at [everythingSXM.com](http://everythingSXM.com). Not only can you download that cherished Caribbean Gems Gift Card, but you will find on our home page a surprise from another business...valued at \$100. These coupons are now LIVE at the bottom of the home page of our Secret Site. Available exclusively to current members of our **JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program**; you must use them in person on SXM and your current, valid JMB membership card IS REQUIRED along with a government-issued photo ID. For more info on JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on our main site, [www.everythingsxm.com](http://www.everythingsxm.com).

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## 18. Got Favorite SXM Restaurants / Jewelry Stores? Want Discounts or Other Incentives to Go There? Here's How:

The major update of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program is nearly complete -- but we want even more new discounts & benefits for our members, especially at your favorite restaurants and jewelry stores. You can help make that happen.

**HOW TO MAKE IT HAPPEN:** Log in to the Secret Website and check the Discounts Master Index and specific listings for the type of business you like. Then, see if we already offer discounts for your favorite businesses. If not, use Messenger and send us the name of the business and its Manager after you have contacted them asking if they'd be

willing to post a discount offer for our members; there is no charge to offer discounts to JMB Website Supporters members. If they react positively and join us to offer a new discount, we will extend your active JMB membership by a full year for every business you give us that goes forward with a discount for JMB Website Supporters.

## 19. Adding Discounts/Benefits Continues; "Updates" Almost Complete

In the next week or two, we expect to finish adding a number of additional new discounts and benefits to our secret site, beyond several referred to in recent editions of *SXM Weekly News* and some that already have been posted in our secret website. We will let you know when the updates are complete and we will spell out some of the most significant ones. Note also that more new benefits are expected to continue to be added to our JMB Website Supporters island discount program in the coming months. As noted above... **if you are familiar with businesses that you believe should be offering discounts or other benefits to our members, please tell them to contact us directly through WhatsApp at 721-588-4188.**

## 20. Own a Business in SXM? Offer Our Members a Discount or Incentive to Visit You!

If you own a St. Maarten or St. Martin business that caters to tourists, we have a free program that we like you to join: it's called our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. By participating in the program, you will offer our over 30,000 JMB Website Supporters members some kind of discount or incentive for visiting your establishment. We are especially looking for restaurants, bars, beach bars, and related businesses. There is currently no charge for this program.

There are also separate opportunities for SXM businesses to promote what they offer to the over 35,000 members of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) (about 98% tourists); for information on that program, please PM any admin of the [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

## 21. 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

## 22. CHEAPER THAN A CUP OF COFFEE: Get SKYMED Global

## **"Ultimate" Medevac Protection for \$1.64/day:**

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**Only \$1.64/day - \*LESS THAN A CUP OF COFFEE\* -- gets you annual or multiyear SKYMED MEDEVAC protection for virtually all 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](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). NOTE: My prices for multiyear memberships ARE MUCH LOWER THAN YOU WOULD PAY ONLINE.**

**.....PLUS THIS:.....**

**"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!\*\*\***

## **23. 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 2023 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 or Ultimate 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 the most expensive product SkyMed sells on a per-day basis: \$15/day.** They're 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 and qualify again. **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 very 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 Service Agreement (MSA). 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 and **you pay my unique low Association rates. not available online at SkyMed's website; there you pay retail**). Phone anytime at 508-591-3483 (NEW NUMBER). That's a direct line to Jeff Berger that also accepts text messages. Updated 1/8/23.

## \*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  
1/8/23

## 24. 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 retail 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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## 25. Going to Europe Next Summer? ONE QUICK REASON to Buy Your SkyMed Ultimate NOW:

Literally millions of people from the US and Canada are planning to go to Europe next summer, as the surge in pleasure travel continues. This article is short and sweet — so here goes another critically important reason to get SKYMED for your summer European trip now: **pre-existing conditions coverage for SkyMed Ultimate global memberships begins 90 days after the membership starts; coverage for all other illnesses or injuries begins right away. So, if you buy your membership more than 90 days ahead of your date of European travel, that 90 day period of coverage exclusion for pre-existing conditions will be over about the time your trip begins.**

**Equally important, when you join SkyMed directly through us you pay our low Association rates — far lower than the retail rates you will find on the SkyMed website.** Call today for more information about SkyMed: 508-591-3483 or email us at [jeff.berger@skymed.com](mailto:jeff.berger@skymed.com). Either way, be sure to tell us your return phone number and your time zone. Available to Americans, Canadians, and ex-pats only.

