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SXM Timeshare (or Condo) RENTAL of The Week:

RENTAL 3/23/2024 3/30/2024 Week 12 Simpson Bay Resort Marina & Spa Two bedroom, two full baths, sleep-six Beachfront Penthouse Unit on the Caribbean Sea. Best SBR location. Flamboyant Beachfront building. Spacious Penthouse has two beachfront balconies for sunning and spectacular sunsets. Two King size beds, two Murphy beds, sleeps six. Full a/c, full kitchen, private balcony jacuzzi, flat screen TVs, DVD players, free Wi-Fi and much more. Free parking. All amenities of SBR, two beaches, five pools, swim-up bars, several restaurants, including beach bar/restaurant, sports bar, casino, nightclub, deli, tennis, exercise facilities, gift shops. Full Marina with watersports, snorkeling, scuba, sailing excursions etc. A Five-Star, Resort of Distinction Award Winner. Convenient to airport, shopping, entertainment, sightseeing and restaurants in SXM. \$1800 for the week. Gerald gwilliams6@comcast.net 856-392-7049.

See them **ALL**** at http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml**

SXM Timeshare (or Condo) SALE of The Week:

SALE 3/9/2024 3/23/2024 10 & 11 ROYAL ISLANDER LA PLAG 2 BR ANTILLEAN STYLE UNIT. Unit 1101 Saturday usage. This two-bedroom suite has a spacious master bedroom with a King size bed, a guest bedroom with two queen size beds, a queen pull-out sleeper that sleeps two in the living room, a dining area, a kitchen, and two private bathrooms. Maximin occupancy 6. Direct access to Maho Beach, sand deck, and gardens. This unit has oceanfront views Wi-Fi access throughout the resort Array of restaurants, lounges, bars including lobby bar Access to Serenity Spa and gym Outdoor pool, children's pool, hot tub. Steps to Maho Village filled with shops, lounges and the largest gaming emporium and theatre Casino Royale Walking distance to tennis and paddle courts. Supermarket and pharmacy 24-hour security Front desk service housekeeping service laundry facility Covered parking, access to Dollar Thrifty car rental Ice machines Business center \$3595 per week Richard March royalislanderowners@gmail.com

See them **ALL**** at http://everythingsexm.com/sxm/timeshare_rent_sale/index.shtml**

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Visit <http://www.everythingsxm.com/secret> , the *secret* site for JMB Website Supporters members only, for low fares to SXM from cities across the USA, Canada, and Western Europe, plus a growing list of 300+ additional major travel benefits.

Not a member yet? See http://everythingxm.com/sxm/about_sxm/paypal.shtml . Cost: \$59 for one year, or \$99 total for three full years. Other durations available. Join us today...

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GETTING HERE:

BULLETIN -- LEAD STORY: Side Panel Blows off New Boeing 737 MAX9 Jet Early in Flight; 171 737 Max9 Aircraft Immediately Grounded by FAA

We believe some of the 737 MAX9 aircraft may be used on SXM flights, so this news, which broke Saturday, may affect some SXM flights. United Airlines has the largest fleet of this aircraft type. For much more information on this breaking story, [go here](#).

1. LEAD STORY: Weekend Storm Jostles Northeastern Flight Schedules

The weekend snowstorm that started to affect parts of the Northeast on Saturday and was expected to continue affecting some areas into Monday was expected to have some impacts on flights -- delays and possible cancellations. Those decisions are based on safety, crew availability / staying below crew time-on-duty regulations, and equipment being where it needs to be to execute flights. *Check your flight with your airline before heading to the airport. If it's snowing in your area, drive carefully and leave yourself plenty of travel time. Return flights from SXM to the US on Sunday may also be impacted.*

2. Positive Reports Continue for Airport Arrival, Departure Processing

Encouraging reports on the speed of arrival and departure processing at SXM Airport are continuing through most of each week. However, we continue to urge passengers to [avoid Saturday travel if possible](#) since thanks to timeshare week schedules, that's still the busiest day of the week.

We encourage passengers to continue to post reports about airport performance to our 38,500+-person [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). You're also encouraged to post anything unusual that happens as you move through the airport so our readers can be aware of it.

New Check-In Area: We have a reporter/photographer checking out the all-new check-in area at SXM Airport later this week. Their photos, plus info on when exactly this area debuts to the public and what it offers, will be posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and we'll run a story on this in *SXM Weekly News* next week.

3. New Check-In Area Gets an Advance Look This Week; We Will Post Pictures

In case you missed it in the story above: **New Check-In Area** -- We have a reporter/photographer checking out the all-new check-in area at SXM Airport later this week. Their photos, plus info on when exactly this area debuts to the public and what it offers, will be posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and we'll run a story on all this in *SXM Weekly News* next week.

4. JetBlue / Spirit Court Decision Expected Any Day

The verdict in the non-jury trial in Boston that pitted the US Department of Justice against would-be merger candidates JetBlue and Spirit Airlines should be issued very soon. The story is of particular interest to travelers to SXM since both airlines serve SXM from different cities. Both airlines also have compatible fleets mostly from Airbus.

