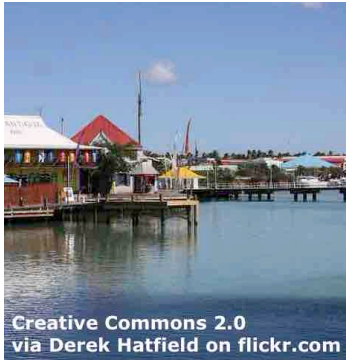


Caribbean islands offer 'digital nomad' work visa

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Islands in the Caribbean Sea are famous for luxury holidays, not for being places of work. However the two-island nation of Antigua and Barbuda is hoping people will come and live and work there for two years. Its government is offering a two-year work visa for "digital

nomads". These are people who can work anywhere in the world via their laptop computer. The nation's new "Nomad Digital Residence Programme" is now available for anyone who wants to work in paradise. To be eligible for the visa (and the sun-drenched beaches), workers must have an income of at least \$50,000 per year. They must also show they can look after any family members on the programme for two years.

Antigua and Barbuda joins a list of other nations offering remote workers the chance to experience a different way of life. Countries like Georgia, Barbados, Estonia and Bermuda have all set up similar programmes in the past year. Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister said his country boasted many attractions for workers. He said it has high-speed Internet and a world-class telecommunications system. He said: "This means that you can work in any part of the world from Antigua as if you were in your office or home." He also said his country has quality accommodation, fantastic restaurants, 365 beaches, historic sites, beautiful scenery, gyms, water sports, fishing and deep sea diving.

Sources: lonelyplanet.com / insider.com / loopcayman.com

Writing

The ability to work in other countries should not depend on money. Discuss.

Chat

Talk about these words from the article.

islands / luxury / hoping / government / laptop / computer / paradise / income / year / list / nations / experience / programmes / attractions / office / home / accommodation

True / False

- Caribbean islands are famous for being great places to work. T / F
- There are many islands that form the nation on Antigua and Barbuda. T / F
- A visa called a "digital traveller" visa allows people to live in Antigua. T / F
- People must earn over \$50,000 to be able to get the new visa. T / F
- Antigua and Barbuda is not the only nation with such a visa. T / F
- Antigua and Barbuda's leader said his country lacked attractions. T / F
- Antigua and Barbuda has a beach for every day of the year. T / F
- One of the attractions of Antigua and Barbuda is deep sea diving. T / F

Synonym Match

(The words in **bold** are from the news article.)

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| 1. famous | a. providing |
| 2. hoping | b. start |
| 3. offering | c. distant |
| 4. paradise | d. anticipating |
| 5. income | e. landscapes |
| 6. remote | f. earnings |
| 7. set up | g. well known |
| 8. boasted | h. lodging |
| 9. accommodation | i. heaven |
| 10. scenery | j. possessed |

Discussion – Student A

- What do you know about Caribbean islands?
- What would be a luxury holiday for you?
- Where in the world would you like to work?
- What are the good and bad things about visas?
- What are the benefits of being a 'digital nomad'?
- Where is paradise for you?
- What do you think of 'sun-drenched' beaches?
- Are there any negatives to working in paradise?

Phrase Match

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|------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. famous for luxury | a. work visa |
| 2. Its government is offering a two-year | b. system |
| 3. work anywhere in the world via | c. family members |
| 4. sun-drenched | d. workers the chance |
| 5. show they can look after any | e. sites |
| 6. offering remote | f. their laptop computer |
| 7. his country boasted many | g. beaches |
| 8. a world-class telecommunications | h. diving |
| 9. historic | i. attractions |
| 10. deep sea | j. holidays |

Discussion – Student B

- What do you think about what you read?
- Would you like to lead a nomadic lifestyle?
- What is your country like to work in?
- Would you like to experience a different way of life?
- How important is high-speed Internet?
- Should we always keep the office and home separate?
- Which is more important, fantastic restaurants or beautiful scenery?
- What questions would you like to ask a digital nomad?

Spelling

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Answers – Synonym Match

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6. c	7. b	8. j	9. h	10. e

Role Play

Role A – A Beach

You think a beach is the best place to work. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a coffee shop, home or a library.

Role B – A Coffee Shop

You think a coffee shop is the best place to work. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a beach, home or a library.

Role C – Home

You think home is the best place to work. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a coffee shop, a beach or a library.

Role D – A Library

You think a library is the best place to work. Tell the others three reasons why. Tell them what is wrong with their places. Also, tell the others which is the worst of these (and why): a coffee shop, home or a beach.

Speaking – Places of Work

Rank these with your partner. Put the best at the top. Change partners often and share your rankings.

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| • A park | • A beach |
| • A library | • A coffee shop |
| • An airport | • Home |
| • A train | • An office |

Answers – True False

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Answers to Phrase Match and Spelling are in the text.