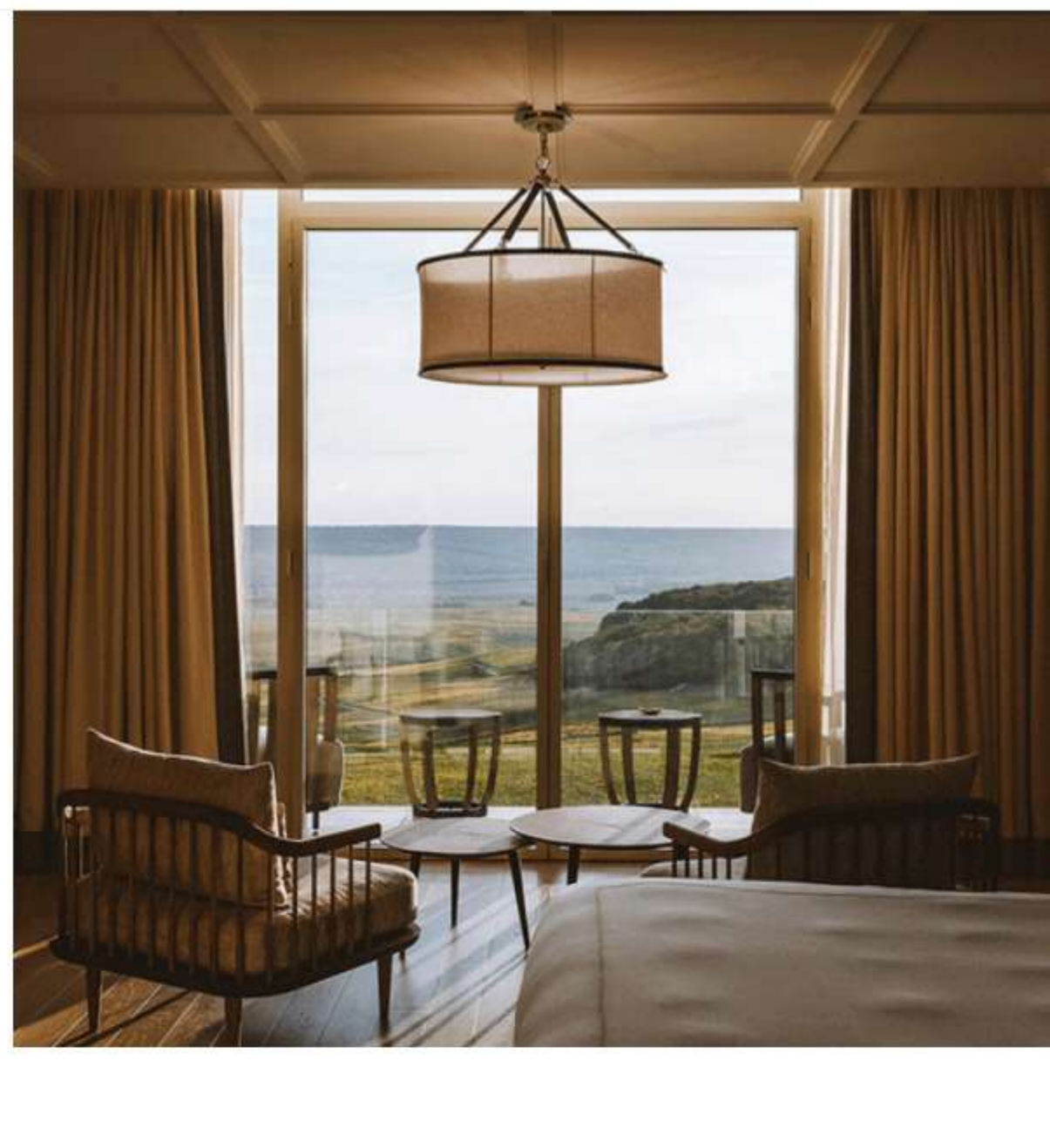


TRAVEL

Why You Should Consider ‘Working From Home’ – In A Hotel

Recent studies show that half of us in the UK are still working from home, and after eight months of it, it’s no surprise some of us might be desperate for a change of scene. Cue a ‘workcation’ – the latest travel trend whereby guests can work from a hotel or Airbnb – either for a single day or months at a time. And with many venues offering exclusive packages and reduced rates, now could be a good time for a working break. Here’s why it’s worth considering.