The widespread expectation is that the judge will approve the merger while requiring certain concessions from jetBlue -- giveaways to help smaller and cheaper airlines compete with the new major airline (JB & SP), which will become America's fifth largest carrier post-merger, making it more capable of competing with legacy carriers AA, UA, DL, and SW, the big four airlines that garner over 80% of airline revenues in the USA.

Jet Blue will be the surviving name, and all Spirit aircraft that are retained will be reconfigured into more spacious jetBlue cabin architecture.

But again, all this depends on the judge, who may render his decision in the next week or two. We'll keep you posted here and in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

5. Top 25 Safest Airlines for '24 Announced

[Here they are](#) -- but see also the next story.

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6. Top 20 Safest Low-Cost Airlines Announced

[Here they are](#), but we don't see why this list wasn't combined by its authors with the one on the previous story. Many familiar names here.

7. MEDICAL EVACUATION COSTS SOAR; Got \$55,000++? *You May Need It, In Cash in Advance, to Get a Medical Evacuation Jet Home in a Medical Emergency*

\$55,000 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 \$50,000 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 508-747-8281 or Jeff.Berger@skymed.com. Include your phone number and time zone so we can call back and get all your questions answered. We can also take your application by phone in roughly 10 minutes.

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8. WINTER WEATHER IS HERE: What To Do If Your Flight is Canceled or Delayed...

What should you do if your flight is canceled or delayed? This [article](#) gives you answers.

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9. Where to Find SXM / Tropical Weather Updates

If you're interested in knowing what the latest watches and warnings are from the National Hurricane Center and from authorities like Rob Lightbown, one of the foremost go-to experts in hurricane forecasting in the USA, see www.crownweather.com and subscribe to his inexpensive year-round forecasting service which tells you everything you need to know about tropical weather and your local severe weather forecasts year 'round..

Check out the hurricane/weather center in our main SXM website, www.everythingSXM.com. The site contains a weather/hurricane center which publishes all the latest watches and warnings for all storms around the clock, even if there are multiple storms being watched simultaneously. We are finishing an upgrade of that site to include more satellite images, radar loops, and other useful tropical weather information. You can get to our Weather Center by going to www.everythingSXM.com and clicking the weather link in our horizontal navigation bar. 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 FIVE sources of current SXM weather info:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather Center / Hurricane Center" at www.everythingsxm.com -- it has current satellite images and radar loops 24/7/365 and now all the latest NHC weather forecasts, outlooks, and advisories as well. There are now also active weather widgets on the site's home page. *That page also includes real-time or near-real-time satellite images and radar loops.*
- 3) Our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) publishes the latest advisories, watches, and warnings when SXM is threatened by any storms.
- 4) **On or off the island, listen to Island 92** -- 91.9FM or see www.island92.com. They report island warnings at once so you'll know exactly what's going on. You can listen on the web anytime through live streaming.
- 5) For a quick look at weather radar exactly where you are or where you're going, try the My Radar phone app or My Radar for Windows -- excellent programs.

N. B.: *Again...Never rely on any website if you're in the path of a storm; always heed warnings from local authorities.*

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

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This major news story is in our Island News section, below; see all the details there.

11. NEW: The Ultimate Guide to Relocation in SXM

Moving to Sint Maarten: The Ultimate Guide

Discover everything you need to know about relocating to the stunning island of Sint Maarten with this comprehensive new guide. From how to obtain residency to the best neighborhoods, lifestyle, and culture, we've got you covered.

[Use this link](#) to access the Ultimate Guide

12. Where to Rent a Beach Villa for Your Family

Some people decide to look at AirBnB or other villa rental outfits online. We have two very different suggestions.

First, a timeshare condo may be all you need. See the next article. We have hundreds of timeshares for rent and for sale on our main site, everythingxsm.com. You rent directly from timeshare owners who are members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program -- not strangers.

Second, if you still want a villa, we strongly suggest you contact the people who know the island best -- the Realtors listed below in this section. They actually know the properties they're renting and their owners. That's an enormous difference.

See the stories below for all the info you need.

13. Hundreds of Timeshare Condos For Rent / Sale Directly From Owners Available Now on Our Main Site

Updated again recently, our hundreds of listings of timeshare condominiums for rent and for sale come directly from SXM timeshare owners; you'll find them on our main SXM site, www.everythingsxm.com, which was extensively updated a couple of weeks ago, after our server migration completed. There are no middlemen or other third parties involved in the sale of these units, so you will talk directly with the owner who is personally responsible for setting the rental or sale fees. The link to our timeshare listings is just below the masthead in our main SXM site, everythingSXM.com.

14. Why Our Rental Ads are Different - And Superior

There are many places where you can find ads for timeshares for rent — however, we only know one exactly like

ours. *What makes us different is what makes us remarkable — and desirable. We accept ads only from members of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program.* Consequently, our member database contains info about these individuals — we know who they are. They routinely exchange their detailed contact information with buyers during the course of the rental process.

