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Travel Key To Happiness?

New research has revealed that almost a third of Kiwis would prefer more holidays over an inflationary pay rise.

The research from Booking.com for Business also found that a third of Kiwis value 'bleisure' travel over traditional workplace benefits, and 49% of professionals say that experiencing new culture and destinations adds to their job.

"Having opportunities to travel for business is increasingly prized by working professionals, led by the millennial generation. And more than ever, business travellers want to maximise their time spent in business destinations for both work and leisure," says New Zealand area manager for Booking.com Luke Ashall.

Despite these findings, the research found that only 20% of respondents feel their work and leisure time is intertwined, with 38% calling for employers to be more accommodating about employees mixing work with pleasure. 31% of respondents also said they would actively pursue a new job if it offered more opportunity to travel.

Choice of accommodation was found to be an important aspect for professionals globally, with the top choices being places with local charm, mid-market and all-inclusive accommodation deals.