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RENTAL 11/27/2021 12/4/2021 48 Divi Little Bay The Divi was renovated in 2019. Our totally refreshed deluxe one bedroom villa offers two balconies, fully equipped kitchen, washer/dryer, two bathrooms, free toiletries, towels, linens, iron, radio, hairdryer, ceiling fan, iPod dock, DVD player, outdoor patio furniture/dining area. Bedroom features a king bed and queen sleeper sofa, a safe and a jacuzzi tub. Suite includes queen sleeper sofa in the living room, Internet access, two 49-inch LED TVs, DVD player and provides an unparalleled view of the ocean and the beautiful Caribbean sunrises/sunsets. The new "pureocean" pool complex has multiple pools that spill into one another, all with an ocean view, including waterfalls, a central fire pit and a large hot tub, a new bar and other amenities. 1500 Melissa 2039219395 myssc@aol.com

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

SXM Timeshare Sale of The Week:

SALE 1/1/2022 1/22/2022 Week 1,2,3 **Diamond Flamingo Beach Resort** Ocean and beach front studios. Full kitchen and bath. Sleeps 4. Balconies facing ocean. \$1500 per week or all three for \$3000 Joan 203-858-1700 jcalocca1@gmail.com

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GETTING HERE:

1. 16 Flights Saturday as SXM Gets Busier & Busier

SXM is typically very busy for Thanksgiving, when thousands of Americans are on the island looking for places here to enjoy a great traditional Thanksgiving dinner.

Or not.

This past Saturday, some 16 flights by international airlines were scheduled to land here in SXM, including a make-up Air France flight, eclipsing the prior Saturday's flights by two — also a busy Saturday.

Thanksgiving week also typically sees the arrival of many more megayachts (see story 26) as hurricane season officially ends. Resorts are typically sold out and restaurants require advance reservations — especially those serving Thanksgiving lunches / dinners; (see story 28).

It continues to look like this coming season will be the busiest here in years.

Got your reservations yet?

2. Fulfilling "Entry Requirements" Way Easier Now for Almost All

SXM Visitors

It appears that the vast majority of SXM visitors from the US have been fully vaccinated, which means they have no need to get Covid tested before coming to SXM. For more on this, see our [Guide to Entry Requirements](#) in our Everything SXM Facebook Group.

As a result, it is much easier for them to qualify for preapproval to visit SXM than had been the case before the beginning of this month, when everyone had to be tested regardless of vaccination status. People commenting in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) are saying that it's significantly faster now to get preapprovals after going through the EHAS site — extremely good news.

See our Guide to Entry Requirements; it will help you get through the preapproval process quickly. More on it is in the next story.

3. Our Completely New "Guide to Entry Requirements" Reflects Simpler, Easier Visitor Entry to SXM

As noted in the first story in this section, our completely new Guide to Entry Requirements — all new and completely different from the first edition — simplifies SXM Entry Requirements to make it easier for our readers to understand exactly what the island is looking for and to successfully navigate the electronic health authorization system EHAS website, through which visitors to SXM apply for the required preapproval.

To download the new second edition of our Guide to Entry Requirements, *which is free*, go to the files area of our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#); you can get there [through this link](#) if you are a Facebook member. Otherwise, Facebook will prompt you to join, which is free. To join our group, answer the simple vetting questions. Once you go to the files area, search for Entry and you'll be able to download the PDF of our new second edition Guide to Entry Requirements -- or just [go here](#).

*We always urge everyone to download the **Guide to Entry Requirements** directly from our files area, since that area enables you to ensure that you are downloading the latest available version.* We do expect the Dutch side government to make more changes as the Covid Pandemic hopefully continues to wane.

4. About French Side Entry Requirements

French side Entry Requirements were updated effective October 29. If you are fully vaccinated, you simply must meet the same Entry Requirements which already exist for fully vaccinated people going to the Dutch side. If you are not fully vaccinated and are in an orange zone (the French classification) you cannot visit French SXM. French side qualifications in detail are [here](#).

5. United Airlines Orders Supersonic Passenger Jets; Might Some One Day Serve SXM?

United Airlines is showing tremendous confidence in a startup company based in Denver, Colorado, "Boom Supersonic," that is developing new supersonic passenger jet aircraft. Here is the [full story](#) on the United Airlines purchase. The airline has purchased 15 aircraft and has options for up to 50 of the supersonic aircraft. The planes are expected to initially serve flights to Europe.