By contrast, many people place ads in various online locations anonymously (we don't allow that on our site). So if you buy from rental/sales sites other than ours, you are essentially buying from strangers.

Our information about timeshare owners is private — it is never sold or bartered to anyone. The only exception would be police exercising a warrant (for example, FBI seeking out cyber criminals among timeshare rental advertisers). We are happy to report we have never had any such request from any police organization since we first started publishing timeshare rental and sale ads in 2002. So, you can rent with confidence that you will get exactly what you are looking for.

You will find all our ads on www.everythingSXM.com, our main SXM website.

15. Looking for a Private Condo or Villa in SXM? Our Everything SXM Facebook Group Brings You SXM's Top Realtors

If you're looking to rent a privately owned condominium or villa on SXM, see our listings of the top SXM realtors in the Files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). This week that list also appears in the next story.

16. Best 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 **#Blue Paradise Real Estate Agency** Owner/Broker of Blue Paradise Real Estate company. +590 690 22 18 22 blueparadiserealestate@gmail.com

[GoBeach Vacations](#)

[Sunshine Properties](#)

Villa Acropole:

www.acropole-stmartin.com

Villa Steel Magnolias (new 1/22)

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

Villa Kimon

Daffodil Villa

A more comprehensive list appears in the Files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), under Sponsors.

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17. 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 current, active members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program. This is effective immediately and includes weeks from 2023 and now 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. All the details you need are there. Processing takes several days. You can contact Membership Services at jmbcomms@gmail.com.

18. 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.

19. SkyMed TRAVEL Guarantees Big-Time Savings on Hotels, Cruises, Car Rentals

We're now giving JMB Website Supporters members and *SXM Weekly News* readers access to a private, "members only" travel wholesale club that offers incredible prices not only on airfares but on travel reservations and packages worldwide.

SkyMed Travel offers exceptional pricing on everything and almost invariably beats everyone else's pricing. We have found their pricing excellent across the board and their 15% low rate guarantee on hotels and car rentals is real news.

Normally, SkyMed Travel charges \$99 to join plus \$99 annual renewals. But for our JMB Website Supporters members and now for Weekly News readers, the cost to join is zero as will be the cost for renewals. Join the

Club by going to <https://www.skymedtravel.com/register>, sign up, and provide the requested information. Complete the first sign up item (SkyMed Membership Number or Representative ID) by entering the code 391330; doing that ensures that you pay nothing for your SkyMed Travel Club membership. No code, no free entry to the club's phenomenal pricing. *If you are a SkyMed Member, however, enter your SkyMed Membership Number there to get the absolute greatest possible discounts.*

You won't be disappointed.

Not a SkyMed member? Learn more about it at www.skymed.com/jmb, then call us with questions or to sign up. Call 508-747-8281; don't forget to tell us your time zone. Thanks.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

20. Heads Up Concerning Full Updates Underway Now on Our Passworded "Secret Site" for JMB Website Supporters Members

Our Everything SXM passworded "Secret" Website for members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program is now live on our new server. Every page of the Secret Site is being given a final close edit & update now, a process we expect to complete by *roughly* later this month. It's our top priority. You may encounter some older pages (not current) until we finish this process.

21. Newly Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters Discounts and SkyMed Medevac Sales Inquiries (UPDATED 11/18/23)

Updated Contact Information for Everything SXM / JMB Communications / JMB Website Supporters Membership Services and SkyMed Sales:

Because of volume, email is not the best way to reach us. Here's what's best: First, a Suggestion: **Get the free WhatsApp app.** It lets you make free phone calls (including video calls) worldwide and send free texts, all for zero cost. It is very widely used around the world.

1. **SkyMed Answers to Questions or to Sign Up by Phone:** If you're interested in learning more about SkyMed, contact Jeff Berger at jeff.berger@skymed.com. Leave your phone number and time zone and he'll return your call. SkyMed is sold only to Americans, Canadians, and xPats. **If you prefer, phone Jeff at 508-747-8281 and leave a message. (Updated 4/17/23.)**
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 508-747-8281.
3. **Our new email is jmbcomms@gmail.com; use it freely for JMB Website Supporters membership questions.** Thank you.

SECTION 4: Island News, Info, & Features

22. PREVENT MEDICAL BANKRUPTCY -- Get SKYMED Global "Ultimate" Medevac Protection for \$1.64/day (Cheaper Than a Cup of Coffee):

Only \$1.64/day - *LESS THAN A CUP OF COFFEE* -- gets you global SKYMED MEDEVAC protection for virtually all your upcoming trips -- and it protects you AT HOME, too.

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

For info see the links below, and for answers to questions or to sign up by phone call 508-747-8281 or email jeff.berger@skymed.com. NOTE: My prices for SkyMed's best ULTIMATE 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.**

23. THE FULL SKYMED STORY: What SkyMed Medevac Protection Is, Where & How It Works, and More

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 otherwise cost non-SkyMed members \$50,000 and up payable in cash, in advance. Why risk that? Of course, you must get 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 in the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean - plus an additional suite of 26 services to help you in most of the rest of the world. They are offered in monthly-pay (minimum payment period two years), three-year, and five-year versions -- the five-year delivers the lowest cost per day available for Ultimate memberships (about \$1.64).

