



Passport Legacy

HUNGARY

RESIDENCE BY INVESTMENT PROGRAM

Your Trusted Partner In Bespoke Residence And Citizenship By Investment Solutions



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Hungary, often regarded as the gateway to Central and Southeast Europe, offers an enticing blend of rich cultural heritage, vibrant cities, and breathtaking landscapes like the Danube River and Lake Balaton. As a member of the European Union since 2004 and part of the Schengen Area since 2007, Hungary stands as a strategic location for foreign investment.

The Hungary Residence by Investment program, also known as the Hungary Golden Visa or Hungarian Guest Investor Program (GIP), provides non-European investors with a streamlined path to residency. With its competitive investment requirements, the program offers an attractive entry point to the European Union, coupled with Hungary's favorable business environment, excellent quality of life, and a highly educated workforce specializing in fields like engineering, medicine, and economics.

This program allows investors and their families to relocate to one of Europe's safest and most affordable countries. Ranked 14th in the Global Peace Index 2024, Hungary ensures residents can access the country even during border closures. The Hungary Golden Visa opens doors to long-term residency and access to the Schengen Area, making it an ideal choice for those seeking both exceptional living and investment opportunities in Europe.

Hungary presents an enticing destination for those seeking an exceptional living experience and promising investment opportunities in the heart of Europe. Investors and their families, from outside of the European Union, can now apply for a Hungarian Guest Investor Residence Permit and become long-term, legal residents in Hungary with access to Europe's Schengen Area.





KEY FACTS

Capital City: Budapest

Dialing Code: +36

Currency: Forint (HUF)

Official Language:
Hungarian (English and German widely spoken)

Major Economic Industries:
Science and Technology, Transport, Energy

Drives on: Right

Time Zone:
UTC+1 (CET); UTC+2 (CEST) during summer

Program Overview

- Established: 2024
- Minimum Investment: EUR 250,000
- Processing Time: 4 Months
- Family Residency includes Spouse and Children under 18 years of age
- 10-year permit with the right to extend
- Among the world's most favorable tax codes





PROGRAMME BENEFITS



INVESTING AFTER VISA APPROVAL

Before committing to an investment, applicants receive a D visa (Guest Investor Visa) following a thorough Due Diligence check by the Migration Office. This ensures minimal risk of residency refusal, safeguarding your investment.



VISA-FREE TRAVEL ACROSS THE SCHENGEN AREA

Hungarian residence permit holders can travel visa-free within the Schengen countries for up to 90 days within any 180-day period.



NO PHYSICAL RESIDENCY REQUIRED

Maintain property and an address in Hungary, but no physical residency is required.



RIGHT TO EXTEND

Secure a 10-year residency with the right to renew for an additional 10 years.



EU RESIDENCE PLAN B

Gain lifestyle and financial security with EU economic and political stability.



LOW COST OF LIVING

Hungary offers a low cost of living, with groceries, entertainment, and property prices significantly lower than in other European countries like Norway, Denmark, and Italy.



INVESTMENT FLEXIBILITY

Choose from three investment options to suit various budgets.



FAMILY ELIGIBILITY

This programme includes your spouse and children under the age of 18 years.





PROGRAMME BENEFITS



OPENING ACCOUNTS IN EUROPEAN BANKS

Hungarian residents can open bank accounts with minimal documentation—typically, a passport and residence permit card suffice.



ACCESS TO HIGH-QUALITY HEALTHCARE AND EDUCATION

Hungary is home to 11 universities ranked among the top 1,500 globally (QS World University Rankings 2025). The country is also a hub for medical tourism, renowned for its thermal springs, high-quality dentistry, and aesthetic surgery.



EUROPEAN LIFESTYLE

Enjoy an affordable lifestyle, quality education, and beautiful scenery in the heart of Europe.



PERMANENT RESIDENCE AND CITIZENSHIP ELIGIBILITY

After three years of residency in Hungary, foreigners can apply for permanent residence. Citizenship may follow after an additional 8 years, with cultural exams required.



INCOME-GENERATING INVESTMENTS

Properties purchased through the program can be income-generating.



COMPETITIVE TAX REGIME

Hungary boasts one of Europe's lowest tax rates, with a 15% income tax rate and a 9% corporate tax rate. Property purchases incur a 4% stamp duty.



MINIMAL PHYSICAL PRESENCE REQUIREMENTS

After acquiring the Guest Investor Visa and completing your investment, no further travel to Hungary is necessary.

Applicants Requirements

- Must pass due diligence checks
- Be at least 18 years old
- No criminal record
- Legitimate source of income
- Non-EU or non-EEA country of origin



PROGRAMME INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Hungary's Golden Visa program offers three distinct investment options for those seeking a 10-year Hungarian residency for themselves and their family members. Each option is designed to cater to different investor preferences, and none of them impose a minimum stay requirement.