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Switch Up Your Working Environment

If you’ve been working at home for months on end, you could probably do with a change of scenery. Hotels around the world are offering a range of packages and discounted rates for those wanting to relocate their home office to a luxury room or suite. Whether you’re after a chic room in the city, a quiet boutique hotel in the countryside or a luxury villa abroad, there are a range of options to choose from. Guests can work for a single ‘daycation’ or even opt for a longer ‘work from a hotel’ package to truly enjoy the luxuries of a hotel for up to several months at a time. For example, guests at [The Marylebone](#) hotel in London can pay a monthly rate to work in a newly converted private office and make use of the hotel amenities, while those checking into [The Dorchester](#) in Mayfair can enjoy a private suite for a day.

If you feel uninspired in your current role, or you’re simply bored of your home office, the ‘workcation’ trend is a great option for those keen to boost productivity and take a much-needed break. By checking into a hotel, you can work in a stylish office or suite and feel as though you’re on a luxury staycation during the evenings and weekends. Guests looking to head further afield can even book an exclusive package at a Caribbean resort, or fly to a chic European city (subject to travel restrictions) for the ultimate working holiday.

Enjoy The Luxuries Of A Hotel

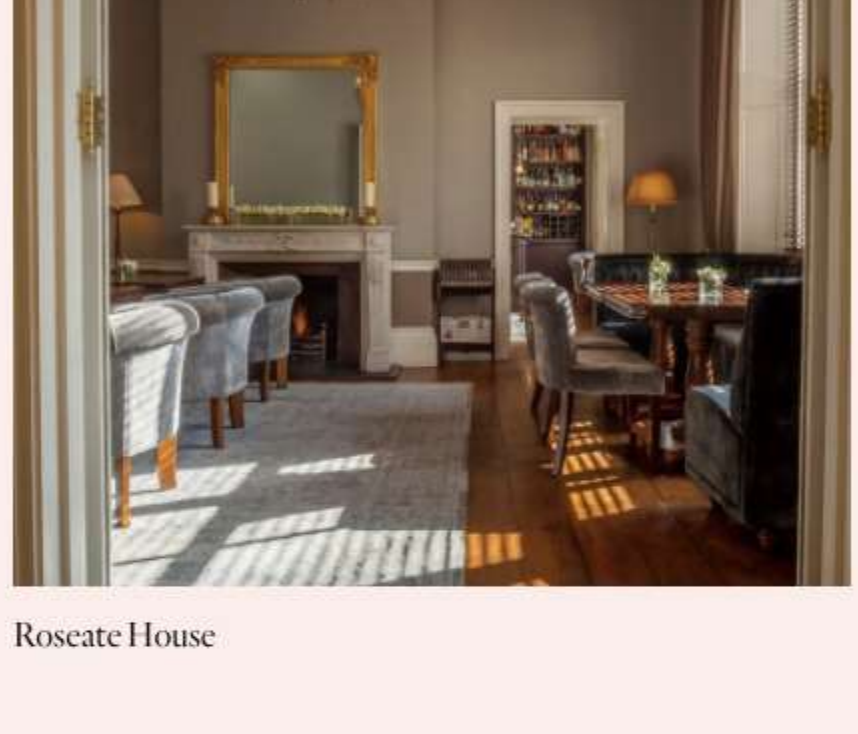
If a swim in a hotel pool or a massage at an award-winning spa after a day’s work sounds like your idea of bliss, it’s worth considering the different options. [The Cheval Collection](#), which has several hotels across London and Edinburgh, currently offer guests a dedicated office space, in addition to an apartment suite, with access to a fully-staffed 24-hour reception, and an on-site gym. Similarly, [The Milestone Hotel & Residences](#) in London has an exclusive ‘workcation’ package which gives guests access to the hotel amenities, as well as a range of luxury perks, such as a private chauffeur and a bespoke dinner menu.