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 508-747-8281 for answers to questions or to sign up. When you call us directly, we get credit for the sale. You can also email us directly through SkyMed at jeff.berger@skymed.com.

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

When and Where SkyMed Protects You:

Basic SkyMed short-term and annual memberships protect you throughout the USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the Caribbean. In that SkyMed universe, SkyMed *Takes You Home*® when you become critically ill or injured. Optional protection covering most of the rest of the world (those 26 additional Ultimate global services mentioned above) 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: \$18/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 \$18/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 \$12/day per individual, or a maximum of \$15/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. This is KEY: SkyMed annual and multiyear memberships are guaranteed renewable, regardless of advancing age or declining health - and they are also price guaranteed forever -- your price will not go up as long as you renew your membership on time.** 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 \$18/day per family for short-term coverage -- it's now 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, including AT HOME.** 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 508-747-8281 or email jeff.berger@skymed.com. That's a direct line to Jeff Berger. *Updated 5/8/23.*

***Final Word About 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 -- *plus another suite of 26 services around the world*. 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 office line, 508-747-8281. Or email me at jeff.berger@skymed.com (SkyMed inquiries only please). When contacting us **PLEASE** include your phone number, time zone, and email address.

--Jeff Berger
5/8/23

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 months as many of you have decided to resume normal worldwide travel, you've asked us for examples of what SkyMed does.* Here you go:

For answers to questions or to sign up, email me at jeff.berger@skymed.com or call me at 508-747-8281. Open to Americans & Canadians & xPats only. Based in Scottsdale, Arizona, for the last 34+ 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 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 508-747-8281 and leave your name, phone number, and time zone. Jeff will call back at a mutually convenient time and answer all your questions. He can also take your application by phone in about 10 minutes. *You're eligible to apply regardless of your age or health if you are a U.S. or Canadian citizen or an American or Canadian ExPat living in SXM or certain other countries.*

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

Thanks for reading this.

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25. ===Heads Up Re: Vacation-Ruining Slips & Falls=====

Slips and falls -- always unexpected-- often cause broken hips or broken legs on vacations, cruises, and business travel -- suddenly necessitating an emergency medical evacuation costing at least \$55,000, payable in cash in advance before anything happens.

Got a spare \$55,000 ready for a sudden medical emergency?

For \$1.64/day, SkyMed TAKES YOU HOME® when you become seriously or critically ill or injured while traveling. Don't risk \$50K or more ripped from your life savings. Call today for answers to questions, more details, or to sign up: Jeff Berger, SkyMed Ambassador, 508-591-3483.

[\$1.64/day is for SkyMed's guaranteed-renewable-for-life, price-guaranteed-forever annual memberships and its five-year Ultimate memberships; Ultimates provide services around the world. Call us today to learn more.]

26. SkyMed Welcomes All Couples, Singles to Apply

SkyMed, the medical evacuation membership company, has always welcomed all couples / partners as well as singles to apply for memberships. Family memberships offer significant savings over single memberships. For details on what SkyMed offers, call, text, or email SkyMed Ambassador Jeff Berger at 508-591-3483 or jeff.berger@skymed.com.

27. Make Sure Your SKYMED Membership Is Serviced Directly by SkyMed Rep / Ambassador Jeff Berger

Jeff Berger is the long-time Sky Med "Ambassador" serving thousands of Americans and Canadians who visit the Caribbean, Europe, and other destinations around the clock, around the world. The best way to learn more about SkyMed, get your questions answered, and apply is by phone with Jeff. You can arrange this directly by emailing, texting, or phoning him at jeff.berger@skymed.com and 508-591-3483 (also accepts texts). People using the 100% free WhatsApp program can also call or text Jeff via WhatsApp at 721-588-4188. SkyMed is Arizona-based and Jeff's office is in Massachusetts.

N. B.: If you signed up for SkyMed online instead of directly with Jeff, he may not be your servicing rep. To remedy that, call SkyMed toll free at 1-800-475-9633 and ask for Member Services. They can make sure your membership is transferred to Jeff Berger for management; he is rep number 391330. SkyMed never closes, but their business office operates regular hours and works on Mountain Standard Time year-round.

28. Enter Our Newly Expanded 7 SXM VACATION Giveaway; Where The Vacations Are & How to Enter

Our **EXPANDED 7-SXM VACATION GIVEAWAY** - Complete prize list and how to enter!

Revised 1/6/23

For SXM WEEKLY NEWS DIRECT (Not Pass-Along) SUBSCRIBERS EXCLUSIVELY, & JMB Website Supporters Members!

All prizes are subject to reasonable limitations for dollar value and availability from the businesses providing them. No purchase necessary to win.

UPDATED 12/4/23

IMPORTANT NOTE TO ALL READERS:

Our still-underway server migration (see story above) temporarily prevented some SXM Weekly News Subscribers from entering the giveaway. The migration has progressed as planned and the entry system is usually operating perfectly. Read the prize list and you should be able to enter now through the link in this story. If you have any issues, try again tomorrow, when another phase of our Migration will have been completed.