An [NBC News report on the new airplanes](#) communicates that United Airlines expects these to become normal for flights over long distances, with fares approaching those of current First-Class flights.

There are a couple of interesting aspects to this story.

First, the planes are expected to be carbon neutral — a huge promise requiring much new technology -- and something that was totally impossible with the old technology previously used by British Airways and Air France who flew the Concorde.

Second, this is entirely new technology. The planes will fly at 60,000 feet and are not expected to create any significant noise problems in communities over which they fly.

Might these be used by other airlines for flights between SXM and Europe? Anything can happen....

6. Billionaire's Used 767 Jet for Sale

If you're looking to find a more personal way to get to SXM, you might consider buying a used 767 from a Russian billionaire.

A few years ago, a frequent superbowl-winning NFL team bought a used 767 ER, an aircraft with global capabilities, on the used market for a few million dollars. They re-outfitted it to make it comfortable for team transport.

P4 – MES, otherwise known as the Bandit, is the 767 that is for sale. It's well known to SXM visitors since it is usually here during the winter when its owner, Roman Abramovich, is either in his supermegayacht Eclipse or at his estate in nearby St. Barths.

He may fly the 767 this winter, or he may fly his newer 787 or some other airplane to come here. In any case, the 767 is for sale, and its worth with all the modifications he put into it is estimated to be somewhere around \$150 million. So if you have that much cash laying around and are tired of flying on American, JetBlue, Spirit, Delta, or anybody else, you might want to snap up this deal. We read that the airplane is currently in Monaco if you crave a closer look..

WEATHER:

7. See Our Online Weather / Hurricane Center for the Latest Tropical Forecasts / Developments

Our newly updated **weather/hurricane center** at www.everythingsxm.com delivers current forecasts for up to six storms simultaneously, and it provides all the latest watches and warnings for all storms as well as satellite images, radar images, and radar loops.

Whenever anything happens that may directly impact SXM, you'll see it covered in near real time in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). If the island is threatened at any time by any major tropical weather systems, we will also send a bulletin to all of our **JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program** members advising them of that situation.

We also highly recommend that if you live on the US East or Gulf Coast or in the Canadian Maritimes or in SXM, you seriously consider subscribing to Rob Lighthown's remarkably inexpensive custom weather forecasting service which gives you a heads up on what's happening in the tropics as it affects you personally, your business, your home, and your travels. Although our site (our weather center) tells you a lot, we are journalists and not meteorologists — Rob is a seasoned meteorologist and his direct reports will be highly useful to you for planning how to react when a storm is approaching your area.

We also strongly recommend you always listen to local authorities for any dangerous weather systems that may be approaching your area. Rob's site is www.crownweather.com and it discusses tropical storms, hurricanes, tornadoes, and much more — the best site we know of for key weather information when you really need it.

8. Hurricane Supplies Checklist

If you live or work in any area that is ever faced with any disaster — hurricanes, floods, wildfires, blizzards, etc. — you need to be prepared. The following list was prepared by Florida disaster officials and it is very comprehensive, including many things you may not have thought of. Not everything it lists may be appropriate for everyone, but much that is listed here is very important for most people.

[This document](#) is a downloadable Adobe Acrobat PDF; just click the link and you will have the downloaded Hurricane Supplies Checklist, which you should save and also print out for immediate reference and use.

9. Where to Find Current SXM Weather Info

You'll find detailed observations and forecasts by visiting our main SXM website, www.everythingsxm.com.

Here are four more sources of current weather info:

- 1) [Crown Weather Services](#) whose very inexpensive subscription service is, we feel, the best in the business.
- 2) Our "Weather" page at www.everythingsxm.com -- it has current satellite images and radar loops 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.
- 3) Our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#), which 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 and 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.

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.*

10. Where to Download an Official NHC Hurricane Chart

You can get it right here: [click to download](#).

Or read this:

Years ago, before we were all saturated with weather information from cable TV to local (redundant and repetitive) news and forecasts plus weather updates and bulletins on our smart phones, gas stations and television stations offered printed hurricane tracking charts so people at home could try to figure out for themselves whether they were about to get slammed by the latest hurricane.

