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Out of the Blue, an overwater dining destination at Soneva Fushi in the Maldives, includes a chef's table experience, a sushi counter and more.

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A selection of "workation" offers from luxury resorts around the world take remote office options to the next level.

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The past several months have been challenging—to say the least. But one positive change to come out of an unprecedented year has been the shift to more flexible working conditions. Instead of a long commute to and from a crowded workplace, many of us have been plugging away from the

home office or the dining room table. Now, some of the world's most coveted vacation spots, including the Maldives, Turks and Caicos and the Irish countryside are offering long-term stays, making it possible to take virtual meetings from a beach, a boat or even a castle. "If microvacations

were born from a lack of time, extended stays are the answer to a strained work-life balance brought about by incessant Zooming," says Misty Belles of luxury travel adviser network Virtuoso. Why work from home when you can work from paradise? **CONTINUED...**



County Clare, Ireland
 Step back in time to live like royalty at Drumad Castle, the magnificent sixth century seat of the O'Brien clan, who were direct descendants of Irish King Brian Boru. The luxurious ancestral house is a world of elegance with modern amenities and include gardens managed by the same designer as the gardens of Versailles, an 18-hole golf course and more. Book the Grand O'Brien Suite—a two-bedroom apartment with its own kitchen, fireplace, private terrace and office space—like an elite club place on low end work from this winter. Included in the monthly cost are a slew of amenities: unlimited laundry, daily breakfast, 24/7 IT support for setting up and maintaining a home office, and a personal butler. *Thirty-night stays from approximately \$14,000, drumad.ie*

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Ocauchessa, Jamaica
 Inspiration is up for grabs in Ocauchessa, a quiet fishing village in Jamaica that's attracted notable creatives over the years. Currently owned by Chris Blackwell, founder of Island Records, GoldenEye—a collection of beach villas, luxury cottages and beach bars—is one of the prime locations with a lagoon and secluded beaches—served as first Fleming's home and is the site where he wrote all 14 James Bond novels. Guests booking a 30-night-plus stay on the private estate will receive a weekend stay along with unlimited laundry service and daily breakfast. Also available to book is the author's original five-bedroom home, where his writing desk still remains. *Thirty-night stays from \$10,000, goldeneye.com*



Clackinstone Lodge A luxuriously appointed vacation residence in Drumad Castle in County Clare, Ireland, is GoldenEye's historic, grandest estate. A stay at James Bond author Ian Fleming's former home, clackinstone.ie. *Goldendey offers a safe and peaceful work environment and professional service.*

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Providenciales, Turks and Caicos
 Shimmering turquoise water, white sand beaches and a safe, socially distanced live-work environment beckon with Beach Enclave Turks and Caicos' new long-term stay package. In addition to booking luxuriously appointed 1-acre villas in private, gated communities at Long Bay, North Shore and Grace Bay Beach (opening this winter), professionally minded services such as a personal assistant and a full-time nanny for families are also available to help make the transition from a pre-COVID workplace to a remote workplace easy. Other perks include a \$2,500 resort credit per month, a personal butler, concierge services, daily breakfast, housekeeping, group yoga and more. *Thirty-night stays from \$75,000, beachenclave.com*

From top: Beach Enclave Turks and Caicos' new long-term stay package includes accommodations at a decked-out private villa similar to the residences seen at the highly anticipated Beach Enclave Grace Bay (shown here), debuting in late 2020.

The Maldives
 Various families flock to the Maldives for a remote office experience at one of the earth's most scenic escapes, located in the UNESCOWorld Biosphere Reserve, Soneva Fushi is a remote 70 private villas, including recently renovated 1,500-square-foot one-bedroom and 2,500-square-foot two-bedroom villas—the largest one- and two-bedroom oceanfront villas in the world. The villas include water slides that lead directly to the ocean, movie studios, hammocks and master bedrooms with terraced decks. The resort is a year-round office retreat: guests have access to things like high-speed internet and daily yoga and meditation, along with off-the-chart work and play experiences like Soneva in Aqua, a 100-cabin yacht that comes with an onboard library and a desert island picnic excursion on the Caanoo; Office on the sandbank with a private beach weekly and more. Kids stay occupied with private tutoring through Openplan Education, a U.K.-based tutoring company, and a variety of learning-inspired activities administered by the resort's marine biologist, environmental and permaculture specialists. *From 30-night stays from \$15,000, 30-night stays from \$25,000, soneva.com*



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