Our 7 SXM vacation giveaways are:

Azure Hotel & Art Studio;
Belair Beach Hotel;
Cocovaa Beach Resort (formerly El Zafiro);

Colony Manor Golden Daze beach villa;
Mary's Boon Beach Resort;
Orient Beach Hotel; and
Simpson Bay Resort.

Dinners for Two:

Amore American Italian, Simpson Bay;
Bamboo House, Cole Bay;
Bistrot Caraibes, Grand Case;
Bold Buddha Restaurant, Philipsburg (Boardwalk);
Emilio's Restaurant, Philipsburg, at Rainforest Adventures;
Freedom Fighters' Ital Shack, Philipsburg, Vegetarian/Rastafarian Cuisine;
IZI Ristorante Italiano, Simpson Bay;
Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine, Simpson Bay (\$120
limit, drinks included);
La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza;
Mario's Bistro, Cupecoy;
Roma Cucina Italiana, Oasis at Maho;
The Chef's Table, Simpson Bay;
Secret Seafood, Simpson Bay;
Topper's Restaurant, Simpson Bay;
Vesna Taverna, Simpson Bay

Car Rental for our Grand Prize Winner:

Leisure Car Rental

**Concierge Services (to expedite your trip through
SXM Airport, arriving or departing)**

Xcellence Concierge Services

Deep-Sea Fishing Charter (Half Day)

Taylor-Made Charters, Simpson Bay (Capt. Dougie)

French Bakery

La Sucriere French Bakery, Simpson Bay (Gift Certificate)

Gelateria – Ice Cream

Topper's Gelateria – Two Big Full Hand-Packed QUARTS of
their amazing homemade ice cream

Jewelry Prizes:

Caribbean Gems
Majesty Jewelers
Oro Diamante
Ray's Jewelry
Shoppers Haven (\$250 Gift Certificate for fine jewelry)
Zhaveri Jewelers

MAPS - SXM MAPS

Our two top prize-winners will each receive the SXM street map
from **Kasprowski Publisher** AND their map of the entire Caribbean.
See more at www.midok.com . Also available on Amazon.

Massage Services

Patty Healing Hands; Patty goes to your location.

Media Recognition:

The Grand Prize winner will be invited to appear with
“Dr. Soc” on Island 92 radio during their visit. She or
he (first name and last initial only) will also be the
subject of a news release to local media from our
parent company JMB Communications of Plymouth
Massachusetts.

Parfumerie – Tijon Parfumerie

Perfume-Making class for two!

Rum Distillery Topper's Rhum Distillery,

Simpson Bay, Tour & Free Samples

T-Shirts - Life is Good

\$100 Gift Certificate at the Front Street

Life is Good Store

If you are a direct subscriber to *SXM Weekly News* (NOT a passalong reader), you qualify to enter the giveaway. Subscriptions are free, as always; subscribe at sxmweeklynews.com. Grand prize and First prize winners will each get separate Dinner & Jewelry prizes.

Enter [here](#). (Best time to enter would be late this evening.)

NOTE: In March we plan to announce yet another giveaway -- it will be JEWELRY ONLY.....

29. We Welcome Your Comments on Our Stories; How & Where to Comment

If you ever have comments on any stories published here in *SXM Weekly News*, please post them in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), to which many *Weekly News* readers also belong. We welcome your comments.

30. Mr. Busby's Beach Bar / Daniel's by the Sea / Great House Etc. Properties Sold: Who's Buying & What They're Planning

The near-legendary **Mr. Busby's Beach Bar, Daniel's by the Sea Classic Italian Restaurant, the Great House apartments, Pier Grocer, Rotisserie Chicken, Island Pizza, and an excursion boat pier in Oyster Pond / Dawn Beach**, all were owned by a couple who lived in the Great House for decades. That empire was completely destroyed by hurricane Irma in September, 2017. Giant waves washed away most of it, the Great House roof collapsed, and the first floor apartment became a skeleton. At the end of the storm, a sailboat was perched on top of what was left of Pier Grocer. On the second floor of the Great House, giant waves on top of a huge storm surge threw the kitchen refrigerator in front of the door that separated the kitchen, which had overlooked the Caribbean, from the living room, where the owners and others survived, wondering what was going to happen next.

The owners have since very sadly passed away, and the ruins of their empire here were demolished within several weeks after the storm. A "For Sale" sign was later placed on the property -- and now it has a **SOLD** sign as we posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

A source tells *SXM Weekly News* that the property has now been sold to an "Italian Yacht company" that "plans to build condos and a Marina for Yachts." Transfer details are now being ironed out. No information is yet available on when construction may begin. When we see artists renderings of this future property we will publish them in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

We wish the new owners well, though clearly thousands of people dearly miss the Busby properties...