We haven't seen hurricane tracking chart handouts for years, but if you want one they are easy to get. The exact charts used by the National Hurricane Center (NHC) are now available for download from the NHC [here](#). Select "Atlantic" and you're good to go. You can print out the chart and use it repeatedly, or simply print a bunch of them and use one for each storm that may approach an area of interest -- like SXM. You might want to print a few of these now and *not* save doing that for later.

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11. 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 any weekday. Thanks..

SECTION 2: Accommodations: Hotels, Resorts, Timeshares, Villas Etc

12. Newest Buildings at Divi Little Bay Moving Closer to Completion

We'll know more soon, but from outward appearances it looks like new buildings at Divi Little Bay beach resort are nearly complete. We're sure some significant work remains to complete the inside of the buildings. We'll be checking with management there to give you the latest information on when these new buildings — which give Divi a huge increase in available rooms — will actually start serving Divi timeshare owners and hotel guests.

13. First Tower at "Fourteen" Project Nears Internal Completion; Second Tower Rising Next Door

The first tower of the Fourteen project has been completed externally, though much work remains inside to make all the units habitable. That's expected to happen, we believe, by later in 2022. Grounds work is also underway around the first 14 tower.

The second tower in this twin-tower project, started earlier this year, continues in construction; you can see it being built in the new Cupecoy's skyline.

Much more on this project can be learned at its website, [here](#). The Towers afford unrivaled panoramic island views.

14. Hundreds of Timeshare Condos Available for Rental / Sale Directly from Timeshare Owners

Our main [Everything SXM site](#) offers hundreds of timeshares for rent and for sale on the site. They're offered exclusively by members of our **JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program** who pay no posting fees or commissions -- so prices are usually excellent. Check it out.

15. Full-Ownership Condo Sales Continue Through the Roof - Who to Contact

See the Realtors in our Sponsors list below; they are the most qualified to help you learn more about and acquire a condo on SXM that meets your specific needs. Also see the story immediately below about BrightPath #Caribbean, a company that can help enormously with required paperwork. They know what they're doing.

16. 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](#).

Please check this link to [BrightPath 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. Ask for Vivian Chamas and let her know you heard about BrightPath through Jeff Berger's *SXM Weekly News*.

17. How To Rent Out Or Sell Your Timeshare Units

If you own timeshare weeks that you would like to rent out or sell on our main everythingSXM.com website, you can do it once you become a member of our JMB Website Supporters island discount program. For all the details, go to our main site, everythingSXM.com and click on timeshare rentals in the navigation bar. You'll find the details about posting there.

For information about joining JMB Website Supporters, click the page curl on all pages of everythingSXM.com. As a member, you will have access to a growing package of about 300 discounts and other benefits including the ability to post up to 10 ads per year in our rental pages at everythingxml.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.

SECTION 3: JMB Member Discounts & Benefits

18. NEWS About JMB Member Discounts / Benefits Updates - Updated Nov. 8, 2021

We are now working to further increase the already huge number of restaurants, jewelry stores, hotels, car rentals, and other businesses offering discounts or other incentives to members of our **JMB Website Supporters SXM Island Discount Program**. As these additions are made, they will be reported in *SXM Weekly News* and will also be noted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

JMB Website Supporters currently offers roughly 300 discounts and other benefits to its thousands of members. We hope to complete the upgrade during the first quarter of 2022.

For more info on what you get with your JMB membership, [go here](#). Please see the next section.

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19. ***Huge SkyMed Sale Must End 12/31:***

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- **WHAT IS SKYMED?**

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 \$35,000 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.

LOW GROUP PRICING:

All of the SkyMed memberships we sell go to either members of our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program, to members of our 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 (contact info below) for details on all of our major-league savings on SkyMed Ultimate multi-year membership prices.

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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 this 2021 sale 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.

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My SkyMed website: <http://www.skymed.com/jmb>. But please call me directly with questions or to sign up

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features; contact me and I can send you full information about features of each type of SkyMed membership. **Ultimate memberships protect you worldwide.** I can answer all your questions by phone in a matter of minutes, and we can also conveniently take your application by phone. Phone us any day at 508-591-3483 (a new number) during daily business hours, 9am to 8pm. That's a direct line to Jeff Berger's office.

- [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. You can also send texts to that 508 line and leave voice messages. Please include your phone number, time zone, callback number, and email address.