Upgrade Your Home Office

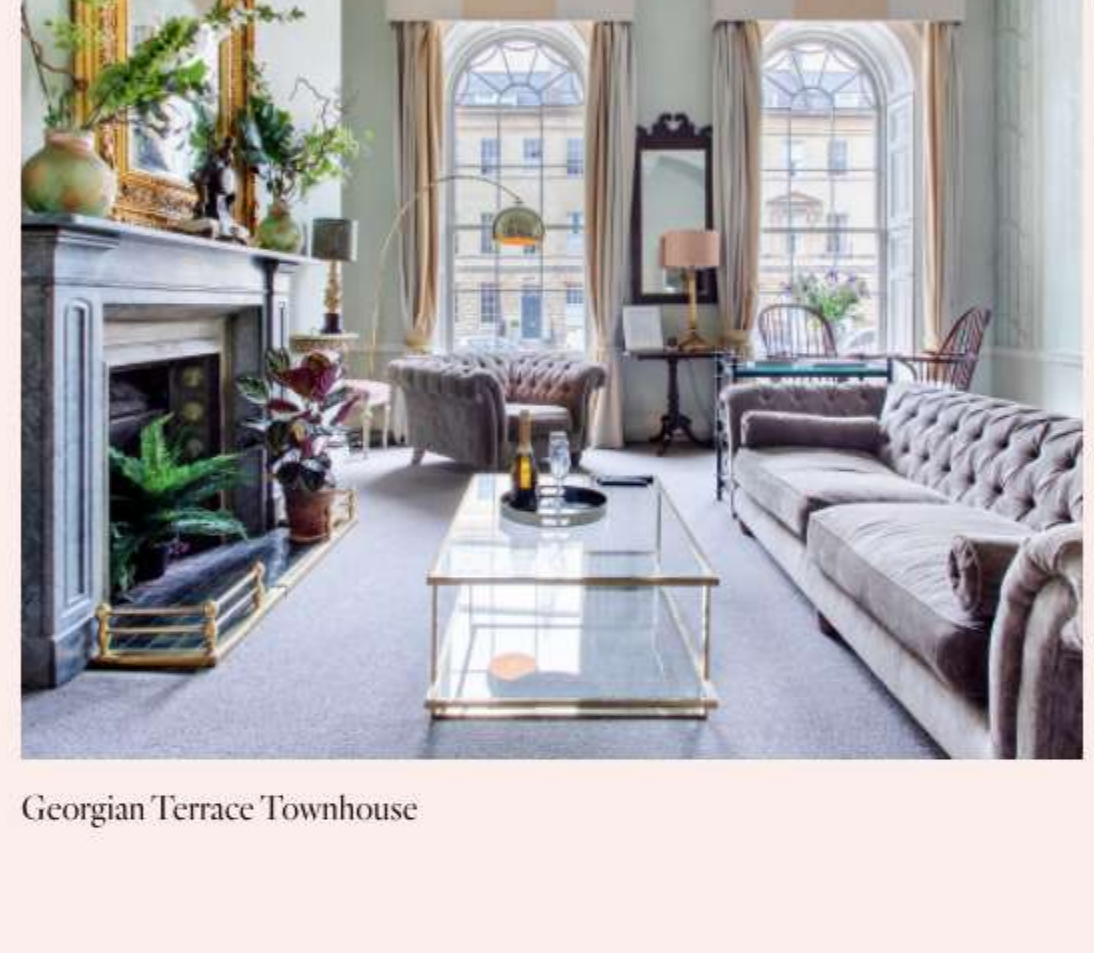
If you haven’t been able to get your hands on any office furniture, or you’ve been struggling on a rickety chair for the past few months, it might be time for an upgrade. Once you’ve decided on your hotel of choice, you’ll have access to a range of stylish workspaces. Many hotels have converted rooms or suites into designated offices where you, and colleagues, can work in a socially-distanced manner. It’s a great option for face-to-face meetings and conference calls where you need a private space and a bit of peace and quiet – opt for a hotel suite with an adjoining office, or rent a whole room for just you. You’ll be able to enjoy high speed wi-fi, a stylish work set-up and a selection of refreshments. Before you book, ensure you know what’s included in your ‘workcation’ deal and don’t be afraid to ask for any extras you might need, such as specific work equipment, gym access or a designated ‘quiet room’.

