



Portugal

Golden Visa Programme

Portugal is a southern European country on the Iberian Peninsula, bordering Spain. Its location on the Atlantic Ocean has influenced many aspects of its culture: salt cod and grilled sardines are national dishes, the Algarve's beaches are a major destination and much of the nation's architecture dates to the 1500s–1800s, when Portugal had a powerful maritime empire.

Golden Visa Programme-Requirements

Applicants must fulfil ONE of the following three options:

- **Property** – Purchase a property for at least €500,000 or invest €350,000 in property which is more than 30 years old or located in urban regeneration areas.
- **Investment** – Make a capital transfer of at least €250,000 for the purposes of investment in artistic output or maintenance of national heritage, or a capital transfer of at least €350,000 for investment in research activities, or a capital transfer of at least €350,000 for purchase of shares in investment funds or in venture capital geared to the capitalisation of small and medium companies, or capital transfer of at least €1million into a Portuguese bank account or specific approved investment option.
- **Job Creation** – the applicant must create at least 10 jobs for locals.

Timescales

The Portuguese Government normally grants residence within 180 days from submission of the application.

Benefits of obtaining residence

- Visa-free travel within the Schengen Area.
- Applicants can apply for Portuguese Citizenship after six years.
- Dependant family members can be included.
- Minimal residency requirement- applicants are required to stay for 7 days only in the first year and 28 days in subsequent years.
- As a member of the European Union, it provides an excellent launch pad for anyone wanting to access the 28 countries of the Schengen Area.

Key Facts



- Residents enjoy a mediterranean climate and culture.



- Official language, both spoken and written, is Portuguese.



- Currency is Euro, EUR.



- Capital and largest city is Lisbon.



- Investment options from €250,000 for the Golden Visa Programme.