--Jeff Berger

20. BLACK FRIDAY IS COMING -- WATCH FOR IT RIGHT HERE NEXT WEEKEND ---

Join Our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program Today: *It Funds SXM Weekly News!* Beat The Price Increase!

This brief email was sent recently to all recipients of SXM Weekly News:

This time of year is our toughest season, when we work long hours making sure we have the latest news – including the latest about tropical cyclones near SXM -- gathered, written, and posted in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and written in detail for each edition of *SXM Weekly News*, along with many other breaking news stories affecting our readers and all SXM tourists.

The cost of producing and distributing SXM Weekly News is paid for through memberships in our JMB Website Supporters Island Discount Program which offers about 300 SXM discounts and other benefits. If you're not a member, we need your help today and we humbly ask you to please become a member today.

Our costs to produce and distribute *SXM Weekly News* are substantial and if you're not already a member of JMB Website Supporters, PLEASE join today to help us continue working for you.

How You Can Help:

To sign up, please visit our main site, [everythingxsm.com](#), and click the page curl at the top of the home page. That takes you to where you can join, helping us continue to produce *SXM Weekly News* ... continue to organize and deliver our complete Weather Center / Hurricane Center on our main site, [everythingxsm.com](#) ... and continue to expand our JMB Website Supporters benefits significantly this Fall in efforts already underway.

Please don't put it off... we do need your help and ask you to join (or renew, if you're already a JMB member) today. Thank you...we've been writing *SXM Weekly News* since 1992 and with your help now, we can keep it going. Please allow several days for processing your new membership or renewal / reinstatement.

.....Here's More Island News.....

21. French Side Prefet Moves to Improve Situation in French Quarter & Sandy Ground...

Things on the French side seem to be getting better. For those who have not been monitoring *SXM Weekly News* or our *Everything SXM Facebook Group*, a news and information portal about the island, there have been demonstrations recently in both Sandy ground and French quarter that blocked some roads in both areas. Access to the French side continued to be possible thanks to the Causeway and free travel through Marigot, which is how most people destined for Orient beach have reached that area over the last couple of weeks.

The sides are meeting and progress seems to be happening. The first news reported about recent closed-door meetings between the Préfet, the representative of the French state, and the dissidents led to [this story](#) last week in the

SXM Daily Herald.

The dissidents have had multiple complaints, many of them legitimate in the opinion of many. Two stated that the French quarter area had no post office and no police in the area since hurricane Irma had hit — both true. Since this meeting, where the Préfet had promised to remedy those issues, he has made good on those promises, announcing the reopening of a gendarmerie post in French Quarter (moved from Hope Estate) and the reopening of the long-since closed post office there. The move of the gendarmes should also help ensure more secure road access through French quarter.

We will continue watching this situation including all of the concerns of the dissidents and how the French side government is responding to them.

But for now, what at one point seem to be something of an impasse appears to be clearly moving in a positive direction.

22. Tourists Should Continue to Avoid Traveling Through Sandy Ground in Any Direction

Despite the fact that the situation in French quarter appears to be improving, we've seen no clear indication of any meaningful positive change in the Sandy ground area. For that reason, and out of an abundance of caution, we continue to recommend tourist on SXM avoid going through Sandy ground in any direction.

If you're heading toward Nettle Bay or the French lowlands, get there by going over the French side border beyond Mullet Bay and Cupecoy beach — and don't venture east of Nettle Bay, which is where Sandy ground is..

If you have any questions about access, please feel free to post them in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

23. "Club Orient Rebuilding to Start Fall 2021"

Last August, we published material from the folks at naturist Club Orient at the southern end of Orient Beach indicating that the landmark naturist resort would start rebuilding during Fall, 2021.

The whole situation on the French side regarding the PPRN, which governs rebuilding, is complex — but the Club Orient folks do seem committed to rebuilding, strictly according to the parameters laid out in the PPRN, which is basically a plan for rebuilding in areas prone to flooding.

So far, we've seen nothing to indicate that the rebuilding process has begun. That said, Fall only began September 21 and won't be over until near Christmas

We been watching this situation ever since the resort was obliterated by hurricane Irma four years ago and we'll continue to watch it for you however long it takes. [This site](#), operated by the resort, publishes updates.

