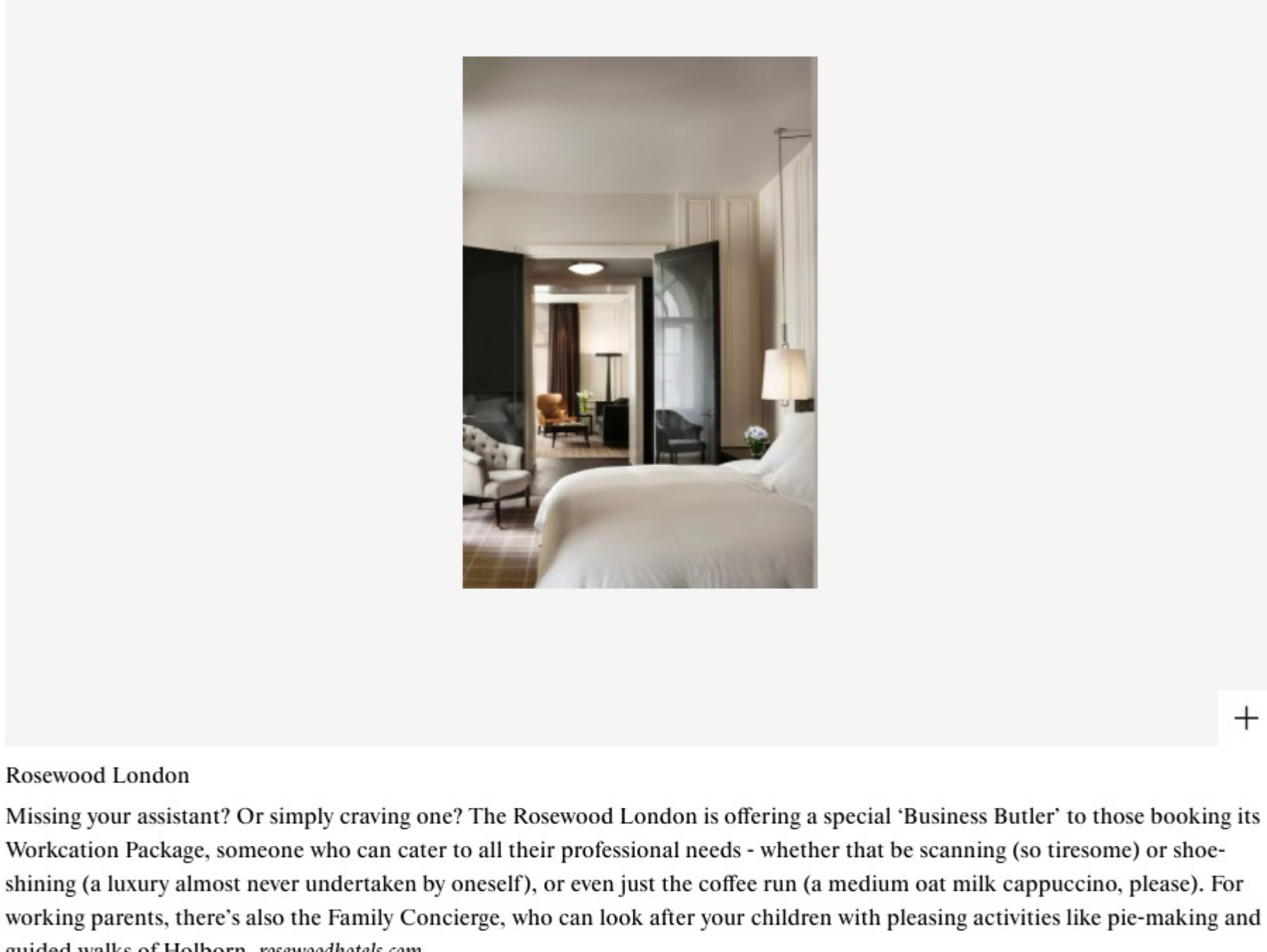


TRAVEL

The rise of the 'workation'

Whether you're taking advantage of some of the Caribbean's new extended visa packages, or simply taking up residence at a five-star London Grand Dame, these smart hotels are offering the perfect backdrop for your next Zoom meeting

