



PORTUGAL GOLDEN VISA

Your gateway to Portugal through
investments in exclusive and lucrative
business opportunities.



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The Golden Visa Portugal, formally known as the Residence Permit for Investment (ARI), was established in 2012 to draw foreign investment and enhance key sectors of the Portuguese economy. Despite notable modifications in 2023, the program continues to operate under certain modalities and remains one of the most appealing options for individuals seeking residence in Portugal, access to the European Union, and, ultimately, Portuguese citizenship.

What is the Portugal Golden Visa?

The Golden Visa is a program that provides temporary residence authorization in Portugal to foreign nationals who make qualifying investments in the country. In addition to permitting residence, work, and study in Portugal, the Golden Visa grants access to Schengen Area countries, with the opportunity to apply for citizenship after five years of legal residence.

General Specifications

To apply for the Golden Visa, you are required to:

- Being a citizen of a nation outside the European Union.
- Obtain a NIF (Tax Identification Number) and appoint a Tax Representative in Portugal
- Make a qualifying investment in Portugal.
- Maintain the investment for a minimum of 5 years.
- No criminal record.
- Reside in Portugal for a minimum of 7 days during the first year and 14 days every subsequent two years.

Essential Guidelines for Real Estate Investments:

As of the changes implemented in 2023, direct investments in residential or commercial properties are no longer permissible for new Golden Visa applications.

Nonetheless, it remains possible to invest indirectly in the real estate sector through some legally permissible solutions, provided with the appropriate framework and guidance from our team



GOLDEN VISA PORTUGAL Investment Options

The investment options qualifying for the Golden Visa are as follows:

- Establishment of a company in Portugal that generates a minimum of 10 sustainable employment opportunities.
- A donation of no less than €500,000 to an accredited public or private institution involved in qualified scientific research that will enhance the national scientific and technological infrastructure.
- A donation of a minimum of €250,000 to an accredited institution that undertakes qualified projects for, or in support of, artistic production or the preservation or restoration of cultural heritage.
- An investment of a minimum of €500,000 in investment funds or venture capital funds is required to acquire units with a maturity of no less than five years from the date of purchase. To be eligible, an investment fund or venture capital fund must be registered in Portugal and allocate at least 60% of its capital to investments within Portugal. Compared to other investment avenues, it may be faster to acquire a Golden Visa through investment funds.
- An investment of a minimum of €500,000 for the establishment of a new company in Portugal, resulting in the creation of five new jobs sustained for three consecutive years, or a capital infusion into an existing company in Portugal that ensures the retention of at least ten existing jobs.

Portugal Golden Visa Program – Additional qualification criteria

All applicants must also submit evidence of the following: valid medical or health insurance, a valid passport and Schengen visa, confirmation of the qualifying investment, verification that the investment funds are of legal origin, a Portuguese bank account and a tax identification number, proof of submission of their application and biometric data to AIMA entity, and no prior criminal conviction for an offense punishable in Portugal with a sentence exceeding one year in prison.

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Advantages

The Portuguese Golden Visa presents numerous benefits for foreign investors and their families, establishing it as one of the most appealing residence options in Europe. Portugal boasts an outstanding global reputation and is recognized as one of the most globalized and peaceful countries, offering a high quality of life and an exceptional position on the Human Development Index. As one of the oldest nations in Europe, it features a rich history, vibrant culture, exquisite cuisine, breathtaking beaches, and picturesque landscapes.

Several key advantages include:

Residence in Portugal

- The Golden Visa permits the holder and their family to reside legally in Portugal, granting comprehensive access to residence, employment, healthcare, and educational opportunities.
- There is no obligation for permanent residence; an average of merely 7 days per year in Portugal suffices, facilitating the process for investors wishing to retain residency in their home country.

Entry to the Schengen Area

- With the Golden Visa, holders can travel seamlessly across 27 countries within the Schengen Area, without the requirement for additional visas.
- This is especially advantageous for business professionals, frequent travelers, and individuals interested in mobility throughout Europe.

Apply to Portuguese Citizenship

- After five years of holding the Golden Visa, the individual may apply for Portuguese citizenship.
- Portugal permits dual citizenship, offering a significant advantage for individuals who wish to retain their original passport.

Family Benefit Expansion

- The spouse, dependent children, and parents of the holder may also be included in the program, thereby ensuring that the entire family enjoys equivalent residence rights and mobility benefits within the Schengen Area.
- Children have access to free education in public schools and substantial discounts at public universities.

Tax Advantages and Financial Planning Opportunities

- In specific situations, tax advantages on income may be available based on the investor's profile.
- This program is available to Golden Visa holders, offering a favorable tax framework for individuals aiming to protect their income from taxation.

Economic Landscape and Standard of Living

- Portugal ranks among the safest countries globally and boasts a high quality of life, characterized by a temperate climate, an accessible healthcare system, and an elevated quality of life rating.
- The Portuguese economy is characterized by stability and diversification, with sectors such as tourism, technology, real estate, and renewable energy increasingly drawing the attention of investors.

Access to Public and Social Services

- The holder of a Golden Visa is entitled to access Portugal's public healthcare system and public education, which represents a considerable advantage for families intending to reside in the country.
- Additionally, Portugal boasts an extensive network of social services that residents can utilize.

Key steps to acquire Portuguese residency and citizenship

The Golden Visa program and its regulations are notably intricate. Legal and tax counsel from our offices is crucial to oversee each phase of the process and to guarantee that everything proceeds as seamlessly as possible.

- ✓ **Step 1: Assembling all requisite documents**
With the assistance of our Office, we facilitate the collection of all necessary documents from the primary applicant and their family.
- ✓ **Step 2: Acquire a Tax Identification Number (NIF) and establish a Bank Account**
We will support you in acquiring your NIF and establishing a bank account.
Portuguese law mandates that all individuals who do not currently reside in Portugal and possess a NIF must appoint a tax representative. We can facilitate the provision of tax representation services.
You are required to establish a bank account with a financial institution in Portugal.
- ✓ **Step 3: Selecting and financing your investment**
Choose a suitable investment option and finalize the financing. We assist you in identifying the most advantageous investment opportunities through our extensive network of contacts and partnerships.
- ✓ **Step 4: Submitting the procedure to AIMA**
Our team will offer comprehensive assistance in organizing the documentation and facilitating the process. All the outlined steps do not necessitate your or your family's presence in Portugal and are entirely straightforward. Our office manages all bureaucratic matters.
- ✓ **Step 5: Participate in a meeting with AIMA in Portugal**
This appointment is essential for the issuance of the Golden Visa. AIMA will provide a selection of available dates for this purpose to facilitate travel to Portugal. We assist clients during their trips to AIMA to complete the process.
- ✓ **Step 6: Obtain your Golden Visa and renew it after two years.**
The residence permit is issued and must be renewed after the initial two-year period. The subsequent renewal will also be for a duration of two years.
- ✓ **Step 7: Submit an Application for Portuguese Citizenship or Permanent Residency**
After five years of residency in Portugal, you may apply - with our support - for permanent residency or Portuguese citizenship.

WELCOME TO PORTUGAL

The Portugal Golden Visa provides an expedited pathway to residency in Portugal, granting access to the EU and presenting a distinctive opportunity to immerse oneself in the rich culture, breathtaking landscapes, and warm hospitality of this remarkable nation.

Ensure the success of your Golden Visa process!

Our team, through its extensive professional services, is ideally positioned to assist, advise, and support Golden Visa investors and applicants at every stage of the process.

Take advantage of this golden opportunity!

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