



Residency & Citizenship by investment

Welcome to a new world of borderless opportunities



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DSX, is a boutique international consulting firm with a global mindset and network, which provides efficient and personalized solutions to its successful private clients and their advisors, as well as to Governments and businesses seeking international guidance



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Our vision



We believe that no one should be treated and judged based on their family origin or the color... of their passport, but rather by their actions, accomplishments, acquired reputation and set of values.

It is our role at DSX to bridge the gap between your global aspirations of security, freedom of travel, quality of life and international business expansions and the limitations imposed by your current passport and citizenship, one client at a time.

Our goal is first to enable our clients to become “Citizens of the world” by guiding them through the various available programs and then, to assist them all along their international journey as they face new challenges and seek further guidance and new resources.



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Our commitment



As a boutique independent provider, we undertake to thoroughly assess our privileged clients' personal, family and business needs to select not only the best program but the best local registered provider in acquiring a new Residency or citizenship by investment.

We will carry on our mission while being guided by our Core values of:

- Integrity / transparency
- Excellence
- Flexibility / Agility
- Client satisfaction



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Freedom of movement under threat



Not everyone is born equal In terms of global rights, security and quality of life, hence for many around the world, the question is not why but when they can acquire a 2nd citizenship. Rich or poor, your global rights are determined by the passport you hold in your hands when entering the customs of another country, which can be a stressing experience for many.

As quantity of wealth is being created by a new breed of dynamic businessmen seeking to explore the world, their desire to travel in a safe and efficient manner has never been so high.

Unfortunately, globalization and freedom of movements has been increasingly under intense pressure as a result of many political conflicts, increase fiscal scrutiny, creating a retreat movement toward protection, persecution and exclusion.



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Visa free travel – The best



Not all passport allow the same visa free travel and furthermore many countries also impose dual citizenships restrictions which one should be made aware of before applying for a new citizenship

Rank	Citizenship/Passport	Score
1	Germany	177
2	Sweden	176
3	Finland	175
	France	
	Italy	
	Spain	
	United Kingdom	
4	Belgium	174
	Denmark	
	Netherlands	
	United States	
5	Austria	173
	Japan	
	Singapore	
6	Canada	172
	Ireland (Republic of)	
	Korea (Republic of, South)	
	Luxembourg	
	Norway	
	Portugal	
	Switzerland	
7	Greece	171
	New Zealand	
8	Australia	169
9	Malta	168
10	Hungary	167
	Czech Republic	
	Iceland	
11	Slovakia	165
12	Liechtenstein	164
22	Andorra	152
	Argentina	
23	Brunei Darussalam	151
24	Croatia	149
25	Israel	147
26	Barbados	141
27	Bahamas	140
28	Mexico	139
29	Uruguay	137
	Taiwan	
30	Antigua and Barbuda	134
	Vatican City	
31	Seychelles	133
32	St. Kitts and Nevis	132
	Venezuela	
33	Costa Rica	131
34	Trinidad and Tobago	130
35	Mauritius	128
36	Panama	127
37	Paraguay	125
	St. Lucia	
	St. Vincent and the Grenadines	
38	United Arab Emirates	122
39	Grenada	121
40	Macao (SAR China)	120
41	Dominica	119
	Honduras	
42	Guatemala	116
43	El Salvador	115
	Serbia	
56	Peru	86
	Solomon Islands	
57	Guyana	82
	Kuwait	
	Timor-Leste	
	Tuvalu	
58	Ecuador	81
	Fiji	
	Ukraine	
59	Maldives	80
	Nauru	
60	Kiribati	79
	Marshall Islands	
	Qatar	
61	Jamaica	78
62	Papua New Guinea	77
63	Micronesia (Federated States of)	75
64	Suriname	74
65	Bahrain	73
66	Bolivia	72
	Botswana	
67	Oman	71
	Thailand	
68	Namibia	70
69	Lesotho	69
	Saudi Arabia	
70	Kenya	68
71	Belarus	67
	Gambia	
	Georgia	



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Visa free travel – The not so good



Rank	Citizenship/Passport	Score
79	Indonesia Kyrgyzstan	58
80	Armenia	57
81	Burkina Faso Cote d'Ivoire Mongolia	56
82	Mauritania Niger Senegal Togo	55
83	Dominican Republic Sao Tome and Principe	54
84	Tajikistan	53
85	India Mali Uzbekistan	52
86	Bhutan Guinea-Bissau Mozambique Sierra Leone	51
87	Cambodia China	50
88	Chad Egypt	49