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Rosewood London

Missing your assistant? Or simply craving one? The Rosewood London is offering a special 'Business Butler' to those booking its Workcation Package, someone who can cater to all their professional needs - whether that be scanning (so tiresome) or shoe-shining (a luxury almost never undertaken by oneself), or even just the coffee run (a medium oat milk cappuccino, please). For working parents, there's also the Family Concierge, who can look after your children with pleasing activities like pie-making and guided walks of Holborn. rosewoodhotels.com

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Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa, France

For a complete change of scenery without the long-haul flight, where better to head than our southern neighbour France, with its lush countryside and ample supplies of wine and cheese (tis the season, after all). Cosy up in Champagne country at this smart hotel in Epernay, where you can go for a sunset bike ride through the vineyards once you've downed tools for the day. With unlimited pastries, room service lunch and chic salons available to rent simply to impress your next Zoom caller, *la vie est belle en France*. royalchampagne.com

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Cobblers Cove, Barbados

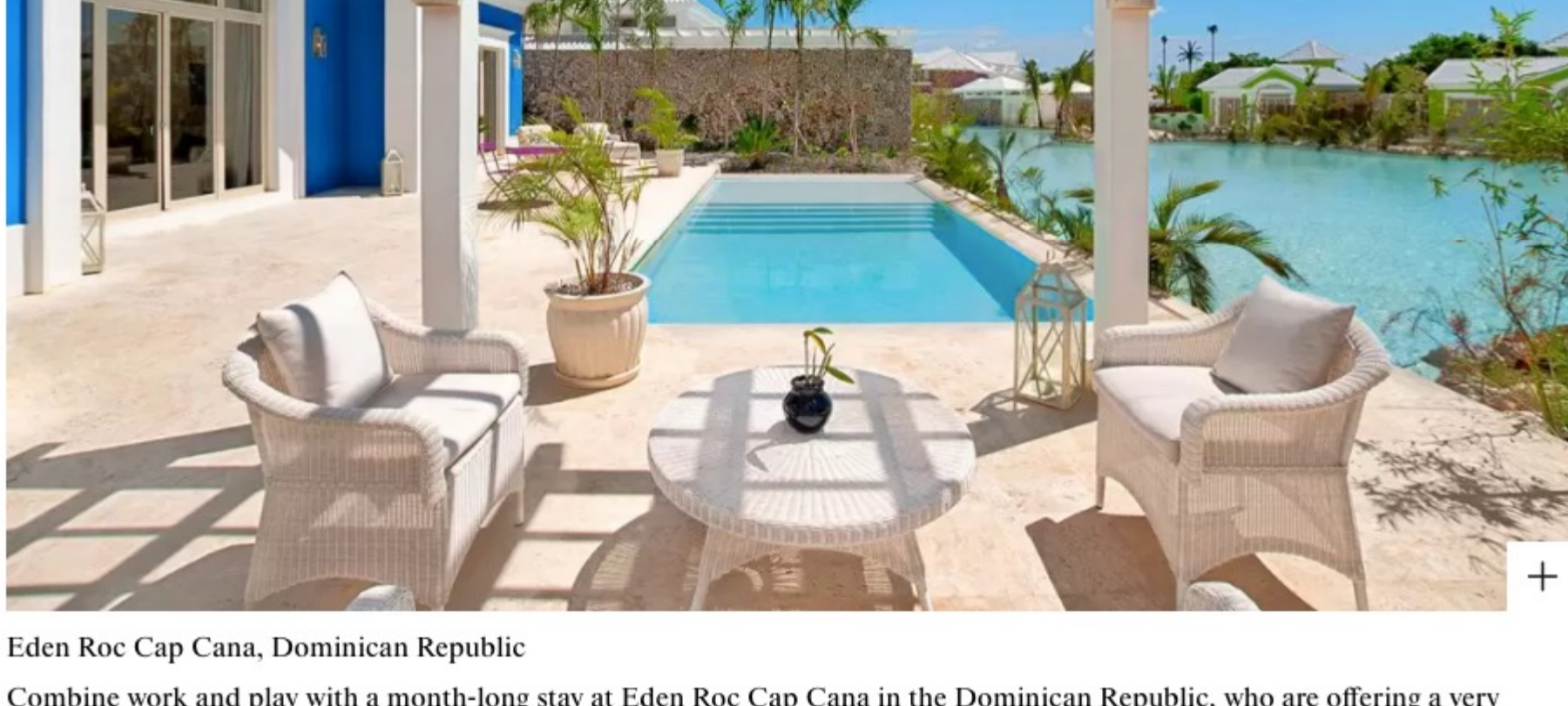
Ever since Barbadian president Mia Mottley announced that visitors could apply for a year-long 'work from home' visa, we've been dreaming of how we might set-up our own offices in the Caribbean paradise. Enter: Cobblers Cove. The so-called 'Dowager Duchess of the West Indies' is offering special rates for extended stays, with free laundry, a daily mini-bar restock and a personal maid service all thrown in, too. The best bit? Seeing how green with envy your colleagues are at the white-sand, turquoise-ocean backdrop. cobblerscove.com