31. "Jimbo" and NOLA Part Company

James "Jimbo" Morris on Saturday morning posted this simple note on his social media site: "This note is to inform you

that I am no longer associated with NOLA Bayou Bistro. I wish them much success. -*Jimbo*"

We spoke privately with Jimbo on Saturday and he is doing fine. His minions have always been fiercely loyal. We will stay in touch. When Jimbo has had a chance to relax a bit and contemplate the future, we know he will want to communicate that...and you can expect us to help him do that.

Meanwhile we wish him continued good health and tranquility!

32. Now 36 Years Old, La Rosa Ristorante Inventing New Ways to Keep Customers Happy

At age 36, La Rosa Restaurant in Maho is older than some of its servers. To survive for 36 years, La Rosa must be doing something right -- and they are.

Getting There: Thanks to condo construction in the previously undeveloped plaza next door to their building, you can't see La Rosa from Rhine Road, the main drag through Maho. **No worries:** just turn right after the pharmacy (toward Pelican Key), and immediately turn right again at the medical clinic. Pass the clinic and bear right at the end; you will quickly see La Rosa on the right. **Free valet parking** makes things fast and easy. Their beautiful air conditioned interior with pleasant music in the background brings you classic Italian dining with great service and an attentive kitchen; you get what you request. The food is excellent, scrupulously fresh, and attractively presented. The restaurant is also very consistent -- something you can depend on. When you're ready to leave, your car will be brought up quickly.

We went Friday night and the restaurant was busy but not noisy - good soundproofing.

If you have not been here lately, it's time -- the construction nearby isn't interfering at all with this long-time landmark restaurant. Say hi to owner Ricky Castillo for us.

33. FIVE Big Changes Coming to SXM Restaurant Scene

The count keeps rising. Here are early details:

1. & 2: **Two very prominent SXM restaurants**, one in Grand Case and the other in Simpson Bay, are expected to change hands this year. To honor the privacy of the owners, we will keep their names private until the next steps have been formally announced by the respective owners (in one case, that will happen in the next few days).
3. You already know about the situation between **Jimbo and NOLA Bayou Bistro** -- Jimbo has left NOLA, as we reported above.
4. You also have already read (above) about the **Mr. Busby properties**, which we're counting as one restaurant for the purposes of this report.
5. At another prominent, major bar/restaurant property, servers are telling customers at **Roxy** that the property is being sold and will close in April, after the current high season ends. Word is that the property has been sold and that a very upscale new condo development is expected to be constructed there by the same people who built Fourteen in Cupecoy and The Hills in Simpson Bay. The property is required to be 15 stories or less, to meet requirements set by nearby SXM Airport.

We will keep you posted about all these properties.

34. 25 Best Caribbean Beach Bars List Includes Several from SXM

This [Caribbean Journal list](#) is cumbersome to read, but you will find some places listed that are here in SXM.

35. "ORCA" Seen off SXM; Video on Our Facebook Site

Please visit our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and use the site search icon for "Orca"; you will find the video which also explains where the migratory Orcas were seen (not far off the coast of SXM).

36. Passport Renewals: How Long They're Taking and How to Renew Yours

Please visit our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and after using the site search icon (magnifying glass), you will find posts showing that it is taking just a few weeks for the Dept. of State to return *expedited* passport renewals, and up to several weeks for non-expedited renewals. Although this is the best turnaround speed in years, please understand that external conditions can affect turnaround time at any time -- so allow plenty of time to be sure you have your new passports when you need them. You'll also find more info about passport processing in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

37. For Valentine's Day, Set Up a Vacation in SXM -- Here are Gift Certificate Ideas

Most jewelry stores offer Gift Certificates. So if you want to get your better half something that they can leverage to get exactly what they want, this is an ideal solution. Many restaurants also offer them.

You can also get Nail salon (plus pedicures, manicures, and more) Gift Certificates from Lidy at [Georgina's Nails](#), and massage gift certificates from [Patty Healing Hands](#), the official Massage Therapist of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

Note this too: SXM's preeminent French pastry shop, [La Sucriere](#) in Simpson Bay, offers Gift Certificates for Valentine's Day and year-round. Now this is one very sweet gift idea...

38. Restaurant Reservations Essential During High Season; Why Not Getting Them Wastes Everyone's Time

SXM is very busy now since it is the height of high season. Decide where you want to dine several days ahead -- then confirm your plans by making reservations. Going from place to place hoping for availability without reservations wastes your time and that of the restaurant staff, which is busy serving customers. Phoning during their busiest hours may also be a waste of time...the busiest places are all serving customers and may ignore the phone when they're that busy. Call when they first open (usually 5-6 pm) to make reservations at least a few days ahead.

39. SIMPSON BAY RESTAURANT FOR SALE:

SIMPSON BAY RESTAURANT FOR SALE -- 100 seats (inside and covered terrace), award-winning, great reputation, everything in like-new condition, off-street parking, experienced staff. \$395K (negotiable) and \$5K monthly rent. Contact sxmrestaurantforsale@hotmail.com and INCLUDE YOUR PHONE NUMBER, owner will return your call. NO REALTORS. Location: Welfare Road, Simpson Bay.