24. "Cheri's Cafe" May Be Home to a New Business

Multiple sources have told us in recent weeks that a new business entity will be moving into the property that formerly was Cheri's Café in Maho. We sent a couple of messages to Cheri Batson, who owns the property and has had it for sale for quite some time, but we don't yet have specifics about the future of the property. When we do, we will publish them here in *SXM Weekly News* and also in our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#).

25. Important Updated Contact Information for JMB Website Supporters & SkyMed Sales Inquiries

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

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

1. **SkyMed – Answers to Questions or to Sign Up by Phone**: If you're interested in learning more about SkyMed, contact Jeff Berger at jeff.berger@skymed.com. Leave your phone number and time zone and he'll

return your call. SkyMed is sold only to Americans, Canadians, and xPats. If you prefer, phone Jeff at 508-591-3483

and leave a message: **that is a NEW NUMBER**. (Our old numbers were knocked out by the recent Cape Cod storm and are still funky.)

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.

26. Big Year for Megayachts in SXM

Largely because of the apparently waning Covid 19 Pandemic, and the fact that the vast majority of SXM visitors are fully vaccinated, the Caribbean this winter is expected to have its best year in many years — and in fact some businesses are already reporting business that's "way ahead" of last year and even ahead of pre-Covid levels.

Within the yachting industry, there is word of an already underway resurgence in yacht and megayacht activity this winter throughout the Caribbean. Indeed, the Steve Jobs family yacht, Venus, which has been coming to SXM for years, arrived early in November — perhaps a bit ahead of its usual schedule. Other yachts have also been quietly moving into place in the Isle de Sol Marina and elsewhere. Great places from which to see the yachts, besides the yacht club, are the new Astra restaurant and Skipjacks, both of which have beautiful decks on Simpson Bay lagoon close to the yachts.

27. "Reggae Christmas Songs" Help You Capture the Holiday Spirit Until You Get Here

If you were here in SXM, and if you been scanning radio frequencies in your car, you would've already discovered that many stations in this region are already broadcasting Christmas music. Visitors who come to the island at this time of year know that Christmas music starts early in November and continues until early January.

What if you can't be here now to hear all the reggae Christmas music? No problem. Just Google Reggae Christmas songs and you'll find websites loaded with the Christmas spirit from a decidedly Reggae perspective.

Enjoy.

28. THANKSGIVING IN SXM: Nail Down Reservations Now

Thanksgiving is an American holiday, born in Plymouth Massachusetts long before it was formally celebrated by Americans across the USA and around the world.

Although the holiday is not celebrated in SXM, you wouldn't know that if you're here a week from now. Thanksgiving week is one of the busiest weeks of the year in SXM and many restaurants offer full-blown Thanksgiving dinners with all the trimmings including turkey, stuffing, mashed potatoes, squash, cranberry sauce, and a boatload of holiday pies. Two that do it up with some special local Massachusetts flare are Toppers and Emilio's. Topper hails from North of Boston and Su Wathey is also from Massachusetts. If you have not made Thanksgiving plans yet on SXM, please get a move on — these places sell out quickly. A number of others will also be offering traditional Thanksgiving meals starting at lunch and continuing through the evening. The *Daily Herald* usually carries holiday dinner ads -- but ask your favorite SXM restaurants NOW if they're doing turkey and make reservations pronto before you are out of options.

There does not appear to be any shortage of turkeys in SXM...

29. Who Our Sponsors Are, & Why You Should Patronize Them (Updated 11/15/21)

Our JMB SXM Web Media Sponsors help make it possible for us to research, write, produce, and email you *SXM Weekly News* every week. They also enable us to spend lots of hours making sure our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) fulfills its mission to be SXM's only authentically managed [by a seasoned journalist] interactive conversational

SXM news and information portal on Facebook. And their help makes our JMB Website Supporters members-only Island Parties possible (resuming next year) as well as all the working going into enhancing our Island Discount Program now for its thousands of loyal members. Thank You for patronizing our Sponsors! (JMB Communications is based in Massachusetts, USA).

AMUSEMENTS

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SkyMed International (Covers the entire USA, Canada, Mexico, Bermuda, the Bahamas, and all the nations of the #Caribbean Global protection available. Sold only to Americans, Canadians, and X-Pats living in these countries.)

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JN Jewelers (Maho under Jax, open late) NEW!

