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## Why Residence and Citizenship?

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### **Key Considerations for Alternative Residence**

 Education
 Quality of Life
 Legal protection

 Healthcare
 Business opportunities
 International travel

 Cosmopolitan
 Tax
 Stability of Government



## **Residence Programs**



#### **Premier Residence Countries**

# Main global residency programs by way of investment

Australia Cyprus Monaco

UK

Belgium Greece Portugal

UAE

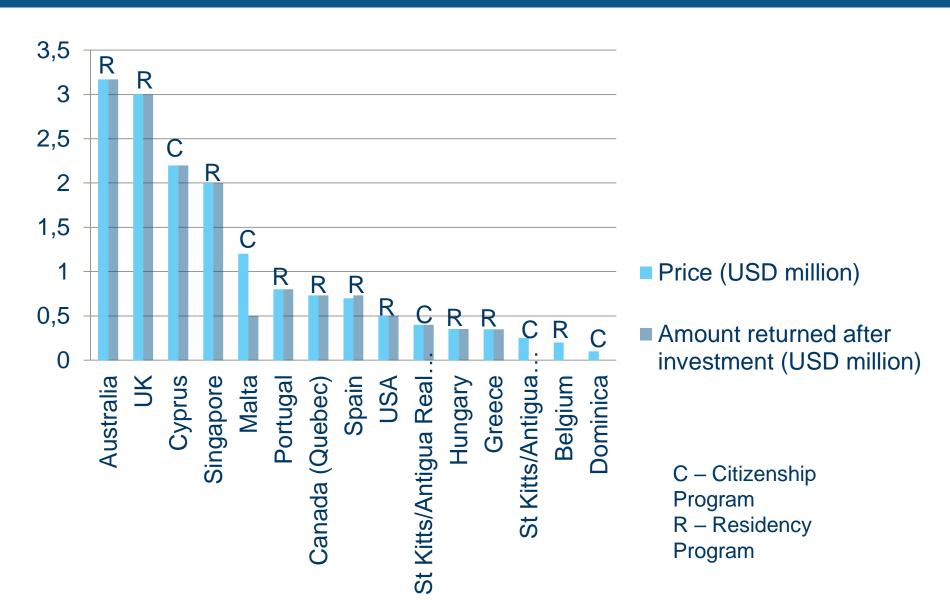
Canada Malta Singapore

USA

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#### **How Much Does Each Program Cost?**





## **Citizenship Programs**



#### **Citizenship by Investment**

There are currently only eight countries which offer citizenship programs that provide a fast-track route to citizenship based only on investment.

Antigua & Barbuda

St. Kitts & Nevis

Cyprus

Grenada

**Domenica Republic** 

Malta

St. Lucia

Austria



### **Citizenship by Investment in the Caribbean**













#### St. Kitts & Nevis – Citizenship by Investment

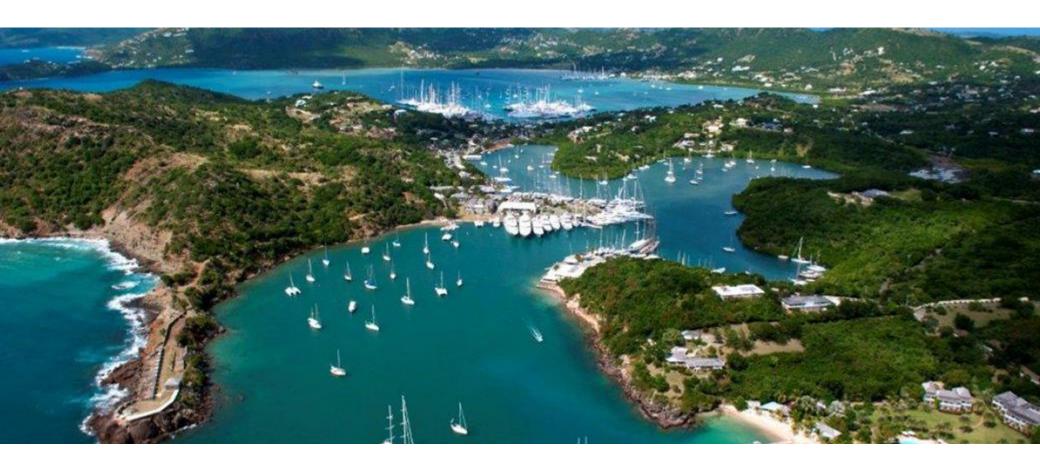
- An investment of at least US\$ 400,000 in an approved real estate development or a non-refundable contribution to the Sugar Industry Diversification Foundation (SIDF) of an amount starting from US\$ 250,000
- No residency requirements
- Visa-free travel to almost 130 countries including UK and Schengen zone