40. JEWELER OF THE WEEK: Ray's Jewelers

Ray's Jewelry: Crafting Elegance, Embracing Family

In the heart of our city, where tradition meets innovation, Ray's Jewelry has been a gleaming gem since its founding in 1987 by the visionary couple Kamlesh Jandial and his wife Prabha. What began as a dream to create exquisite, one-of-a-kind pieces has blossomed into a family-owned and operated boutique that not only dazzles with its high couture jewelry but also resonates with the warmth of familial bonds.

Kamlesh and Prabha's journey into the world of jewelry began with a shared passion for artistry. In 1987, they transformed that passion into a reality by establishing Ray's Jewelry. The boutique's name, Ray's, reflects the radiant light that each meticulously crafted piece emits, symbolizing the brilliance and uniqueness embedded in every creation.

In 1999, the family legacy took a new turn with the entry of their son, Stephen. Armed with a fresh perspective and a keen eye for evolving trends, Stephen added a contemporary touch to Ray's Jewelry. Not long after, the family expanded as Stephen's wife, Monisha, joined the business, bringing her unique insights and contributing to the boutique's growth after their marriage.

Ray's Jewelry stands out not only for its family roots but also for its commitment to high couture jewelry and exclusive designs. The boutique serves as a haven for those seeking pieces that go beyond the ordinary, offering a curated selection that remains unparalleled. Each creation is a masterpiece, a fusion of tradition and innovation that sets Ray's Jewelry apart in the competitive world of fine jewelry.

Integral to the success and enduring charm of Ray's Jewelry are the dedicated employees who have become an extended part of the Jandial family. Many of these artisans and staff members have been with the boutique for decades, witnessing its evolution and contributing to its legacy. Their loyalty and expertise make them an essential thread in the intricate tapestry of Ray's Jewelry.

The familial atmosphere within the boutique is not just a façade but a lived reality. Employees at Ray's Jewelry are more than colleagues; they are considered family members. This sense of belonging and shared commitment fosters a workplace culture that is both nurturing and productive. These dedicated individuals are not just employees; they are storytellers and craftsmen, each contributing their unique touch to the creation of timeless treasures. Their wealth of experience ensures that the traditional craftsmanship synonymous with Ray's Jewelry is not lost but rather enhanced and refined with each passing year.

As clients step into Ray's Jewelry, they are not merely entering a store; they are entering a space filled with the warmth of familial connections and the passion of skilled artisans. The personal touch, attention to detail, and genuine love for the craft create an unparalleled shopping experience. Customers become part of the extended Ray's Jewelry family, forging relationships that go beyond transactions.

In conclusion, Ray's Jewelry isn't just a boutique; it's a testament to the enduring power of family, tradition, and passionate craftsmanship. With Kamlesh, Prabha, Stephen, Monisha, and their dedicated employees working harmoniously, Ray's Jewelry continues to shine as a beacon of elegance and familial warmth, captivating generations and leaving an indelible mark on the world of high couture jewelry.

Previously featured in this series:

- 1) **Caribbean Gems** (Manu, Neelam, & Krish Budhrani)
- 2) **Oro Diamante** (Raju & Jenny Budhrani)
- 3) **Zhaveri Luxury** (Deepu Budhrani)
- 4) **Shoppers Haven** (Vishnu Thadhani)
- 5) **Majesty Jewelers** (Ashok Aswani)
- 6) **Royal Jewelers** (Vince and Rakhee Sakhrani)

Next week: Stay tuned.

41. Restaurant of the Week:

We returned to Marco Ferrante's ROMA at Oasis at Maho this past weekend for the first time on this trip. Make reservations or you will likely be turned away; this restaurant is consistently busy. We enjoyed the pistachio/cranberry salmon on this trip, perfectly cooked with an artistic presentation. Ilene got a large portion of her favorite vegetables and HOT hot sauce (bring over an extra bottle of cold San Pelligrino, please). Nice selection of desserts, so save room. ROMA is highly recommended.

Next week: Another fine SXM restaurant.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

ROMA at Oasis, Maho, (featured 1/8/24) offers Italian Fine Dining (and authentic brick oven pizza) 7 days a week. Reservations are essential during high season since ROMA is busy every night. Led by Italian-born chef Marco Ferrante, the restaurant is busy, the staff is attentive, and the food is outstanding. Convenient valet parking at Casino Royale next door. Highly recommended.

Secret Seafood (featured 1/1/24) on Simpson Bay Road a few hundred feet north of the Simpson Bay police station right on Simpson Bay Beach, has a huge lobster tank (hundreds are looking forward to meeting you) plus a spectrum of fish freshly caught in local waters by owner Keith Joseph's own boats. Excellent food, great service, generous portions, and very reasonable prices. See their site [here](#).

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, (featured 1/1/24): Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Emilio's at the Emilio Wilson Estate, Dutch Side, <https://emilios-sxm.com/>. [Featured 12/25/23] 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. Absolutely NOT to be missed!

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnasxm.com (featured 12/16/23). Now open every day but Monday for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining, excellent service, unpretentious setting.

