

Bleisure and the Future of Work and Travel

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With business travel reduced, working consumers seek out options

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New digital tools revolutionise the workplace, and events

Sweeping changes to company working policies since 2020

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What does all this mean for destinations?

Bleisure seekers are high-value spenders, experience-driven and digitally savvy

Selina expands rapidly on the promise of experience-driven bleisure

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Business models adapt to a new category of travel

Hotels turn empty rooms into flexible office packages

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TUI connects bleisure travel with wellness

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Travellers stay local as global tourism recovers from pandemic

Collaboration critical between industry and government

Busan, South Korea brands itself the "Best Bleisure City"

B leisure travellers are an opportunity for local bars and restaurants in-destination

Airlines will need to factor in bleisure travellers as they reconfigure their operations

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airasia super-app combines all bleisure travellers' needs in one super-app

Travel suppliers need to meet the demands of the "bleisure family"

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Competition sharpens the focus on smart booking platforms and super-apps

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Total global bleisure spend expected to more than double by 2027

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