#### **Antigua & Barbuda – Citizenship by Investment**

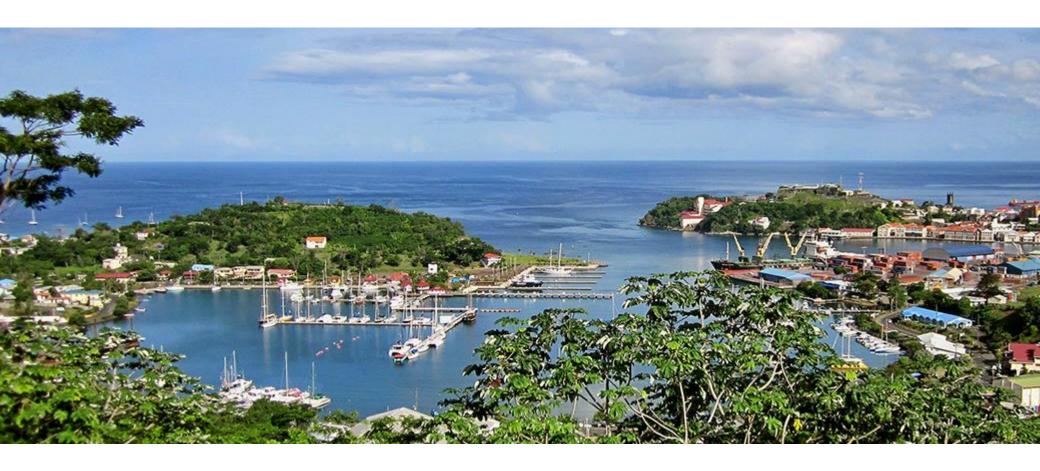
- An investment of at least US\$ 400,000 in an approved real estate development OR
  a non-refundable contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF) of an
  amount starting from US\$ 250,000
- 7 days residency required over 5 years
- Visa-free travel to almost 130 countries including UK, Schengen zone and Canada







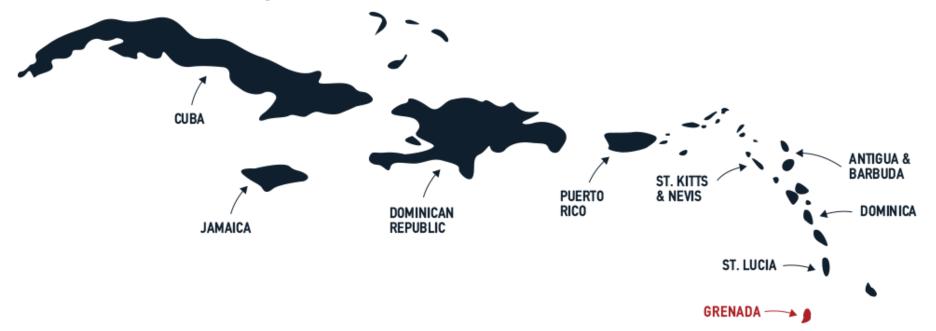






#### **Grenada – Citizenship by Investment**

- An investment of at least US\$ 350,000 in an approved real estate development OR
  a non-refundable contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF) of an
  amount of US\$ 200,000 for the family
- No residency required
- Visa-free travel to almost 115 countries including UK, Schengen zone and China
- Special E2 visa arrangement with the USA





### **Dominica**







#### **Dominica – Citizenship by Investment**

- An investment of at least US\$ 200,000 in an approved real estate development OR
  a non-refundable contribution to the National Development Fund (NDF) of an
  amount starting at US\$ 100,000 for an individual
- No residency required
- Visa-free travel to almost 100 countries including UK, Schengen zone and China











#### St. Lucia - Citizenship by Investment

- An investment of at least US\$ 300,000 in an approved real estate development, an investment of at least US\$ 3,5 million in pre-approved enterprise projects, an investment of min. US\$ 500,000 in Government bonds or a non-refundable contribution to the NEF (National Economic Fund) of an amount starting from US\$ 100,000
- No residency requirements
- Visa-free travel to almost 120 countries including UK and Schengen zone













