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Greece

Golden Visa Program

As a member state of the EU, Greece offers its residents and citizens a number of reassuring benefits including high levels of safety and security, excellent education opportunities, robust healthcare options, and a dependable rule of law. Greece's warm Mediterranean climate, desirable lifestyle, and cosmopolitan cities, coupled with the country's strong industries, have led many wealthy individuals and families to make this country their second home.

Population: 10.5 million

Language: Greek

Economy: Service- and industrial-based

Currency: Euro

Program Overview

- Specialized real estate investment of EUR 250,000
- The right to live and study in Greece, with visa-free access to Europe's Schengen area

Key Benefits

- Residence permits acquired within 90–120 days
- Residence permit renewable every five years, provided that the holder maintains a property in Greece
- Opportunity for long-term investment property rentals
- Residence applicable to the whole family (spouse, children under 21 years old, and parents of the main applicant and spouse)
- Access to the public healthcare and education systems in Greece
- Eligibility to apply for citizenship after seven years of legal residence
- Ability to hold shares and receive income from the dividends of a company registered in Greece (but not to be employed in Greece)

Main Applicant Requirements

Proof of health insurance coverage that is valid in Greece

A valid visa at the beginning of the application process in order to enter Greece

Fulfill the real estate investment option in one of the following investment zones:

- EUR 250,000: Specialized real estate investment allocated towards the conversion of commercial properties into residential use or the restoration of listed buildings, regardless of location or size
- EUR 400,000: For the purchase of properties in Greece, the investment must be made in a single property with a minimum size of 120 sqm
- EUR 800,000: For the purchase of properties in Athens, Thessaloniki, and islands with more than 3,100 inhabitants

Alternatively, select one of the following other qualifying options:

- 10-year time sharing or lease agreement for hotel accommodation or furnished tourist residences of at least EUR 400,000 or EUR 800,000 depending on the threshold zone
- Fixed term deposit of at least EUR 500,000 with a Greek credit institution
- Capital contribution of at least of EUR 500,000 in a public limited real estate investment company that invests exclusively in Greece, increasing its share capital; or a closed-end investment company or mutual fund; or a Greek-based company for share capital increase or bonds issued for trading on regulated Greek markets or multilateral trading facilities
- Purchase of Greek government bonds worth at least EUR 500,000 with a remaining maturity of at least three years, through a Greek credit institution
- Purchase of shares, corporate bonds, or Greek government bonds traded on regulated Greek markets or multilateral trading facilities, with an acquisition value of at least EUR 800,000
- Purchase of shares or stocks with an acquisition value of at least EUR 350,000 in a mutual fund exclusively investing in shares, corporate bonds, or Greek government bonds (traded on regulated markets or multilateral trading facilities in Greece) or in an alternative investment fund established in Greece or another EU member state, solely dedicated to investing in Greece

Procedures

All the essential documentation that accompanies the application for an immigration permit must be duly certified, along with a translation of the same documents into the Greek language.

1. Client contacts *Henley & Partners*
2. Initial due diligence checks completed
3. Client agreement signed and retainer paid
4. Collection of required documents
5. Client visits Greece with a valid visa and assigns a legal representative to conclude the process
6. Payment of government residence fees and balance of *Henley & Partners* fees
7. Application for Greek residence submitted to the government
8. Biometrics captured either the same day or within the next six months

Application approved

About Henley & Partners

Henley & Partners is the global leader in residence and citizenship planning. Each year, hundreds of wealthy individuals and their advisors rely on our expertise and experience in this area. The firm's highly qualified professionals work together as one team in over 70 offices worldwide. *Henley & Partners* also runs the world's leading government advisory practice for wealth migration, which has raised more than USD 15 billion in foreign direct investment.

Visa-free, visa-on-arrival, and ETA rules can be updated, amended, or adjusted at any time due to changes in diplomatic, security, health, migration, or reciprocal policies.

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