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## Editor's Note

#### WELCOME



**66** The Idea of single citizenship is old, outdated, boring and restrictive.

Prabhu Balakrishnan Founder / CEO, Best Citizenships

Best Citizenships over the past 12 years has evolved as a global brand for citizenship by investment. The Global demand for this industry which is projected to grow at an astonishing rate every year with Caribbean leading from the front. We hope you enjoy this publication, which can be downloaded free of charge.



Prabhu Balakrishnan CEO/Founder Best Citizenships



#### Jonathan McNamara

Government Licensed Agent / Attorney

It is my pleasure to introduce my colleague, Jonathan, who is an authorized agent for St.Lucia Citizenship by Investment has over 20 years of practice as a Solicitor, Barrister and Notary Royal. Jonathan has processed over 400 CIP applications in St.Lucia.



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#### About us

A Global Brand for Citizenship by Investment. Assisting Wealthy investors with Citizenship and Residence Planning since 2011.

#### **Trusted**

Established Global Brand in this business with 12 years of service.

#### **Experience**

Benefit from the experience and expertise of experts in the field.

#### **Licensed Agents**

Appointed by the Governments who can provide a highly qualified advise in citizenship matters.

#### Free of charge

All our services are free of charge. We don't take money from clients.

#### **Approval Rate**

Our approval rates stand at 99% best in the industry. We board only highly qualified applicants after checks.

#### **Our Success Story**

**WE HANDLE PER YEAR** 

BEST IN INDUSRY

**CLIENT INQUIRIES** 

APPROVAL RATE

EXPERIENCE

CLIENTS

YEARS OF SERVICE

**COUNTRIES** 

YEARS OF SERVICE



A Global Brand for Citizenship by Investment



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Best Citizenships (BC) is the first citizenship planning online platform providing consulting services for Citizenship by Investment (CBI) and Golden Visas (GV). Founded in 2011, We are one of the early startups for the CBI/RBI industry which is \$10 billion annual market. Today we are widely recognized as a global brand for citizenship and residence planning, catering the investment migration market for High-net-worth families. We directly work with trusted Government authorized agents and clients don't have to go through chain of intermediaries/brokers. This way it is cheaper for you and save money. You can TRUST us and you dont have to worry about dealing with unknown people. Trust comes with time. We are doing this since 2011. We can guarantee you providing top quality service with privacy. We have a strict no solicit policy respecting privacy of clients.



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LET HER INSPIRE YOU

## V.I.B.E

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**Transparent** 



**Efficient** 



Integrity

The Saint Lucia Citizenship by investment undertakes robust due diligence during the application process, and works closely with its local and regional intelligence partners. This protects the integrity of the Saint Lucia passport - and its value to our applicants' investments - and ensures that visa-free travel is maintained.

There is no hidden agenda in the Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Programme. We maintain transparency of our programme and our offer to all applicants. Additionally, we maintain open dialogue with our service providers and publish full details of our financial affairs on an annual basis

The time it takes to receive a grant of citizenship is important for our applicants. While maintaining our strict due diligence criteria, we continually seek to review and improve. We are confident that, in most cases our processing time for a grant of citizenship is significantly below the 90 days' guideline.

The Saint Lucia
Citizenship by
Investment Programme
reviews every
application in the same
way, without
preference or
prejudice. Every
applicant can expect to
receive the same
experience and
attention to detail.

#### **FROM JULY 1, 2024**

#### **New Prices**

The Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Unit ("The Unit") in <u>a memo sent to agents and stakeholders</u>, wishes to inform of changes to the minimum legislative prices of qualifying investment options effective July 1, 2024. These adjustments are in keeping with the Memorandum of Agreement signed between the five OECS territories operating Citizenship by Investment Programmes which calls for a minimum investment threshold of US two hundred thousand dollars (USD 200,000.00).