Real Estate Investment Fund

This option involves acquiring investment certificates from a real estate fund registered with the National Bank of Hungary. The investment amount is set at a minimum of EUR 250,000.

Real Estate Acquisition (Available from 1 January 2025)

This option allows investors to acquire strictly residential property in Hungary, valued at a minimum of EUR 500,000.

Donation to a Hungarian Public Trust

This option involves making a monetary donation of at least EUR 1 million to a designated educational or cultural institution operated by a public trust performing public functions.



PROCEDURES AND TIMEFRAME FOR THE HUNGARY GUEST INVESTOR RESIDENCE PERMIT

APPLICATION PROCESS

- Applicants must first obtain a Guest Investor Visa and declare their commitment to one of the investment options during the visa application process. Finalizing the investment is not mandatory at this stage.
- After receiving the Guest Investor Visa, the applicant must travel to Hungary to complete the investment within three months.
- Once the investment is finalized, the applicant must apply for a Guest Investor Residence Permit with the immigration authority or via the electronic platform, Enter Hungary, within 93 days of their initial entry into Hungary.
- Along with the application, proof of investment must be provided. After fulfilling all the requirements, no further travel to Hungary is necessary.

RESIDENCE PERMIT DETAILS

- The applicant, along with their qualifying spouse and children, will receive a long-term residence permit valid for 10 years. This permit is renewable for a further 10 years, provided the investment is maintained.
- The application processing time is approximately 21 working days.

ACQUIRING HUNGARIAN CITIZENSHIP AFTER THE HUNGARY GUEST INVESTOR RESIDENCE PERMIT

- A guest investor can become eligible for permanent residence in Hungary by lawfully residing in the country for three years prior to the application. Starting from 1 January 2025, passing a cultural written exam in Hungarian will also be required for the application.
- Citizenship is typically granted after residing in Hungary for at least eight years, although exceptions may apply for Hungarian minor children or spouses. Passing a Hungarian cultural exam remains mandatory in all cases.

A. DOCUMENTS PREPARATION

- Passport Legacy will submit a list of required documents which the applicant must provide.

B. PROCEDURES ONCE GUEST INVESTOR VISA IS ACQUIRED – VISIT REQUIRED

- The guest visa is issued for up to 6 months. During this period, the applicant must travel to Hungary, fulfil the investment condition, and submit documents for the residence permit – after which no further travel to Hungary is necessary.

C. ARRIVAL IN HUNGARY AND APPLYING FOR A RESIDENCE PERMIT

- The applicant arrives in Hungary on the Guest Investor Visa and fulfils the investment condition within 3 months: purchases fund units or real estate or donates to a higher learning institution. When the investment condition is fulfilled, the investor applies for a residence permit in person at the regional office of the National Directorate-General for Aliens Policing.
- Another option is to apply online via the Enter Hungary platform. Notably, an online application is the only possible option if the applicant's attorney -in-fact is a legal representative or a legal entity.

D. SUBMITTING BIOMETRICS AND RECEIVING A RESIDENCE PERMIT CARD

- On the appointed day and time, the investor visits a Migration Service office with the passport and original documents, passes fingerprinting, and takes photos for a residence card. The residence permit card is mailed to the stated address in Hungary within 21 days.
- The applicant, and their qualifying spouse and children, will receive a long-term residence permit valid for 10 years, and renewable for a further 10 years with a maintained investment.

D. RESIDENCE PERMIT RENEWAL

10 years later

- Residence permit extension can only be claimed from within the territory of Hungary via the Enter Hungary portal. Investors must apply for the renewal while their permits are still valid and have at least 30 days remaining before expiration.
- To extend the residence permit, the investor proves the fulfilled investments. If the property was sold or its value decreased to under €500,000, the applicant must purchase a new one meeting the program conditions.



ABOUT PASSPORT LEGACY

Passport Legacy is the globally trusted residence and citizenship by investment firm recognised for delivering bespoke, high-value immigration investment solutions.

Founded in 2018, Passport Legacy is the preferred partner for thousands of international investors who turn to us for our unparalleled expertise and personalised approach. A Swiss-owned and managed advisory operating through six global offices, we work hand-in-hand with governments around the world to provide seamless access to top-tier residence and citizenship by investment programmes that offer life-changing benefits.

As an established government-authorised advisory, our multi-disciplinary international team of immigration investment experts work with clients every step of the way to secure extraordinary results. With a 99.9 percent approval rate, we take pride in recalibrating service excellence benchmarks within every market we operate in.



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