Dany's Smooth Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road Northwest toward Shore Pointe and turn left before Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 12/11/2023) Parking, drinks, great lolo food, camaraderie, chairs and umbrellas, and an all-over tan on this traditionally clothing-optional beach. What could possibly be better? *It's our favorite beach on the entire island -- and the famous Lemondroppers arrive in early January and stick around until mid February. Come and meet them and enjoy Dany's....*

Bamboo House (12/4/23), 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.

More: <https://www.bamboohouse-sxm.com/>

LaPlaj Beach Bar at La Samanna Resort, a Belmond Hotel (featured 11/27/23)

<https://www.belmond.com/hotels/north-america/caribbean/st-martin/belmond-la-samanna/dining>: Extraordinary service, an innovative and creatively superior menu, and a gorgeous setting on the Caribbean are the reasons for going. This is an unparalleled experience, with a fine dining version of a beach bar. Great place. Call for reservations.

Mario's Bistro at the Cliff www.mariobistrot.com/en/ (featured 11/20/23) 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.

L'Oursin Restaurant at La Samanna, a Belmond Hotel: Truly extraordinary fine-dining dining under the watchful eye of master Chef Dino Jagtiani. Collaborating with top Caribbean Chefs, L'Oursin delivers a thoroughly memorable panoply of flavors, aromas, and textures -- and the presentation is truly artistic and photo-worthy. Orders of magnitude beyond ordinary deliciousness! Reservations are essential: **+590 590 87 64 00. (featured 11/13/23)**

The French Touch on Old Street, off Front Street in central Philipsburg (featured 11/6/23). Great breakfasts and lunches in a quiet, attractive setting. Very reasonable prices, substantial menu. Under the direction of Jean-Pierre, formerly head of Antoine. **We loved it...**

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izisxm.com (featured 11/1/23). 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.**

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 10/23/23) 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.

Freedom Fighters Ital Shack (featured 10/16/23) is a unique vegan restaurant that delivers freshness beyond what you might expect. If you're looking for dining that is tantalizing, healthy, memorable, satisfying, and totally unique on SXM, this is your place. Highly recommended. More: www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant

The Chef Table (featured 7/31/23), is the new restaurant from award-winning chef Wendell Laurence. Located across the street in Simpson Bay from The Mailbox, it has just opened, and it offers a spectrum of culinary delights aimed at satisfying the most demanding set of taste buds. Chef Wendell has been serving delightful dishes across SXM for more than 15 years and this is his first time as an owner. See much for information and pictures in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). Highly recommended.

The Coffee Lounge, (featured 6/5/23) 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.

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 5/22/23) 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.

Jai's Contemporary Fusion Cuisine (featured 3/20/23), **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>

Emilio's at the Emilio Wilson Estate, Dutch Side, <https://emilios-sxm.com/> . [Featured 3/6/23] 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.

Amore American/Italian Restaurant and Amore Lounge, Simpson Bay on the first floor of the Avantika building, Puerta del Sol. Highly recommended. Opened late February, 2023. Their [website](#) is now up. **Go!**

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>

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.

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

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.

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.

Topper's <http://www.sxmtoppers.com/> (featured 10/11/21) One of SXM's oldest and busiest restaurants, now in a beautiful new over-water setting at the Carousel building on Simpson Bay lagoon. Lunch, dinner, and late dining. Karaoke. Co-located with Toppers Rhum Distillery so have some rum (rhum is the French spelling) and rum cake when you dine. Open until late night. Sports on TV. From cops to billionaires, everyone loves Toppers.

Blue Bitch Bar www.bluebitchbar.com, formerly Taloula Mango's Blue Bitch Bar, is THE bar/restaurant to visit on the Boardwalk in Philipsburg. (featured 8/9/21) Great open-air atmosphere, outdoor dining/drinking, entertainment. Their menu is extensive with excellent food, fun atmosphere, and beautiful ocean views. Located on the beach, at the Boardwalk....

Pure Ocean Restaurant at Divi Little Bay Resort, Dutch side (featured 3/1/21) Fine new beachside restaurant serving breakfast, lunch, and fine dining dinners. Excellent choices for everyone, innovative menu, beautiful presentation, and downright delicious. Great #Caribbean ambiance on their open-air beachside deck. Attentive service and responsive staff.

Enigma C3 luxury Catamaran, www.sailstmaarten.com (featured 8/7/17). Neil's new boat is as big as Celine Too was and it has now entered service. Neil is known for amazing cooking on board his boats.

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

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42. 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.

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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 now have over 36,000 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.

45. Important Updated Contact Information for Everything SXM / JMB Communications / JMB Website Supporters Membership Services and SkyMed Sales (UPDATED 4/17):

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.

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48. 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 will soon be thoroughly updated (we're several months behind). Each week's newsletter is usually added within a few days after mailing of that issue to its subscribers completes (Monday). We do have some catching up to do...

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

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

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

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[Click to access our recommended real estate agent, Arun Jagtiani, featured on HGTV.](#)

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SECTION 5: For Members Only

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

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

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

See www.everythingsxm.com.

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