Get Rid Of Distractions

The hum of the washing machine, the noisy neighbour upstairs, the household chores – whatever your distractions are at home, working in a hotel will get rid of the daily annoyances that come from home life, and will help to boost productivity. If you’re after some tranquillity, head to the countryside or look for hotels outside of London or your local city. Airbnbs in charming countryside villages and seaside towns are also offering guests ‘[Work From Anywhere](#)’ deals, where you can rent a whole property for a monthly discounted rate. Those who want to travel further afield can also look at properties overseas where you can work from home in a stylish European city.



Roseate House



Georgian Terrace Townhouse

Tempted? Here are the places worth booking...

BEST IN LONDON:

The Milestone Hotel & Residences, Kensington

Just opposite Kensington Palace, The Milestone Hotel & Residences have developed an impressive working from home package for those after a luxurious night away. Guests will have their own residence with a separate workspace, private entrance and view over Kensington Palace, as well as a ‘wellness butler’ to deliver meals, drinks and an afternoon hamper of homemade treats. On request, the butler can also double up as a jogging partner for a lunchtime run. If that wasn’t enough, the package also includes a private chauffeur to escort you to and from business meetings, a sunset tour of Kensington Village followed by after work drinks with the in-residence mixologist, and a bespoke dinner menu from the property’s executive chef.

Residences from £950 per night.

Visit [MileStoneHotel.com](#)

Roseate House London

This boutique hotel in Lancaster Gate is offering guests luxury office spaces just for the day. From 9am-5pm, you’ll be able to work from one of the beautiful rooms, all of which have been turned into stylish workspaces, and make use of the tea and coffee making facilities, en-suite bathroom and high-speed wi-fi. The hotel is also dog-friendly, so you can bring your four-legged friend to keep you company or even make use of the dog walking service provided by the concierge. Dine at the The Hyde Bar & Restaurant on site for a delicious lunch, and finish the day with a complimentary cocktail.

Rooms from £50 per day.

Visit [RoseateHotels.com](#)

BEST AIRBNBS:

Georgian Terrace, Bath

If you want to escape the grind of London life, head to this stunning Georgian Terrace in Bath. Located on Great Pulteney Street, the property has large, open rooms, including a lavishly furnished living room, a bedroom with a four-poster bed, and a modern kitchen-diner, all of which can be turned into a functional home office. Lunch breaks can be spent walking around the local area, while weekends are best spent exploring the historic city of Bath.

From £109 per night.

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Scandinavian Countryside Lodge, Kent

