

Greece

Greek Residence Permit

Greece, officially the Hellenic Republic, historically also known as Hellas, is a country located in Southern Europe, with a population of approximately 11 million as of 2016. Athens is the nation's capital and largest city, followed by Thessaloniki.

A member of the European Union, Greece is a democratic country with a developed economy and a high standard of living. Athens serves as an excellent business location providing access to both international business and travel.

Greek Golden Visa Programme

The Golden Visa Programme is an attractive option, particularly for applicants whose principal aim is to leverage visa-free travel throughout the Schengen Area. There is no minimum stay requirement in Greece, and applicants' children up to the age of 21 can qualify within the application process.

Requirements

Applicants must fulfil one of the following criteria:

Property purchase – Applicants must purchase real estate worth at least €250,000, to be held for the duration of residency and for a minimum period of 5 years.

Property investment – Applicants may alternatively invest in one of the following options:

- €250,000 time share investment with a minimum 10 year lease.
- €250,000 real estate investment.

Timescales

Applications are normally processed within two months of submission.

Benefits of the Programme

- Visa-free travel in the Schengen Area.
- No requirement to live in Greece.
- Applicants are granted a residence permit valid for 5 years and renewable thereafter. The Programme also offers a pathway to Greek citizenship after living there for seven years.
- Spouse and children up to the age of 21 can be included in the application.

Key Facts



- Official language is Greek, however English tends to be used as the 'business language'.



- An attractive warm climate, dry summers from April to November, with short, cooler winters. Average annual daytime temperature is 24°C.



- Strategically located being just 1.5hrs from Athens, 4hrs from Frankfurt, 3.5hrs from Dubai and 5hrs from London.



- Required investment from €500,000.

