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Living the good life with the super rich

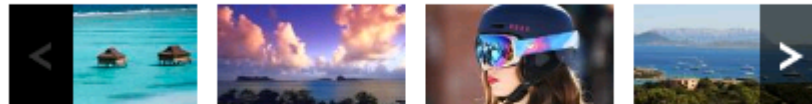
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Not like the rest of us...

If you've ever lingered longingly over paparazzi shots in a celebrity magazine and wished you, too, could jet off to a private villa with a crystal blue sea just out your door — snap out of it.

The world's wealthy don't spend their time-off like the rest of us.

While most of us hunt for deals and discounts — even on our most extravagant trips — and maneuver our time off to fit into short holiday windows and off-peak seasons, millionaires can't be bothered with cost control. A two-week break for the average wealthy — those with at least \$30 million in assets and usually more — family costs about \$230,000, said John Bird, head of concierge services for Oracle Capital Group, a London-based company that offers a variety of services to ultra high net-worth individuals, although he's seen families spend upwards of \$3 million on month-long trips.

The ultra-high-net-worth among us want three things out of a trip: every small detail to be taken care of for them, the best of everything at a destination and they want to eat extremely well (and at places they can see and be seen), said Bird. Many rich travellers will also want their own chef to cook for them, a private jet to take them from place to place and drivers to shuttle them to everything on their schedule. No high-end trip is complete, of course, without shopping — and socialising with other wealthy people, said Stacy Fischer-Rosenthal, president of Fischer Travel Enterprises, a travel and lifestyle company that charges people \$100,000 to become a client of the business.

So, where, exactly, do the wealthy find this sort of luxe holiday living? Scroll through the images above to read about the holiday spots on every ultra-wealthy person's bucket list — and get some more down-to-earth options in a few of these lush locales.

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