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## 26. Long-Awaited (Jimbo's) "NOLA" Bayou Bistro Begins its Soft Opening

Several years ago, James "Jimbo" Morris closed the Mesquite Grill that bore his name when the owner of the property decided to do something different with it. Jimbo took a longer than expected rest from restaurant management thanks in part to Covid but within the last week or two, he has opened his much awaited new restaurant called Nola, a term familiar to many who like the cuisine of New Orleans, Louisiana. Part of the restaurant's name includes its definition as a Bayou Bistro.

This is a soft opening. Jimbo has described the menu as a work in progress, which signals the likelihood that there will

be changes. Nola is more upscale and Jimbo's new setting, at the location of the former Saratoga restaurant, is on the water of Simpson Bay lagoon and the restaurant is quite beautiful.

A number of people have already visited and posted their comments in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), where we invite you to look. No staff members of *SXM Weekly News* have yet visited but we will soon and we'll let you know what we think. Feel free to visit and report for yourself in our Facebook group.

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## 27. Cleanup (?) Starts at Site of District 721 Fire

Although officials at the scene said the fire at bar/restaurant District 721 about a week ago was of undetermined origin, nonetheless a number of people were on the property starting early this week who appeared to be carting away debris as opposed to investigating the cause of the fire.

Customarily, until officials declare investigations are complete and they have reached a conclusion about what caused a fire, the scene of a fire is left untouched by anyone except investigators. But here, huge containers were being loaded with fire debris -- eyewitnesses report that debris was taken away as early as a week ago today (last Monday), the day after the fire. To our knowledge, no one has said that the investigation was complete or that carting off fire debris was permitted.

It seems to us that this story may only just be starting.

In addition, we had asked the owners three times whether the property had been insured but they never responded to that question.

We will continue to cover this.

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## 28. All-New SXM Map Coming from Kasprowski Publishers

About 20 years ago, Michal Kasprowski began publishing detailed maps of SXM, along with similar maps of most other islands in the Caribbean. Since then, his oversized maps, printed on heavy paper and suitable for framing, have quite literally become the standard by which all other Caribbean-area maps are measured.

Several years ago, Michal's son, Rafal, took over the business and has continued to expand and improve these outstanding maps, which we have long recommended.

Here is his description of the totally new map of SXM, now becoming available:

*Hi all, the 7th edition of the St-Martin / St. Maarten map you know is now available for purchase at <http://www.midok.com/mapFiles/Map14/14.html>! Currently only for sale at our site for the old price of \$12.95, shipping included.*

*Until February 28, buy a second map (any map on the above site) to take advantage of a 10% discount for your entire purchase. The discount will be applied post-purchase.*

*More information about the map is available on our website.*

### **Now even better than before:**

- two-sided in full color with 12 additional insets, bird pictures by St. Martin's very own Binkie van Es, updated list of over 200 restaurants, extensive legend, tables and indexes for an easier overview of all the content, plus:*
- Beaches (incl. nude beaches) and natural pools with snorkeling sites, kayaking trails and other water and outdoor sports;*
- Diving and shipwreck sites with depths, GPS locations, and sea life to be found;*
- Hiking, mountain biking, and cycling routes with detailed elevation graphs, difficulty gradient, incline %, total ascent/descent, GPS data (MTB trails);*
- Bird-watching areas with GPS data, 20 large bird photos, and official nomenclature;*
- Casinos, hotels, restaurants, supermarkets, pharmacies, hospitals, banks, post offices and other services;*
- Sugar mills, forts, plantations, museums, places of worship and other historical sites;*
- Scenic views, natural reserves, reefs, sea turtle nesting sites, melocactus fields, and other natural attractions.*

*Looking forward to hearing from you!*

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## 29. Tom Ford Makes His Debut in SXM

*Tom Ford, (born August 27, 1961, Austin, Texas, U.S.), American fashion designer and film director who was credited with reviving the fashion house Gucci during his tenure as creative director (1994-2004). He started an eponymous line in 2005.*

