

STAYING AT HOME

The article is about people who prefer spending their holidays at home. These people are usually business men, lawyers, in other words - people who could afford a holiday on Aruba, but prefer staying at home - resting.

This fact is probably the consequence of the fact that most Americans are stressed out by work and even their every-day lives. Professionals feel increasing pressure to maintain rounded lives. They want to succeed not only at their jobs but also at marriage, friendship, gardening, dinner parties and hobbies. Home, in particular, has become the new focus of leisure time. Time at home, of course, means different things to different people. Some home vacationers cram their schedules chock full of activities.

There are other people who simply want to do nothing.

These people are mostly professionals who could afford to take a big trip but whose day-to-day lives are so insanely busy that Traveling feels as though it would be too stressful. They do not want to get on a plane or change money or have to speak a foreign language. They want peace, quiet and down time.

But there are also people who hate home vacations since they get bored or uneasy with so much unscheduled time. Their opinion is usually that a vacation is really getting away - getting to a location where your usual responsibilities and habits are gone.

- **down-time** - a time during a work shift when an employee is not working or a machine is not in operation - prosti čas - "*Down-time is welcome after working a lot.*"
- **to recharge** - revitalize, to revive or restore energy, stamina, enthusiasm - ponovno napolniti - "*The place to recharge is home.*"
- **a hassle** - a troublesome or tiring situation; bother - "*There was a hassle over who should pay for the broken window.*"
- **uneasy** - not easy in body or mind; restless; perturbed - nemirno, skrbno - "*The driver was uneasy about the icy roads.*"
- **to scale down** - a reduction according to a fixed scale or proportion - upasti, pasti - "*People are thinking about scaling down instead of spending all their money on vacation.*"
- **rounded** - fully developed, perfected, or complete - popoln, celovit - "*People want to have a rounded life.*"
- **to cram** - to crowd, jam, stuff - natrpati - "*He could not cram anymore into the bulging suitcase.*"
- **chock-full** - full to the limit, crammed - nabito poln - "*His schedule was chock-full of activities.*"
- **a whirlwind** - a relatively small force of air, as a tornado, rotating rapidly and advancing over land or sea - zračni vrtnec - "*The couple was married after a whirlwind courtship.*"
- **to play hooky** - unjustifiable absence from school or work - neupravičeno izostati - "*He played hooky from his English classes.*"
- **to putter** - to busy or occupy oneself in a leisurely, casual, or ineffective manner - postopati, zapravljati čas - "*He puttered around the house on the weekend.*"
- **to dissipate** - to scatter in various directions - razgnati - "*The fog dissipated when the sun came out.*"