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GOLDEN VISA: SPAIN VS. PORTUGAL

We routinely receive questions on the similarities and differences between the Spanish and Portuguese Golden Visa programs. To help investors understand both programs we have put together a table where the requirements and benefits can be compared at a glance.



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	SPAIN	PORTUGAL
Real estate investment	€ 500k	€ 500k or € 350k (purchase
threshold		price + renovation works) 1
Can several properties be purchased?	Yes, several smaller properties can be bought until the thresh- old is met.	Yes, several smaller properties can be bought until the thresh- old is met.
Initial duration of visa	1 year	1 year
Renovation period	2 year (first renovation), then 5 years for subsequent renovations	Every 2 years
Ability to work and live	Yes	Yes
Travel in Schengen countries	Up to 90 days in every 180 days	Up to 90 days in every 180 days
Family reunion	Yes	Yes
Residency requirement for GV	None	7 days the first year; 14 days every 2 years thereafter
Residency requirement for permanent residency	5 years (a total of 12 months of absence is allowed)	As above
Residency requirement for citizenship	2 years for citizens of LatAm countries, Philippines, Equato- rial Guinea and of sephardic origin; 10 years for other nationalities	6 years
Costs ²	€ 60 consular fee + € 70 ap- plication fee	€ 60 consular fee + € 514.80 (plus € 80.20 per family member) + € 5,147.80 (initial permit for applicant or family member)
Do I become a Spanish/ Portuguese tax resident once the visa has been issued?	Issuing of the visa does not automatically turn its holder into a Spanish tax resident.	Issuing of the visa does not automatically turn its holder into a Portuguese tax resident.

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2 Costs are subject to changes.

¹ Threshold can be 20% lower in areas with lower density of population and GDP.