*Tom Ford is among the most highly respected and successful designers today. The Winner of numerous design awards he is widely credited for reviving fashion houses GUCCI & YVES SAINT LAURENT.*

*Tom Ford has long been passionate about timepieces and has set out to create watches with the perfect combination of fine Swiss Horology & Innovative design.*

*As a devout watch collector, Tom Ford's first foray into creating timepieces began only a few years ago, in the spring of 2018. The 001-a Swiss-made stainless steel watch-was the perfect accompaniment to his collections of smartly tailored suiting and cosmopolitan party pieces, and it spoke to Ford's built-to-last design ethos. Tom Ford's 001 watches are marketed as 'Made in Switzerland' and carry the legend 'Swiss Made' on their dials.*

*But so much has changed since his first watch just four years ago. And with a global climate crisis, came Ford's growing commitment to sustainability in the fashion industry-where the designer held court, as the former head of the Council of Fashion Designers of America (CFDA).*

*You might say that Ford's launch of the TOM FORD Ocean Plastic Timepiece collection was his call to arms. The 002, launched in 2020, coincided with the ongoing Tom Ford Plastic Innovation Prize announcement-the first global competition solely focused on scaling design alternatives to thin-film plastic (of which a staggering 14 million metric tons sit on the ocean floor).*

*The N.003 features elements that portray both structure & elegance. The Style is a progression of the simplicity from the N.001, translated into Sport-inspired aesthetic.*

*Now in his third installment of the Ocean Plastic series, Ford introduces his N.004 Timepiece with a minimalist rectangular face (ideal for petite wrist sizes) and an interchangeable monochrome braided strap. Its lightweight design makes it the perfect companion alongside breezy linens (it's also waterproof up to 30 meters), but it's substantial enough to stand up to colder weather's sweater-and-coat pairings.*

*The watch's glossy dial makes a subtle statement with contrasting diamond-cut painted hands. A sapphire crystal with an anti-reflective coating tops the watch, and a stainless steel case back, coated in PVD that matches the case color, secures the Swiss quartz movement.*

*In Contrast to the sophisticated case design, N.004's dial is void of any numerals or indexing with pure surfacing that puts the focus back onto the case and allows the elegant yet minimal face to speak volumes.*

*The watch and packaging are made from 100-percent ocean plastic, using approximately 35 bottles of plastic waste from the ocean's coastline and landfills. He notes that each new Ocean Plastic installment is a new pledge to his commitment to the cause. Besides, "ethical luxury is the greatest luxury of all," says Ford.*

*Every 1000 Ocean Plastic Timepieces produced of Tom Ford watches, it permanently remove and prevent 490lbs of plastic waste from entering the ocean. It is incredibly appealing to know that you are not only wearing high quality product, but by simply owning the product you are also taking direct action to improve the planet.*

*You can now own Tom Ford Watch in St. Maarten which is exclusively available at Majesty Jewelers.*

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## **30. Sunday 1/29 Dutch-side-Wide Blackout Knocks Out Power at SXM Airport for an Hour**

In a highly unusual development last weekend, the Dutch side wide blackout just before sunset on Sunday also knocked out power at SXM Airport for an hour. There, the failure of power from GEBE, the Dutch side electric company, usually sets off switches within a minute or two that turn on the Airport's backup generators, enabling the airport to continue operating normally regardless of what happens at GEBE. That didn't happen, and until the problem was corrected the airport was in the dark for roughly an hour.

The airport later said it was investigating the problem to ensure that is not repeated.

GEBE is another story. It has been compared in reliability in the past to that experienced by the people of Zimbabwe in Africa, where interruptions in electricity supplies are frequent — just as they are on the Dutch side of the island.

Nonetheless, most tourists don't experience any issues since virtually all large resorts have backup generators in operation most of the time — and they take over whenever GEBE fails. GEBE had yet another blackout in the middle of the night on another day last week, but fortunately that blackout only lasted a short time.

Most homeowners here have key electrical appliances connected to surge suppression devices since in the past, when power has returned after GEBE power failures, there had been some fires that resulted from power surges in private homes. GEBE is usually silent about such impacts.

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## 31. Warning: The Danger of Becoming an "Eatoholic" While Visiting SXM...