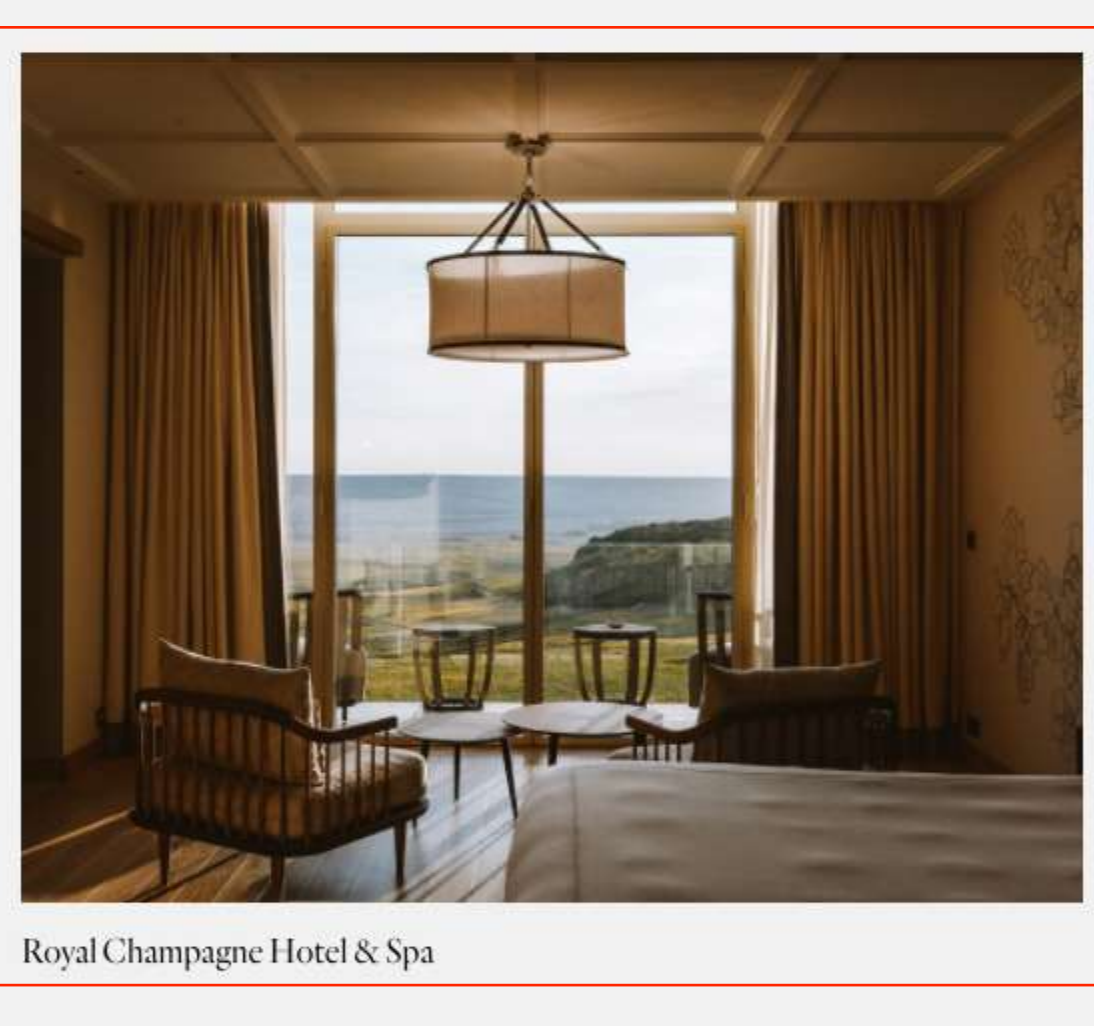
For a change of scenery, book this chic Scandinavian cabin in the medieval village of Bearsted in Kent. Featuring distinct Nordic style and modern interiors throughout, set up a working-from-home station in the bright and airy living room overlooking the beautiful garden. Once the working day is over, unwind in the hot tub, relax on the deck, or stargaze in the mezzanine bedroom. The property is close to a range of gastro pubs, a quality butcher, an excellent deli, and the River Medway – including a lovely walking route.

From £122 per night.

Visit [Airbnb.com](#)



Scandinavian Countryside Lodge



Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa



Sugar Beach

BEST ABROAD:

Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa, France

When travel restrictions to the country begin to ease, bookmark the Royal Champagne Hotel & Spa for a luxury working holiday. Overlooking the stunning hills of France’s champagne region, this award-winning hotel and spa offers guests a selection of luxurious rooms plus a personal office. Guests can start their day in the fitness room and swimming pools, before enjoying breakfast at the Bellevue Restaurant on site. Choose from a range of meeting rooms to suit your needs, and once the working day is over, relax with a glass of champagne on the hotel’s stunning terrace. Guests can also enjoy a sunset e-bike ride through the vineyards, and a luxury treatment in the on-site spa.

Suites from £478 per night.

Visit [RoyalChampagne.com](#)

Sugar Beach, St Lucia

Head to the Caribbean for an idyllic ‘workcation’. Located within a UNESCO World Heritage Site of lush rainforest, Sugar Beach is a luxury resort on the east coast of St Lucia. Surrounded by a stunning white-sand beach and over 100 acres of greenery, the resort offers guests a ‘Work From Paradise’ package which includes a selection of luxury rooms with a private pool, a private butler, daily lunch, and an indoor and outdoor working space with high-speed wi-fi.

Packages from £806 per night.

Visit [ViceroyHotelsAndResorts.com](#)

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