

## 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.