One of the extraordinary things about St. Maarten is the island's truly world-class restaurants. Although the prices aren't always world-class (not as expensive everywhere as you may think), the restaurants here are truly in a class of their own, equal to some of the best anywhere. Plus, you can get extraordinary French pastry here — and become acquainted with some of the most talented bartenders anywhere.

Many of the people who visit our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) started out as timeshare owners on the island, and gradually increased the number of weeks spent there. Many now own their own condominiums on the island and have established residency; if that is of interest, see section 2 of this newsletter (starting with story #9) for info.

Besides the people, the beaches, and the weather, it is SXM's restaurants that keep people coming back year after year. Many top SXM restaurateurs here have been in business for 20 years or more and have clientele that grows in numbers year after year.

Because of all the terrific restaurants, you need to be aware that there is a danger of becoming an "eatoholic" here -- someone who just can't get enough of the island's great food.

What a wonderful way to go...

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## 32. Where to Watch the Super Bowl in SXM

Largely because many thousands of Americans will be on the island during next weekend's upcoming Super Bowl, many places are offering Super Bowl viewing packages. You can find them advertising in the Dutch side newspaper, the *Daily Herald*.

SXM has a number of sports bars as well, many of which offer food/drink/viewing packages. Two that are of particular interest to our readers are **Bamboo House**, which has extraordinary Asian food and incredible views of Simpson Bay, and the **Replay Sports Bar** at Simpson Bay Resort, which has a variety of food available and lots of TVs.

No matter what, make advance reservations as soon as possible. For years, Super Bowl events here are sellouts — and this one promises to be quite a contest.

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## 33. "Stinking" Seaweed Being Removed From Pinel Island Ferry Terminal Lot

A large excavator, which some people still refer to as a steam shovel, was in action this past weekend at the shoreline of the Pinel island ferry terminal picking up and loading tons of Sargassum seaweed into a box truck for removal to the French side dump. We didn't find out how much seaweed they plan to remove over how long a period, but the removal of the smelly stuff was quite welcomed, since an enormous amount of it had accumulated at the edge of the ferry terminal lot in recent weeks. We published a masthead photograph of the operation in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

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## 34. Many People Switching to Summer Vacations in SXM Instead of Cape Cod or the Jersey Shore...

We're hearing that many people who normally spend part or most of their Summer vacation either on the Jersey Shore

or on Cape Cod are looking at high prices and heavy traffic in both places and are switching Summer vacation plans to SXM.

July is one of the most nearly perfect months of the year in SXM, with hot and dry weather, soothing seabreezes -- and virtually all restaurants are open (many do seasonal closures in September).

Want to have a GREAT Summer vacation WITHOUT CROWDS, with low off-season traffic, and with low Summer rates? **SXM is where you want to be.**

## 35. Just How "Chilly" Does SXM Get in Winter?

Good news: it doesn't. Nighttime temps rarely go below 73 or 74, and daytime temps are normally around 84. If there are nighttime breezes, it may feel a bit cooler, but to most Americans SXM "Winter" weather beats Winter in the US by a mile -- or a kilometer.....

## 36. POPULAR DUTCH SIDE RESTAURANT FOR SALE (Updated)

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## 37. Restaurant of the Week: IZI Ristorante Italiano, Simpson Bay Opposite Pineapple Pete

**What/Where:** Located for more than 20 years in the heart of Simpson Bay, IZI Ristorante Italiano is owned by near-legendary chef David Foini, who has been serving discriminating guests since he first had a few tables next door to his tiny pasta manufacturing facility (La Raviolina) which was in Sandy Ground in the 1990s. Today, IZI has been voted the rest restaurant of any kind on SXM by TripAdvisor readers.

**Particulars:** David is an unwavering perfectionist. He spends time with diners every night in the restaurant, but frequently goes into the kitchen to make absolutely sure everything is going as directed in his own painfully created recipes. Everything here is home made, from multiple pastas to sauces and everything in between. Lobster in Puff

Pastry, Salmon Ceviche, and their own tuna tartare appetizers are all flat-out extraordinary. For kids he makes delicious pasta, homemade French fries, and chicken fingers...as painstakingly created as every other menu item here. His branzino defines "melt-in-your-mouth" and again, his own private-recipe sauces make the meal. Desserts are great too.