88	Gabon Turkmenistan	49
89	Algeria Central African Republic Haiti Madagascar Rwanda	48
90	Comoros Jordan Laos Vietnam	47
91	Guinea	46
92	Angola Cameroon Equatorial Guinea Nigeria	45
93	Congo (Republic of) Djibouti	44
94	Liberia	43
95	Burundi Korea (Democratic People's Republic of, North) Myanmar	42

96	Bangladesh Congo (Democratic Republic of) Lebanon Sri Lanka	39
97	Kosovo South Sudan Yemen	38
98	Eritrea Ethiopia Iran Nepal Palestinian Territory Sudan	37
99	Libya	36
100	Syria	32
101	Somalia	31
102	Iraq	30
103	Pakistan	29
104	Afghanistan	25



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The solution: Residency & Citizenship by investment



While countries are becoming more restrictive on the one hand as we saw earlier, the good news is that the need for new capital and qualified human resources has never been so high for many countries in order to expand or even just to maintain their standards of living.

While a few select number of countries had already established a program which enabled the direct access to permanent Residency or Citizenship against a significant investment, (St. Kitts and Nevis, Canada, Austria USA) the recent economic downturn has created unprecedented favorable conditions for many countries to launch their own program to attract successful families and much needed capital, creating a win / win / win situation for the applicants, for the Government and for the local population benefiting from this inflow of capital.

Today there are over 15 active residency or Citizenship by Investment programs available worldwide, and new one being contemplated as we speak, all with some similarities, but with many key differentiating factors that only a professional advisor is able to know and distinguish.

At DSX, we take our role very seriously, and when we assist our clients in selecting the right option(s) for them, we take every considerations (tax, family, business, available resource, lifestyle, program risks etc...) into account to make sure that the time and money invested reap the expected benefits.



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Residency vs Citizenship by Investment benefits



Main anticipated benefits to chose a Residency by investment program:

- Quality of life
- Physical Security
- Kids Education
- Possible more favorable tax environment

Main anticipated benefits to chose Citizenship by investment program:

- Global mobility / visa free waiver
- Permanent solution / Long term planning
- Security / way out of the country
- Retirement option if needed
- No residency requirement (a few exceptions)

- One of the key benefits of these programs by investment, is that it does not normally require any language, age or business skills and often, will have less stringent residency requirements than other categories of immigration programs.
- The required capital may take the form of non refundable donations, or investments in bonds, real estate, businesses or some combinations of the above.



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Citizenship by investment programs



■ European programs

Malta

Cyprus

Austria

■ Caribbean programs

Antigua &
Barbuda

St.Kitts &
Nevis

Saint
Lucia

Grenada

Dominica

N.B.: Only the programs listed in red will be discussed in this presentation as they represent the most efficient solutions



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2nd Citizenship for all ?



Did you know that your passport is not yours but it belongs to your Government? It is lent to you but these rights could be revoked any day.

In my conferences worldwide, I am often asked by successful families: why get a second citizenship / passport when I come from an “industrialized” country” with democratic rights?

You acquire a 2nd Citizenship for the same reasons you insure your most prized assets: your House, car, health, financial assets... but no one can find “Freedom” insurance!

A 2nd Citizenship will however accomplish just that, giving you flexibility, peace of mind, freedom to exit and the ultimate option of relinquishing your current citizenship that suits your long term lifestyle goals and political views.



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■ Location



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■ Key facts

- Population **418,000** Language **Maltese and English**
- Among the **earliest settlements** in the world, 7,500 years of history (older than Egyptian Pyramids) **Weather** great all year around
- **EU member** since 2004, member of the **Schengen** area since 2007
- **Visa-free travel** to more than **160** countries including Canada & **USA**
- **British** legal system **Favourable** tax treatment and system



■ Investment requirements & conditions

- **Name** Malta IIP / created in 2014
- **Investment requirements**
 - €650,000 non refundable donation + €50,000 per dependents over 18 and €25,000 for dependents below the age of 18, **PLUS**
 - €150,000 Government bond purchase for 5 years, **PLUS**
 - €16,000 per/r for 5 years property rental or €350,000 property purchase which cannot be sub-leased.
- **Residency requirements** Client must create meaningful ties for 12 months before applying for citizenship
- **Other conditions** Principal Applicant (“PA”) must evidence satisfactory health insurance coverage available in Malta prior to citizenship
- **Approximate timeline** 13 months from submission of Residency application

