

CONNECTED HOLIDAYS

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Did you enjoy your Bank Holiday? I hope so – but spare a thought for those who couldn't, because their spouse was glued to their BlackBerry.

Discussions about working while on holiday often neglect to mention the impact it has on families. I have countless examples of how work has interfered with our holidays over the past 24 years.

Our four adult children associate most of their family holidays with whichever deal my husband was working on at the time.

There have been many occasions when we have had to remain silent on car journeys while my husband has taken part in a conference call or we have had to seek out places with a phone signal and stay there for the duration of a work call.

Even before the days of emailing and mobile phones, work interfered with our holidays. Back then, communication with the office involved faxing, as well as the landline phone.

One might think that the most remote places would be the best holiday destinations with a workaholic, but experience has shown us otherwise.

Then again, mobile signals across Africa are amazingly good, even in the most secluded safari camp. It is difficult, but not impossible, to talk on a phone while skiing, and easy to stop on the side of a slope wired up to an earpiece.

I'm still waiting to discover the perfect getaway as he won't go anywhere without his BlackBerrys, laptop and iPad.