IZI has been one of our favorite restaurants for 20 years. Make reservations and GO, and if you like truly flamethrower-hot hot sauce, ask for Ilene's hot sauce. It defines HOT...

**Next week:** Another fine SXM restaurant.

### Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

**IZI Ristorante Italiano**, [www.izisxm.com](http://www.izisxm.com) (featured 2/6/23). Open for dinner starting at 5pm except Mon., when they're closed. Fantastic food from one of SXM's absolute best restaurants -- in fact it has been voted **BEST RESTAURANT OF ANY KIND on SXM by readers of TripAdvisor**. Fun atmosphere, too. **Go and tell them we recommended it.**

**La Rosa Restaurant**, Maho Plaza, (featured 1/23/23): Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. [www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html](http://www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html)

**Bold Buddha Bar/Restaurant**, 49 Front Street at Horizon View Hotel, Philipsburg (featured 1/16/23) 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.

**Mama Pizza**, Porto Cupecoy & Oyster Pond, (featured 1/9/23) 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>

**Emilio's at the Emilio Wilson Estate**, Dutch Side, <https://emilios-sxm.com/> . [Featured 12/26/22] 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.

**Vesna Taverna**, [www.vesnasxm.com](http://www.vesnasxm.com) (featured 12/19/22). Now open every day but Monday for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining, reasonable pricing.

**Mandarin Pan Asian** at Port de Plaisance Resort off the Union Road, Cole Bay, (featured 12/12/22). Excellent selection of palate-pleasing offerings from Japan, Thailand, and China. Delicious food and excellent service. Highly recommended.

**Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine** (featured 12/5/22), **Simpson Bay** Leave your preconceptions behind! A 15-second walk to the opposite side of the building from Top Carrot. Outstanding dinners (and lunches a few days weekly) in Jai's, a fun new contemporary fusion restaurant operated by two young SXM graduates of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Super creative, artfully presented, phenomenally executed selections spanning an ever-growing spectrum of flavors, aromas, textures, and tastes. You gotta try Jai's! Highest recommendation. See <https://www.facebook.com/jaisxmresto>

**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/>

**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.mariobistrot.com/en/](http://www.mariobistrot.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.

**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.

**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.

**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 (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..

## 38. 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 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.

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.

## 39. Flying in Spring or Summer? Here's Something Else You Should Know

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## 40. 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).

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

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

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**Mandarin Asian Bistro (Port de Plaisance)**

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**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)

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**LE PERLE BLEU** Restaurant Simpson Bay & **Le Perle Bleu Beach Bar** (Welfare Road) (new 11/22)

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**40Weeks SXM Vacation Rentals (new)**

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

**Villa Kimon**

**Daffodil Villa**

## **Wedding Planners / Wedding Venues**

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

**Sint Maarten Marry-Me Destination Weddings (new)**

Updated 1/23/23

## **43. First Responders Now Get Platinum-Status JMB Discounts**

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

**And now we're adding police, firefighters, EMTs, and nurses to our just-renamed Military / First Responder**

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

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## 44. 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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**and hear Jeff Berger LIVE on the air most Mondays**

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

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## 45. 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.

Our **JMB SXM Web Media Sponsorships** enable SXM businesses to present their products or services to a huge, responsive audience of tourists from around the world, but primarily the USA and Canada. (Our site is based in the U. S. and is focused on the needs of tourists traveling to SXM.) If you own an SXM business and want to look into and take advantage of this unique marketing opportunity, please email [susank@jmbcommunications.com](mailto:susank@jmbcommunications.com) with the subject "JMB Sponsorships". Or PM us on FB for an even faster response. We'll get complete information to you quickly. (Or again, just PM Jeff Berger on Facebook Messenger or phone us / text us on WhatsApp at 721-588-4188.)

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

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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

JMB members can run up to 10 free ads on our website per 12-month period to rent out or sell St. Maarten / St. Martin timeshare weeks they own -- or any timeshares, anywhere worldwide. If you're not a member, learn more about membership here: [http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about\\_sxm/paypal.shtml](http://everythingSXM.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml) .

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

A. **Where to Get Member Info:** [www.everythingsxm.com/secret](http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret)

B. **Password Recovery Info:** Your username is the email address you have registered with JMB Website Supporters. If you forget your password, click "forgot / change password" in the orange login box near the masthead at [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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