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■ Key facts

▫ Population **1,150,000**

Language **Greek & English**

▫ Currency **EURO**

Weather: Moderate and very appreciated

▫ **EU member** since 2004, and pending member of the **Schengen** area

▫ **Visa-free travel** to more than **157** countries including Canada but not **USA**

▫ **Based on British** common law legal system

Favourable tax treatment



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■ Investment requirements & conditions

- **Name** Cyprus CIP / created in 2014 amended in 2016
- **Investment requirements** -€2,000,000 real estate purchase to maintain for at least 5 years
or:
-other options to invest in bond or business acquisition may be considered
- **Residency requirements** No residency requirements
- **Other conditions** -Parents can apply provided another €500,000 increased investment;
-Kids up to 25 can be included if dependent and attending school
- **Approximate timeline** **3 to 5 months** The fastest path to Citizenship in EU

Antigua & Barbuda



Antigua & Barbuda
The beach is just the beginning



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ANTIGUA & BARBUDA



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Antigua & Barbuda



■ Key facts

▫ Population **80,000** on 2 islands

Language English and creole

Antigua is pronounced Antiga

▫ **Some of the most beautiful beaches in the world** (The land of 265 beaches)

▫ **Visa free travel to 133 countries** including Canada and Schengen area

▫ **Tourism** generates around 60% of the island's income

▫ **Legal system** based on British common law legal system

Weather Caribbean



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Antigua & Barbuda



■ Investment requirements & conditions

- **Name** Antigua & Barbuda CIP / created in 2012
- **Investment requirements**
 - real estate investment of min. US\$400,000 (max. 4 on application otherwise min. is \$250,000)
 - Donation of US\$ 200,000
 - +US\$50,000 Gov. processing fee for P.A. for both options
 - Dependents also have varying processing fees
- **Residency requirements** 5 days during the first five years of Citizenship to renew passport
- **Other conditions**
 - Parents can apply provided they are dependents and over 65 years old
 - Kids up to 25 can be included if dependent and attending school
- **Approximate timeline** 5 to 9 months



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Saint Lucia / Grenada



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Saint Lucia / Grenada



■ Key facts

▫ Population **165,000 / 110,000**

Language **English /**

Antigua is pronounced Antiga

▫ Citizens of Grenada may apply for an E2 treaty visa in the US / The program is under review

▫ **Visa free travel to 121 / 117 countries** including Schengen area but excl. Canada & USA

▫ **Tourism** generates significant portion of the Islands revenues

▫ **Legal system** based on British common law legal system

Weather Caribbean



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■ Investment requirements & conditions

▫ **Name** Saint Lucia CIP / Grenada created in 2015 / 2013

▫ **Investment requirements**

Saint Lucia	- US\$300,000 real estate purchase to maintain for at least 5 years - US\$200,000 donation + US\$35,000 for spouse //////////////
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Grenada	- US\$350,000 real estate purchase to maintain for at least 4 years - US\$200,000 donation
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▫ **Residency requirements** No residency requirements

▫ **Other conditions**

- Parents can apply provided they are dependents and over 65 years old
- Kids up to 25 can be included if dependent and attending school
- **Saint Lucia requires min. net worth of US\$3MM**

▫ **Approximate timeline** 3 to 6 months



Residency by investment programs



■ European programs

Malta

Portugal

Greece

Latvia

Bulgaria

Montenegro

Hungaria

■ The Americas

Canada

Uruguay/
Belize

USA

Panama

Curacao

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Comprehensive advisory process



In-depth analysis

We take the time we need to gain a precise understanding of your personal needs and your Long term objectives.

Appropriate strategy

Based on an in-depth analysis, we work together with you to draw up an overall Res. Or Citizenship strategy that is geared to the long term.

Individual solution & Implementation

In order to implement the agreed strategy, we propose a number of alternative solutions to you that are tailored to your own personal circumstances which we implement as planned.

Continual review

We regularly monitor whether the chosen solution and provider is meeting the goals and expectations set. Where necessary, we draw up appropriate measures for improvement.



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