#### **Malta – Citizenship by Investment**

- Contribution to National Development and Social Fund of min. of EUR 650,000 (for the main applicant), an investment of EUR 150,000 in Government approved financial instruments, which must be maintained for a minimum period of 5 years is required. Additionally, the applicant must commit to retain a residence in Malta for a period of at least 5 years, either through the purchase of a property, for which the minimum value must exceed EUR 350,000, or through leasing of a property, for which the minimum annual rent must exceed EUR 16,000
- Residency requirements of min of 2 weeks
- Travel visa-free to 167 countries, including the EU and Canada



#### **WHY CYPRUS**









#### **Temporary Work and Residence permit**

» Issued for 1-5 years if employed by a Cyprus company. Renewable if needed.



#### Permanent Residence Permit ("PRP")

#### New accelerated procedure (granted within two months)

» Main requirements include acquiring a property in Cyprus of at least €300.000, a fixed three year deposit in a Cyprus bank for €30.000 and have secured annual income of €30.000 from activities outside of Cyprus.



#### <u>Certificate of Naturalization / Citizenship = Cyprus (EU) Passport</u>



#### Eligibility criteria have recently been relaxed and made more flexible

» Main requirements include acquiring a property in Cyprus of at least €500.000 AND effecting a number of set investments or deposits of €2m in the case of the applicant participating (OR simply a total investment in one main residency property of a minimum €2m)





#### **Cyprus Citizenship - Investment options**



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#### INVESTMENT IN IMMOVABLE PROPERTY, DEVELOPMENTS AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS



APPLICANT

Must own a lifetime residence in Cyprus worth at least €500,000 plus applicable VAT



INVESTMENT
\*Immovable Property



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\*Immovable Property refers to residential and/or commercial and/or development of property and/or other infrastructure projects.

The purchase of a lifetime residenceny is applicable for all 4 options. Any amount in excess of the minimum €500.000 reduces the total investment accordingly.

If the investment is made exclusively on residential property/ies, then the amount of the investment is reduced to €1.5 million + V.A.T.

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#### ACQUISITION OR INCORPORATION OR PARTICIPATION IN CYPRUS COMPANIES



APPLICANT

Must own a lifetime residence in Cyprus worth at least €500,000 plus applicable VAT



\*Business in Cyprus Companies



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\*Business in Cyprus Companies - Applicant can purchase, incorporate or participate in companies which have physical presence/activities in Cyprus and employ at least five citizens of the Cyprus Republic.



#### **Cyprus Citizenship - Investment options**



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#### INVESTMENT IN ALTERNATIVE INVESTMENT FUNDS (AIFs), FINANCIAL ASSETS OF CYPRIOT BUSINESSES



APPLICANT

Must own a lifetime residence in Cyprus worth at least €500,000 plus applicable VAT



INVESTMENT
\*Financial Assets



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\*Financial Assets refer to units in AIFs, and financial assets such as bonds, securities, debentures of Cypriot businesses or organisations which are licensed by the Cyprus Securities and Exchange Commission. Operations/investments of the organisations should be limited only in the Cyprus Republic.

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#### COMBINATION OF THE ABOVE INVESTMENT OPTIONS



APPLICANT

Must own a lifetime residence in Cyprus worth at least €500,000 plus applicable VAT



\*Combination of Options 1-3



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\*Combination of options 1-3 can be investment in option 1 and/or option 2 and/or option 3 provided that the total sum is at least €2 million.

#### Optional additive Investment in Government Bonds

The investor under option 4 has the choice to invest up to a maximum of €500.000 in Government Bonds in order to satisfy the needed investment of €2 million.