As a signatory to the agreement, Saint Lucia will be making the following changes effective July 1, 2024

#### New Pricing from July 1, 2024

#### Saint Lucia National Economic Fund

- Applicant applying with up to three qualifying dependents US\$240.000
- Each additional qualifying dependent (under 18 years of age) \$10.000
- Each additional qualifying dependent (above 18 years of age) -\$20,000
- Newborn child of a citizen who is 12 months of age or below -\$5,000
- Spouse of a citizen \$35,000
- Qualifying dependents of a citizen other than a spouse \$25,000

#### Real Estate (Approved Project)

 Applicant with any dependent – USD 300,000 plus administrative fees.

#### **Enterprise Project (Approved)**

Applicant with upto 3 dependents - USD 250,000 plus administration fees



#### About CIP Saint Lucia

The Citizenship by Investment
Program of St.Lucia is commonly
referred as "CIP Saint Lucia". CIP
Saint Lucia is made up of CIP Board
and CIP Unit. The Citizenship by
Investment Programme ("CIP")
celebrated completing its 9th year
running in December 2024

The Citizenship by Investment Unit ("the CIP Unit") are the general administrators of CIP Saint Lucia and are responsible to receive and assess all applications for citizenship and licenses. CIP Board – The Citizenship by Investment Board ("CIP Board") are the overseers of CIP Saint Lucia and the Unit.



Mr. Mc Claude Emmanuel to the position of Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Citizenship by Investment Unit ("the CIP Unit") effective 1st March 2022.



## Saint Lucia A FLAGSHIP CIP PRODUCT

Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Programme continues to inspire confidence from international citizen seeking to invest in our island and obtain the benefits of Saint Lucian citizenship.

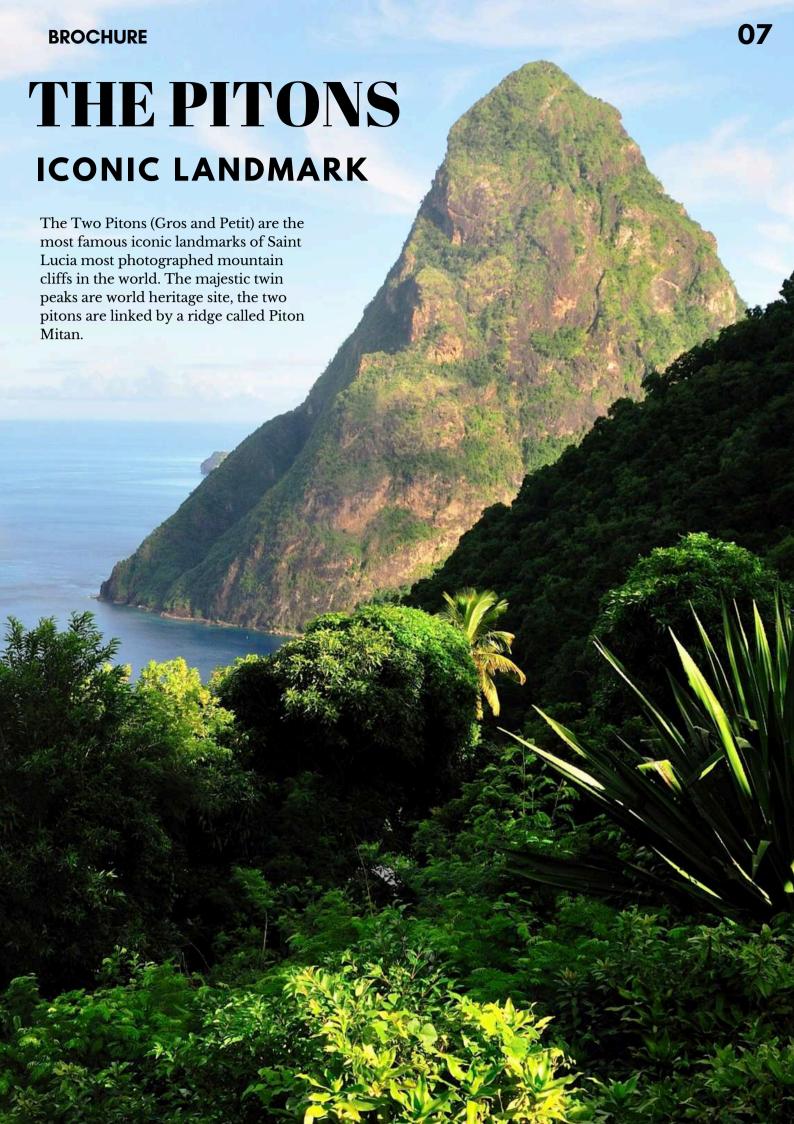
Saint Lucia's Citizenship Investment Programme offers four key routes to acquire citizenship of this stunning island

