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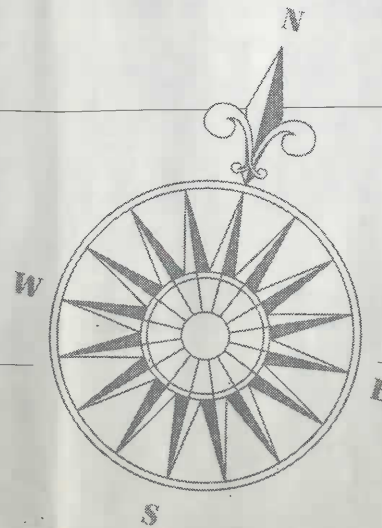
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Want to live in paradise but don't have millions? **Ed Cumming** picks 10 properties where a dream life needn't break the bank

1 Dominican Republic



LOCATION
Eco Beach,
North Coast

PRICE
£132,000

AGENT
Property
Horizons
(01908 888999;
property
horizons.co.uk)

With a gorgeous climate, relaxed vibe and beautiful scenery, the Dominican Republic

is an under-appreciated gem. This new luxury development will offer owners all the facilities of a top

hotel, including a spa, pools, watersports and helipad. Properties range from luxurious

apartments to beachside villas, with ownership schemes meaning prices start at just £132,000.

2 United States



LOCATION
Matlacha, Florida

PRICE
£393,000

AGENT
VIP Realty (020 7467
5330; viprealty.com)

This three-storey "island style" house offers water views from every room. There are three bedrooms and three bathrooms, plus an office, games and entertainment rooms. Outside, extensive decking lets you take full advantage of the Floridan climate. There are two boat lifts for storing his 'n' hers speedboats. Florida prices have been doing well recently, so your dream home could prove a sound investment.

3 Brazil



LOCATION
Marine Home,
Florida

PRICE
£314,000

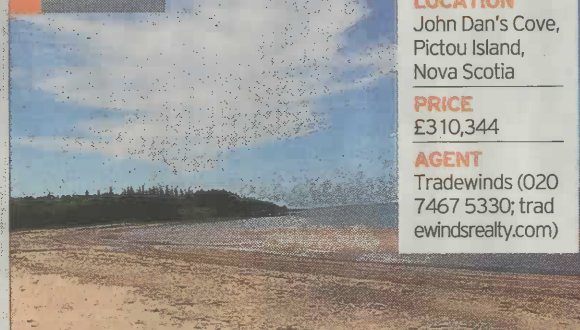
AGENT
UV 10 (08456
431 036; uv10.
com)

Often compared to Hawaii and Ibiza, Florida is a growing city on an island 450 miles south-west of Rio de Janeiro. Marine Home &

Resort is a beach complex in the north, a short distance from the island's party hot spots. A two-bedroom apartment comes with

access to tennis courts and swimming pool. Buy now in time to invite your friends over when the World Cup hits next year.

4 Canada



LOCATION
John Dan's Cove,
Pictou Island,
Nova Scotia

PRICE
£310,344

AGENT
Tradewinds (020
7467 5330; trad
ewindsrealty.com)

A huge unspoilt 70-acre site, with 700ft of private land, on which to build your perfect home. A brook and natural

spring provide running water. This is an ambitious project for a savvy developer with a romantic streak.

5 Mauritius



LOCATION
Azuri

PRICE
£334,000

AGENT
Azuri (020 7725
869 724; azuri.
mu)

Surrounded by the bath-warm Indian Ocean off the east coast of Madagascar, sunny Mauritius is as relaxing a spot as you could hope to find. It is popular with some of the world's wealthiest people, but you don't have to be a millionaire. This stylish flat is in a new development on a prime spot of the north coast. Purchases above \$500,000 (£334,000) allow you to become a permanent resident.

Property of the week



6 Thailand

LOCATION
Silver Beach, Phuket

PRICE
£117,000

AGENT
Beach Projects (020 7183 9099; beachprojects.com)

Set in a quiet residential area next to a nature reserve on the east coast, this development offers all the charm of Thailand's food, climate and beaches, but without the throngs of gap-year tourists. One-bedroom apartments start at £117,000, and come with access to pools, restaurants, a clubhouse and swim-up bars. Phuket International Airport is just half an hour away.

Property hot spots

10 Barbados



LOCATION
Royal Westmoreland

PRICE
£263,000

AGENT
Royal Westmoreland (01524 782649; royalwestmoreland.com)

The Royal Westmoreland is a favourite with footballers and actors. But you don't need a celebrity-style budget to get a

foothold here. One-bedroom apartments, a short drive from the beach and opening on to gardens, start at £263,000.

Rental of the week



11 Spain

LOCATION
Madrid

GUIDE PRICE
£3,848 pcm

AGENT
Aylesford (020 7349 9772; aylesford.com)

Nearly a thousand pounds a week might not sound like a bargain. But this spectacular house, on an exclusive estate an hour's drive from Madrid, has room for the whole family and more. As well as eight double bedrooms, Embalse de

Entrepas has a roomy living room, staff accommodation and gardens. Not to mention the balmy Spanish climate, which should warm you year-round, while you lie next to the 12m swimming pool. It could be an ideal change of scene.

7 Italy



LOCATION
Stresa, Verbania, Lake Maggiore

PRICE
£436,000

AGENT
Francesco Papurello (020 7467 5330; stresa.biz)

This two-bedroom, two-bathroom apartment proves that your slice of the good life doesn't have to be ruinous.

Enjoy a glass of prosecco and some fresh bruschetta on this terrace, while you take in a 180-degree view of the landscape.

8 United States



LOCATION
Cherokee Bend, Charlestown, Rhode Island

PRICE
£429,000

AGENT
Lila Denman (020 7467 5330; liladelman.com)

This ranch-style hilltop home sits in more than an acre of grounds. There is a pool, four bedrooms, a Jacuzzi and a

state-of-the-art kitchen. The resurgent American property market means it could prove a canny investment.

9 Croatia



LOCATION
Sun Gardens, Dubrovnik

PRICE
£157,000

AGENT
Dubrovnik Sun Gardens (00385 361 650; dubrovnik sungardens.com)

Sun Gardens, near the charming old town of Dubrovnik in Croatia, has all you could want for a relaxing holiday spot.

A reliable climate, short journey from Britain and year-round rental demand have made it a popular option.