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Shoppers Haven

Royal Jewelers (new)

Kay's Fine Jewelry (new)

Joe's Jewelry International (new)

Ballerina Jewelers (new)

LIVE MUSIC

Hole in the Wall, Maho Plaza, Dutch side

MAPS (SXM MAPS and others in the #Caribbean)

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REAL ESTATE COMPANIES: (See also VILLA RENTAL COMPANIES, below)

Island Real Estate Team is widely regarded as SXM's top real estate organization. A long-time JMB Sponsor, they offer both residential and commercial real estate in every price range. Call the number that follows and ask to speak with the agent who handles what you seek: 1 721 520 7284. Please let the agent know that you were referred by Jeff Berger's *Everything SXM Facebook Group*.

Jennifer's Vacation Villas

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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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Melange (Port de Plaisance)

Pelican Bistro

Soggy Dollar Bar

Sale and Pepe

Topper's Restaurant

LA PATRONA (Simpson Bay Resort)

MARIO'S BISTRO (Porto Cupecoy)

Pineapple Pete Restaurant

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant

Emilio's

Taloula's Blue Bitch Bar

Nowhere Special

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LAZY LIZARD

RANCHO (new)

SUNSET CAFE (new)

AVANTIKA (new)

MOVIDA (new)

ASTRA (new)

JAI'S CONTEMPORARY INDIAN RESTAURANT (new)

STAR WARS / YODA GUY MUSEUM

[Nick Malley, Front Street](#)

VILLA RENTALS / RENTAL COMPANIES:

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

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

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[Monte Verde / Belle Vue](#)

Villa Acropole:

www.acropole-stmartin.com

Villa Vijoux:

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40Weeks (new)

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

Relocation / Business Formation / "Papers" Consulting Companies

Bright Path is posting in our [Everything St. Maarten / St. Martin / SXM Facebook Group](#)

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 11/15/21

30. Our SXM News & Information Portal Delivers The Latest SXM

News all Week Long

You may not know it, but you can get news and information updates of special interest to SXM tourists all week long through our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#). It is a news and information portal disguised as social media; laser focused on SXM news and information and never publishes BS or some of the other things that ordinary social media sites often allow. Our SXM news and information portal, our everything SXM Facebook group, is [here](#).

31. Please: NEVER Take Seashells Home

SXM has strict laws against the removal of large sea shells, particularly conch shells, from the island. Never take shells home — fines are very serious money, and by taking shells you are hurting the island's ability to preserve its environment and protect its marine species.

32. Restaurant of the Week: ASTRA

Serial restaurant entrepreneur Anish Chugani is the top guy at his Avantika Thai restaurant, his Movida Bistro, and his new Astra Steak & Seafood restaurant.

The talk of Simpson Bay right now is Astra's exclusive huge seawater-fed "lobster pool" in the lagoon behind Astra restaurant. Go with your server to select your spiny Caribbean lobster caught fresh in the waters off Anguilla. There are great steaks here, lobster cooked as you like it, and lots of fresh local fish. Get pictures after picking your lobster.

If you can't decide which of their amazing appetizers you want, get the ones that attract you; you can always take leftovers back to your hotel or villa (or yacht). Save room for dessert...the desserts are delicious. Crab cakes and vegetarian spring rolls were Ilene's choices for apps last week (she couldn't decide). She got it with Matouk's flambeau sauce. Our fish choice was fresh Wahoo, perfectly spiced and prepared. All in all, a great dinner.

Astra is more than just dinner, too -- full menus available 7 days a week for breakfast and lunch as well.

Astra is a beautiful new restaurant centrally located in Simpson Bay on the lagoon side south of the drawbridge. It's a MUST STOP on your next island visit.

Here are recently featured SXM restaurants:

Astra Steak & Seafood (featured 11/15/21) is the newest creation of Anish Chugani, who also operates Avantika and Movida in the same area of Simpson Bay. It's new, beautiful, and has high-quality written all over it. We just went and loved it. See <https://www.astrasxm.com/>

Mario's Bistro at the Cliff, formerly Mario's Bistro www.mariobistrot.com/en/ 5/24/21 Mario's is one of the most spectacular culinary experiences you'll ever have -- here in SXM or anywhere else. *Go*. Phenomenal dining at very reasonable prices. 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.

