

Caribbean islands offer 'digital nomad' work visa



Before listening

luxury - something expensive that you don't need but buy for pleasure or enjoyment

nomad - someone who doesn't have a permanent home but moves from one place to another

eligible - able or allowed to do something, for example because they are the right age

sun-drenched - where the sun shines most of the time

remote - very far away, isolated

to boast - to talk proudly about your abilities, achievements or possessions

1. We stayed in a five-star _____ hotel.
2. The _____ were called Raika and Rabari and they herded camels and sometimes sheep.
3. The _____ tropical islands are a paradise for tourists.
4. If you are 65, you are _____ for a discount.
5. They moved to a _____ farm house in the North Wales.
6. A friend of mine always _____ that her son is a genius.

Match the synonyms

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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 |

Match halves of the phrases

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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 |

Listen to the news again and choose the correct answer to the questions below

1) What are Caribbean islands famous for?

- a) adventure holidays
- b) luxury holidays
- c) backpacking holidays
- d) sightseeing holidays

2) How long is the new visa?

- a) five years
- b) 18 months
- c) a year
- d) two years

3) Who did the government say the visa is for?

- a) anyone
- b) Americans
- c) digital nomads
- d) people with computers

4) What salary must people earn to get the visa?

- a) at least \$50,000
- b) around \$50,000
- c) no more than \$50,000
- d) exactly \$50,000

5) Who must people on the visa be able to look after?

- a) each other
- b) family members
- c) the nation's leaders
- d) the nation's people

6) What kind of life did the article say remote workers could experience?

- a) a different way of life
- b) a quiet life
- c) an action-packed life
- d) a normal life

7) What kind of Internet did the Prime Minister mention?

- a) a safe Internet
- b) a secure Internet
- c) high-speed Internet
- d) a normal Internet

8) What kind of accommodation does Antigua and Barbuda have?

- a) quality accommodation
- b) backpacker accommodation
- c) 5-star accommodation
- d) dormitory accommodation

9) How many beaches are there in Antigua and Barbuda?

- a) 356
- b) 635
- c) 563
- d) 365

10) What kind of diving did the article say people could do in Antigua?

- a) pearl diving
- b) reef diving
- c) deep sea diving
- d) offshore diving

Listen to the news again and complete the gaps

Islands in the Caribbean Sea are famous for _____ (1) 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 "_____" (2). These are people who can work anywhere in the world _____ (3) their laptop computer. The nation's new "Nomad Digital Residence Programme" is now _____ (4) for anyone who wants to work in paradise. To be _____ (5) for the visa (and the _____ (6) beaches), workers must have an income of at least \$50 000 per year. They must also show they can _____ (7) any family members on the programme for two years.

Antigua and Barbuda joins a list of other nations offering _____ (8) workers the chance to experience a different way of life. Countries like Georgia, Barbados, Estonia and Bermuda have all _____ (9) similar programmes in the past year. Antigua and Barbuda's Prime Minister said his country _____ (10) 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 _____ (11), fantastic restaurants, 365 beaches, historic sites, beautiful _____ (12), gyms, water sports, fishing and deep sea diving.