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Go Abroad To Work From Home

Aruba and Bermuda are among a handful of countries offering remote-worker visas.

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IF YOU ARE one of the millions of employees across the United States working remotely these days, and you have your health and the means to travel, a handful of countries are now offering remote-worker visas to American citizens and permanent residents. These programs — which all tout strong internet connectivity — will allow for extended stays of three months to two years, though there are some requirements. Some destinations ask for demonstration of a steady source of income or savings, and each has

different criteria for coronavirus testing as well as varying quarantine policies. All of them require health insurance.

Here are some of the visa programs that will allow you to work abroad, from the white-sand beaches of the Caribbean to mountainside villages by the Black Sea.

ANGUILLA

The country's new visa caters to digital nomads and allows visitors to stay for up to 12 months. There's a fee of \$2,000 per individual and \$3,000 for a family of four (there's an incremental cost of \$250 for each additional family member), payable upon approval. Fees cover two mandatory coronavirus tests per person. Known for its laid-back vibe and Indigenous rock-art sites, this 35-square-mile island will particularly appeal to those in search of beaches — it has 33.

ANTIGUA AND BARBUDA

Situated between the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea are the sovereign islands of Antigua and Barbuda; Antigua was visited and named by Christopher Columbus in 1493. A new Nomad Digital Residence Visa gives holders the right to reside and work there remotely for up to two years. Applicants need to declare an annual income of at least \$50,000 and pay nonrefundable fees of \$1,500 per individual, \$2,000 per couple or \$3,000 for a family.

ARUBA

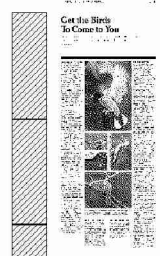
The One Happy Workcation program that was offered recently is aimed at United States citizens and permanent residents, and gives visitors the option of living in Aruba for up to 90 days. There is no formal application or fee, but visitors must get tested immediately before departure, book one of the approved properties or lodging packages on the program's site, and purchase mandatory visitors' insurance in case there are unforeseen coronavirus-related expenses on the island.

BARBADOS

With more than 80 beaches, including the pink-hued Crane beach, this Caribbean nation blessed with year-round sunshine now offers a Welcome Stamp visa. Prospective visitors need to fill out an application form, check off an income declaration and pay a fee of \$2,000 per individual or \$3,000 for a family once approved. Visitors can stay for up to 12 months.

BERMUDA

Fringed by picturesque coral reefs and with a blend of British and American cultures, this island territory of Britain recently revised its Residency Certificate Policy to welcome remote workers. To live there for



up to a year, applicants need to fill in a Work From Bermuda application form with proof of employment, and pay a fee of \$263. Visas can be renewed on a case-by-case basis.

REPUBLIC OF GEORGIA

There's a lot more going for Georgia apart from its reputation as the birthplace of wine, like monasteries built in caves, Caucasus mountain villages and beaches along the Black Sea. The Remotely From Georgia program allows workers to stay there for up to 360 days, and has a simple application form; the program is only available to citizens of 95 countries allowed to travel there visa-free, but that includes Americans. Long-term visitors are required, at their expense, to quarantine for a period of eight to 14 days (the time period depends on each individual case) upon arrival.