Own your own little piece of paradise in Malta or Gozo.

Malta’s Global Residence Programme
Escape harsh winters and gloomy rainy days and move to a place where the weather is always better, Malta enjoys beautiful seas, a warm climate and the friendly hospitality of the Maltese people. With an average 5.2 hours of sunshine a day - even in December, Malta has one of the world’s most comfortable and sunny climates.

Anchored almost in the centre of the Mediterranean Sea, 60 miles from the Italian island of Sicily, spring comes early, around late February. Frost and snow are unknown and the temperature nudges 22 degrees even in November.

The five islands that make up Malta aren’t on everyone’s radar, although Malta has a Royal Malta Yacht Club and Royal Malta Golf Club, one of the few places in the world to enjoy such privilege and esteem. Malta, Gozo and Comino are all inhabited with Malta possessing the world’s only Grand Harbour, a rousing sight surrounded by medieval battlements and forts. The remaining islands, Cominotto and Filfla, are reached by boat, with Filfla reserved as a bird sanctuary. Homes and apartments here attract a wealthy international set as do the historic harbours and a plethora of five-star hotels.

Safe and secure, crime hardly exists, the locals are hospitable and the health care is excellent. There are no property taxes and expats who elect to get taxed in Malta, are taxed at 15% on their worldwide income. Malta has an excellent education system, with private schooling at primary, secondary and 6th form and a number of private Universities together with the University of Malta, Europe is on your doorstep. A modern international airport connects Malta to the world, with airlines such as Emirates, British Airways, Air France, Lufthansa, Ryanair, EasyJet and national carrier Air Malta, amongst others, whisking people all around the world. Rome is but one hour away by plane. Dubai only four hours.

In fact, Malta is a truly desirable sanctuary. The lifestyle, food and quality of life combine to make every day like a holiday. With it’s low cost of living and wonderful food, combined with the distillation of Mediterranean history and culture, Malta waits to be your new home.

Make every day like a holiday.
Setting up residence in Malta has never been easier!

In Malta the appeal of year-round sun and mild dry weather, political stability and a beneficial tax structure has never been stronger. In a world where modern pressures and stresses have reduced the quality of life, Malta remains a safe English-speaking EU island paradise at the heart of the Mediterranean. The currency of Malta is the Euro.

The Museum of Archaeology in Valletta, the island's capital, is renowned for its rich collection of prehistoric artefacts, while the impressive Grand Master's Palace and St. John's Cathedral are considered to house some of the most valuable art in the region with St. John's laying claim to the title of the world's most beautiful inlaid floor. Tucked behind this lively scene are quiet corners hiding more than 7,000 years of history, picturesque seascapes, snaking rubble walls that stretch across patchwork fields, and meandering ancient streets in Mdina and Valletta.

With the enactment of the Global Residence Programme, foreign nationals have been encouraged to make the sunny islands of Malta their home. The Act outlines the requirements needed for non-EU nationals to purchase property in Malta. No permits or lengthy red-tape processes are required. Under the Global Residence Programme, the value of immovable property bought in Malta by foreigners has to be at least €275,000. However, when the property is in the south of Malta or in Gozo, the minimum value can be €220,000. Applicants are also eligible if they rent a property for €9,600 in Malta and €8,750 in Gozo or the South of Malta.

The minimum tax to be paid in advance is €5,000 on income derived in Malta, with further income charged at 15%. Foreign residents under this programme, including their dependants, have to be covered by valid private health insurance.

Malta’s Global Residence Programme offers special incentives for Gozo and the South of Malta.

The incentives for Gozo and the South of Malta take the form of a reduced application fee and lower immovable property requirements.

Given its central Mediterranean location, Malta is home to world-famous diving, excellent yachting and cruising, and some good sportfishing. Anglers will find seas swarming with tuna, amberjack, sea bass and swordfish, along with many other varieties. Gozo’s clear blue sea is ideal for scuba diving, with few tides or currents.

Gozo is one of the few remaining unspoilt Mediterranean islands and a haven for divers, with its simple, rural charm. Spectacular underwater scenery with arches and tunnels have been carved out of the coastline and offer divers endless points of interest around its 27 mile coastline of natural rugged beauty and great underwater visibility.

There are around 50 dive sites, accessed from the shore and boat across Gozo and Comino. The hilltop citadel of Victoria is the heart of Gozo, and offers a bustling market in It-Tokk square. Xlendi is typical of the islands’ fishing villages and Xewkija, dominated by the famous Rotunda Church, is set away from the hustle and bustle of the beaches and enjoys a peace and tranquility typical of all the villages in Gozo.

Close by, the tiny island of Comino lies between Gozo and Malta, is car free, offers a lovely diversion and peaceful visit with some of the island group’s prettiest coves and quiet beaches. There are plentiful beaches, pretty coves, walking and cycling routes.
How to apply for Malta’s Global Residence Programme.

All documents that are not in English need to be accompanied with a certified English translation.

To apply for the Global Residence Programme, applicants should prove to the satisfaction of the Commissioner that:

(a) the applicant is a third country national and is not a Maltese, EEA or Swiss national;

(b) the applicant is not a person who benefits under the Residents Scheme Regulations, the High Net Worth Individuals - EU / EEA / Swiss Nationals Rules, the High Net Worth Individuals - Non-EU / EEA / Swiss Nationals Rules, the Malta Retirement Programme Rules, the Qualifying Employment in Innovation and Creativity (Personal Tax) Rules or the Highly Qualified Persons Rules;

(c) the applicant holds a qualifying property holding;

(d) the applicant is in receipt of stable and regular resources which are sufficient to maintain himself and his dependants without recourse to the social assistance system in Malta;

(e) the applicant is in possession of a valid travel document;

(f) the applicant is in possession of sickness insurance in respect of all risks across the whole of the European Union normally covered for Maltese nationals for himself and his dependents;

(g) the applicant is a fit and proper person.

The new Programme also allows for the use of an Authorised Registered Mandatary in Malta to submit the application on your behalf.

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Message from The Hon. Dr. Edward Zammit Lewis, Malta’s Parliamentary Secretary for Competiveness and Economic Growth

The Global Residence Programme was launched by Malta’s new Administration in June 2013 in line with Government’s objective to revive this Programme. I spearheaded the Committee that, in a very strict time frame, designed the Programme and I am very satisfied with the outcome of this process. I will continue to work hand-in-hand with the stakeholders concerned and will endeavour to establish Malta as a destination of excellence in the private wealth sector. The Government will continue to support this Programme moving forward with all the necessary infrastructure to maximise its potential to maintain the path of consistency for Economic Growth.