



# PORTUGAL

## GOLDEN VISA PROGRAMME

### RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT

#### CAPITAL CITY

Lisbon

**92,212 km<sup>2</sup>**

TOTAL AREA

#### TIME ZONE

Western European Time Zone

**10,379,573**

POPULATION

#### LANGUAGES

Portuguese

**\$24,237**

GDP nominal (per capita)

#### CURRENCY

Euro €

**\$328.252 billion**

GDP (purchasing power parity)

#### SCHENGEN/ EU

Member State of the EU, &  
Schengen Area

**177**

VISA-FREE COUNTRIES



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Portugal is an EU country enjoying a sound political system, and a fully liberalized market economy. The country offers a European standard of living, including high standards of education and healthcare. Being a Mediterranean country, Portugal boasts of a rich and diverse culture as well as, a Mediterranean climate.

Portugal has been a member of the European Union since 1986 and of the Schengen Area since 1995.

### WHY CHOOSE PORTUGAL? BENEFITS

Living in Portugal, in itself, is the most significant benefit. The country is home to a diverse and exquisite culture and is also one of the safest in the world.

#### **Golden Residence Permit Program provides the following prime benefits:**

- ✓ The program allows you to live and work in the country.
- ✓ Your Residence Visa is waived upon entering.
- ✓ After 5 years, qualified applicants will be eligible for permanent residency.
- ✓ Family members such as a spouse, children, dependent children, and dependent parents are included.
- ✓ Citizenship for those who complete one year of permanent residency.
- ✓ Can travel without a Visa within the Schengen member states and EU.

### PERMANENT RESIDENCY & CITIZENSHIP

Portugal offers one of the most unique “Residence-By-Investment” called the Golden Residence Permit Program. It is also one of the most cost-effective residency programs of its kind within the European Union.

After 5 years of temporary residence, the applicant may apply for permanent residence in Portugal, and after 6 years of legal residence, the applicant may proceed to apply for Portuguese citizenship by naturalization provided that all the legal requirements set out in the Portuguese Nationality Act are fulfilled.



**LOW MINIMUM STAY  
REQUIREMENT: 7 DAYS  
IN THE 1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR**



**LEADS TO PR AFTER 5  
YEARS OF TEMPORARY  
RESIDENCY**



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**LEADS TO CITIZENSHIP  
AFTER 6 YEARS OF  
RESIDENCY**



**CHILDREN & PARENTS  
INCLUDED**





The Golden Resident Program is subject to the requirements and conditions listed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Portuguese Trade and Investment Agency (AICEP), and the Department of Consular Affairs.

## ELIGIBILITY

Eligible dependents include the spouse, dependent children and dependent parents, as well as, siblings under the care of the main applicant. To qualify, applicants must meet the following conditions:

- ✓ Should not possess a criminal record.
- ✓ Prove that the funds for the investment originated abroad.
- ✓ Pay the fees for application and processing on time and where applicable.
- ✓ Their property, within the EU, must not be frozen.
- ✓ Enter the country (Portugal) for the first time using a Schengen visa.
- ✓ Stay in the country for a minimum of 7 days in the first year and 14 days each for the remaining 4 years.

## INVESTMENT OPTIONS

The Portugal Golden Visa Programme offers three investment options:

### Property Investment

The min. investment for new property in Portugal is €500,000 whilst investment for property which is older than 30 years and situated in urban regeneration areas must be valued at least €350,000.

Buildings which are older than 30 years in areas with less than 100 habitants/km sq., must be valued at least €280,000.

### Capital Investment

An applicant can choose to invest €350,000 in research activities; €250,000 in the construction and rebuilding of national heritage projects or in the arts; €500,000 in venture capital funds or investment funds.

### Job Creation in Portugal

Applicants must create min 10 jobs in Portugal that must be verified.



NON-EU CITIZENS IN  
GOOD STANDING



INVEST IN PORTUGAL:  
PROPERTY, JOB CREATION,  
CAPITAL TRANSFER



MEET MINIMUM STAY  
REQUIREMENT



ENTER PORTUGAL FOR THE  
FIRST TIME WITH A VALID  
SCHENGEN

# PROGRAM TIMELINE

The summarized timeline presented below is based on a highlight of the required process for the Portugal Golden Visa Programme. The table breaks down the process into three basic steps. Each step must be completed before continuing to the next.

## STEP 1

### ENGAGEMENT



#### PREPARATION

**1 MONTH**

- Visit the Embassy of Portugal to present supporting docs
- Prepare and submit application and documents for the Schengen Visa
- Pre-registration for the Golden Visa Permit
- Transfer of investment funds

## STEP 2

### TRAVEL TO PORTUGAL TO SUBMIT APPLICATION & HAVE BIOMETRICS REGISTERED



#### PROCESSING

**4 MONTHS**

The Portuguese Immigration and Borders Service(SEF)processes and reviews the application

## STEP 3

### ISSUE OF GOLDEN VISA



## STEP 4

### CITIZENSHIP APPLICATION MAY BE FILED 6 YEARS OF LEGAL RESIDENCY



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