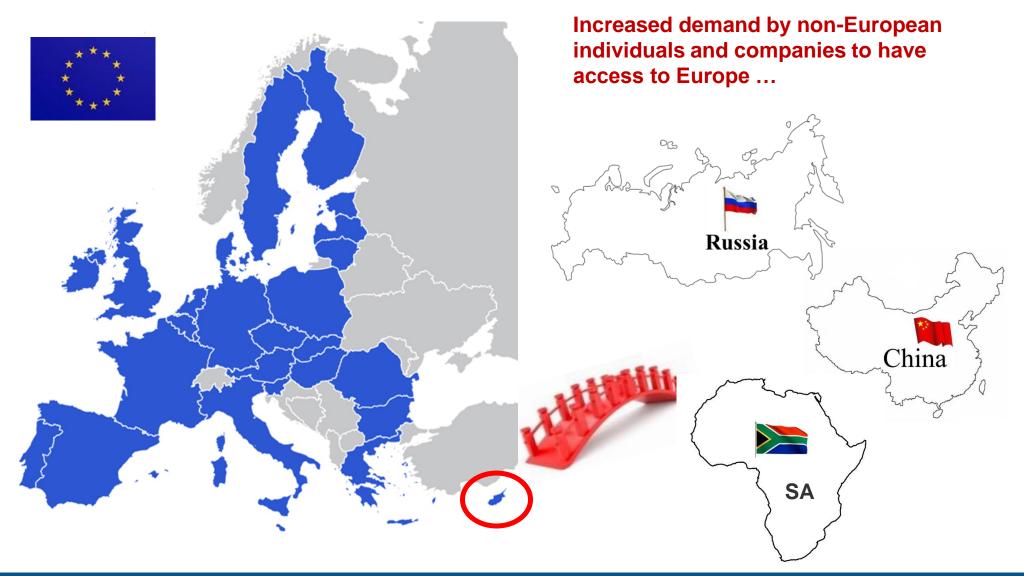
#### Other main Cyprus attractions for foreign individuals



- Relaxing the conditions, criteria and procedure for obtaining Cyprus Naturalisation / Passport.
- Introduction of NON-DOMICILE persons within the tax law. This means that foreigners becoming
  Cyprus tax residents will be completely tax exempt on dividend and interest related incomes from
  worldwide sources for a period of 17 years. Also completely tax exempt on gain from sale of shares.
- Enhancing tax exemption incentives for Cyprus employment income for staff moving to Cyprus;
   e.g. 20% annual tax exemption with a maximum exemption amount of eur 8,550
   OR 50% annual tax exemption for high earners earning over eur 100,000 per year.
- Cyprus tax residency for individuals based on days spent on the island (183 days test)
   ... OR a very recent development, based on 60 days test if also employed / doing business in Cyprus and not being a tax resident elsewhere.
- **Comparative advantages of operating costs on set up and maintenance of offices** (when compared to other EU jurisdictions)



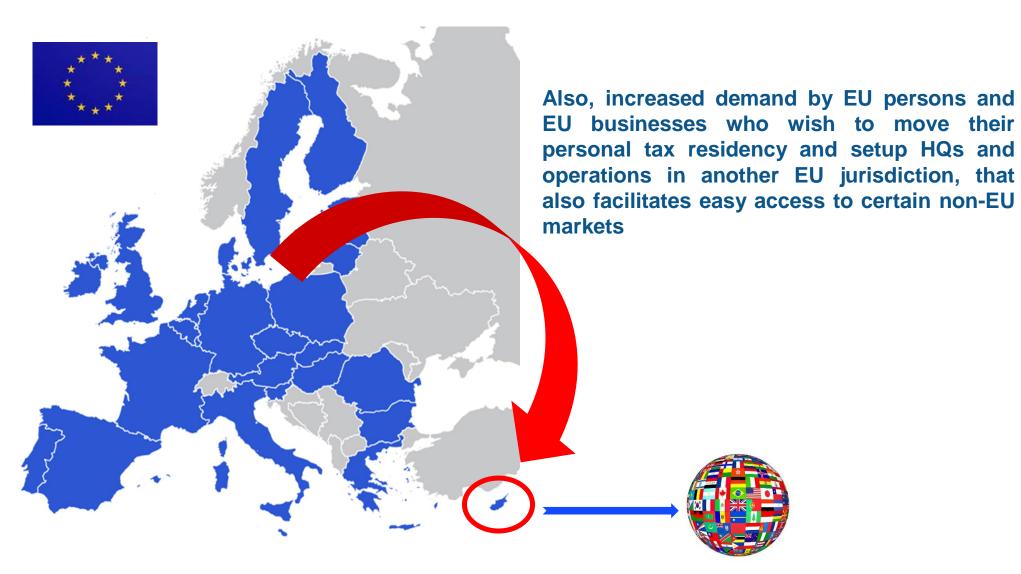




























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