Isola next to Hollywood Casino at Simpson Bay Resort, (featured 10/25/21). Italian. Excellent food, many choices (pizza too), busy, good specials. Lively; busy; entertainment some nights. Many folks from Simpson Bay Resort dine here as well as many locals and lots of casino high-rollers. www.isolaristorante.com

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

Mandarin Pan Asian at Port de Plaisance Resort off the Union Road, Cole Bay, (featured 9/27/21). Excellent selection of palate-pleasing offerings from Japan, Thailand, and China. Highly recommended.

La Patrona, Simpson Bay Resort (featured 9/13/21) La Patrona is SXM's only truly authentic Mexican restaurant. Highly recommended: great food, great service, not to be missed.

La Rosa Restaurant, Maho Plaza, 9/7/210: Loved the relaxing vibe, attentive service, GREAT food, reasonable prices, and BIG portions. www.larosarestaurant.com/index.html

Pineapple Pete, www.pineapplepete.com (featured 8/30/21) Known for great lobster Thermidor and lots, lots more. Generous portions, reasonable prices. Huge variety. Games for kids & their parents.

Wasabi Charlie Japanese Restaurant (formerly Sushiiitto) (8/30/21) now combined with Pineapple Pete at the Pineapple Pete location, opposite IZI Ristorante Italiano in Simpson Bay.

Vesna Taverna, www.vesnasxm.com (featured 8/16/21). Now open every day for B/L; dinner is offered Tuesday through Saturday. Outstanding dining and very reasonable pricing.

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....

Mama Pizza, Porto Cupecoy & Oyster Pond, (featured 8/2/21) Big, outstanding pizza, and sizable portions plus reasonable prices on numerous other delicious Italian specialties. They also have a number of fresh fish entrees you should not miss. On the plaza at Porto Cupecoy, Cupecoy Beach, and on the main drag through Oyster Pond, French side. <https://www.facebook.com/Mamapizzaisthebest>

Emilio's: outside Philipsburg (featured 7/19/21) offers fine dining in an historic, classic ambiance. **Not to be missed.** <https://emilios-sxm.com/menus/dinner-menu/>

Spiga, www.spiga-sxm.com (featured 7/12/21) Chef-co-owner Ciro Russo & Lara Russo haven't missed a beat here as Spiga has finally reopened. Incredibly irresistible food, great staff, service, and beautiful ambiance. Everything is great, appetizers are out of this world. Absolutely not to be missed.

Avantika Thai www.avantikasxm.com (featured 7/6/21) Avantika is wonderful; SXM's best Thai. Delicious food artfully presented and reasonably priced, backed by knowledgeable service. Go...you'll become a regular.

Jai's Contemporary Indian Cuisine (featured 6/28/21), **Simpson Bay** A 15-second walk to the side of the building from Reveil Matin (R/M is a breakfast/lunch restaurant). Outstanding dinners in Jai's, a fun new contemporary Indian fusion restaurant operated by two young SXM graduates of the Culinary Institute of America (CIA). Super creative, artfully presented, top-notch delicious selections spanning a wide spectrum of flavors, aromas, and textures. You gotta try this place! Highly recommended.

IZI Ristorante Italiano, www.izirestaurant.com (featured 5/31/21). Open for lunch and dinner except Mon., when they're closed. Great food from one of SXM's very best restaurants. Fun atmosphere, too. \$10 pasta specials at lunch - lots of great food in every meal.

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.

Sale & Pepe (featured 1/11/21) Cool location among breathtaking megayachts, cool decor, knowledgeable staff, and extensive menu, good service, and delicious food. Chef Davide Zagami stays mostly in the kitchen ensuring things go just right. <https://www.facebook.com/saleandpepemarina/>

Freedom Fighters ITAL SHACK Rasta Restaurant, www.sxmfreedomfighters.com/restaurant 4/15/19. Just go....

Dany's Smooth Cupecoy Beach Bar (on Cupecoy beach); follow the road toward Shore Pointe and turn near Shore Pointe to get there. (Featured 1/20/2019) Parking, drinks, chairs and umbrellas, lolo-type food, and an all-over tan. What could possibly be better?

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

Melange International Grill (featured 2/20/17) Reopened.

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.

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

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

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

34. 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 everythingstxm.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.

35. Getting SXM Questions Answered Quickly

Join our [Everything SXM Facebook Group](#) and you'll find about 28,000 SXM tourists who love SXM as much as you do.

Our site is the best place around to ask questions and get answers about SXM -- around the clock. Check it out.

36. 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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