

Super rich buy global citizenship

“Golden visas” for the super rich – so called high net worth individuals – are available in about 20 countries around the world, including the United States, Europe, and island nations in the Caribbean

High net worth individuals
(HNWs with net assets of US\$30 million and above)

North America
HNW wealth: \$9.68 trillion
HNWs: 70,485

Europe
\$7.66 trillion
HNWs: 58,065

169,235
HNW individuals
own wealth
totalling
\$27,770bn


Asia
\$6.59 trillion
HNWs: 44,505


Africa
\$350 billion HNWs: 2,775

Oceania
\$485 billion HNWs: 3,955


Middle East
\$880 billion HNWs: 5,300


Latin America
\$2.11 trillion HNWs: 14,150


 **PRICE OF PASSPORT**
Austria: \$10 million in local investments. EU passport with visa-free access to 168 countries


 **Cyprus: \$3.4 million.**
Access to 151 countries


 **Australia: \$4.6 million**
(A\$5m in government bonds)


 **UK: \$3.1 million (£2.5m).**
Access to 87 countries


 **Portugal: \$1.3 million (€1m),**
creation of at least 10 jobs and purchase of €500,000 in property


 **Malta: \$844,350 (€650,000)**
fee, plus \$680,300 (€500,000) on property and government bonds. Visa-free access to 163 countries


 **Canada: \$733,000 (C\$800,000)**
interest-free, five-year loan to government secures residency


 **Republic of Ireland: \$680,300**
(€500,000) investment in Irish economy


 **Spain: \$680,300 (€500,000)**
in property or \$2.7m (€2m) in government bonds

 **United States: \$500,000**
investment for four years under EB5 Green Card programme. Citizenship after five years

 **Greece: \$340,125 (€250,000)**
in property

 **Switzerland: \$278,425-\$1.1m**
annual lump sum tax. No guarantee of citizenship

 **Antigua & Barbuda: \$250,000.**
Access to 130 countries

 **St Kitts & Nevis: \$250,000.**
Access to 131 countries plus no direct personal taxation