Bulgari Hotel, London

Take advantage of Bulgari's new day suites, available to rent for the first time without an overnight stay. These luxurious rooms will provide the backdrop to a hard day's work, with refreshments provided throughout the day (including a two-course lunch) and the option to bookend the 9-5 with trips to the award-winning pool and spa. After clocking off, enjoy some after-work aperitifs in your suite, or head down to the Sette Bar if you prefer. You'll never want to return to the (home) office. bulgarihotels.com

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Eden Roc Cap Cana, Dominican Republic

Combine work and play with a Month-From Stay at Eden Roc Cap Cana in the Dominican Republic, who are offering a very extended package to lure bored Work from Home travellers to their shores. The extended stays take place in the hotel's luxury villas, which not only boast a kitchen, private pool and living area, but also a 24-hour butler and private chef. Kids too distracting? Pack them off to their Spanish and piano lessons, also included. edenroccapcana.com

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University Arms, Cambridge

Be inspired by Cambridge's academic splendour and hire a suite at the University Arms for the day. Available to use between 9am and 6pm, each suite has been transformed into a smart office space, with desk views overlooking Parker's Piece. The Nespresso coffee machine is probably an upgrade on your woeful brewing abilities chez-vous, and with access to the gym, too, there's no excuse to miss your workout, either. Lunch should be ordered from Parker's Tavern - who do delicious hot bento boxes complete with pudding - or head down and eat in the restaurant instead if you need a change of scene. The best bit? 'Creative Hour', when a gin and tonic appears at your door as if by magic. That'll get the ideas flowing... universityarms.com

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Sugar Beach, St Lucia

When you're next staying out the window, watching the rain, just remember you could be looking out at the UNESCO World Heritage-listed Pitons from your desk at the iconic Sugar Beach hotel in St Lucia. Its Work from Paradise package elevates the commute to a VIP round-trip, your intern to a private butler, and your Pret dinner to a 3-course supper. Other perks include private cabana access, a 50-minute Swedish massage, and not spending winter in the UK. vicroyhotelsandresorts.com



Lucknam Park, Bath

This 18th century Palladian pile is the perfect spot from which to work remotely, particularly when you factor in its roaring fireplaces, comfy antique sofas and numerous cosy corners from which to settle down with a laptop and a pot of tea (available on a complimentary basis all day). Situated in 500 acres of beautiful countryside, it's also the best spot if you have been keeping up those daily walks, and with an award-winning spa on site too, there's also time to fit in a pamper session. Offering three nights for the price of four, or five nights for the price of seven, it's a bargain too smart to refuse. lucknampark.co.uk



Bequia Beach Hotel, Bequia

Those craving winter sun, look no further. This retro haven - which recalls the glamour of the Caribbean in the 1950s with its stylish decor - is the perfect base from which to work, while also working on your tan. Offering a very tempting 20 per cent off stays, plus a complimentary lunch at local hotspot, Jack's Beach Bar, we're already imagining ourselves writing on the balcony with the sea breeze on our skin, or staring out at the azure waters as we press 'send' on an email. bequiabeachhotel.com