The Citizenship by Investment Act No. 14 of 2015 and the Citizenship by Investment Saint Lucia Regulations No. 89 of 2015 with their respective amendments, allows an eligible person to acquire citizenship of Saint Lucia

The following are the eligible investment route for citizenship in Saint Lucia

- NAF Government Bonds : US\$300,000 (discounted)
- Government Bond Investment: US\$500,000
- National Econ<mark>omic Fund Investm</mark>ent: US\$100,000
- Real Estate Investment: US\$300,000
- Enterprise Investment: US\$3,500,000

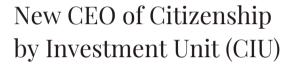




### — Profile

## Mr. Mc Claude

### Emmanuel



The Citizenship by Investment Board ("the Board") is pleased to announce the appointment of Mr. Mc Claude Emmanuel to the position of Chief Executive Officer ("CEO") of the Citizenship by Investment Unit ("the CIP Unit") effective 1st March 2022.

Mc Claude holds a BSc. in Economics and Business Management from the University of the West Indies and an MBA (Marketing) from King Graduate School. He is also a certified project management professional (PMP) and business professional – marketing. Prior to his current appointment, his former roles included Human Resources Project Officer of the St. Lucia Electricity Services Ltd; General Manager of Radio St. Lucia Company Ltd.; General Manager of McDowell Broadcasting Ltd; Marketing Manager of Cable & Wireless (St. Lucia) and most recently, Mobile Lead of Cable & Wireless (St. Lucia).

Saint Lucia's CIU is committed to advancing the CIP and has made several notable adaptations to the programme to ensure that it is a worthwhile investment option for investors that are seeking global opportunities. For example, the CIU has implemented automation to support internal procedures, including human capital to manage increased demand.

- McClaude Emmanuel, CEO of CIP Saint Lucia







We are working tirelessly to ensure a robust due diligence process that only allows applicants of the highest calibre to qualify.

With a decade of leadership experience in marketing, strategic management, operations management and economic and financial analysis, Mc Claude brings pivotal skills and a wealth of experience necessary to innovate and enhance CIP Saint Lucia to achieve even greater success. Mc Claude shall be responsible for the overall management of the affairs of the CIP Unit comprising of fifteen staff members and monitoring the Citizenship by Investment Programme to ensure that its independence and integrity is maintained and managed in accordance with international best practice.

Under the current CEO of the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU), Mc Claude Emmanuel, the Citizenship by Investment Programme is fast becoming the best-performing programme in the CaribbeanUnder the current CEO of the Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU), Mc Claude Emmanuel, the Citizenship by Investment Programme is fast becoming the best-performing programme in the Caribbean



## Saint Lucia

#### A WORLD CLASS CITIZENSHIP OPPORTUNITY



Saint Lucia offers a world class citizenship by investment opportunity in the Caribbean. The CIP was launched in 2015 by the Government is a very well managed and a highly respected program across the globe.

The CIP Unit has streamlined digital application process moves efficiently from assessment to the grant of citizenship and issuance of a Saint Lucia passport. a well-respected travelling document across borders.

The benefits of Saint Lucia citizenship opens up new horizons and a world of opportunities. The Saint Lucia passport is a well-respected travelling document across international borders offering visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to 146 countries and territories.

- Unspoiled exotic beaches, a great country for holidays.
- Enjoy Visa free travel to over 146 countries including United Kingdom, EU Schengen states, Switzerland, Germany etc.
- Lifetime citizenship for family and children
- Confidential application process with no exchange of information with other Governments.
- Only CBI nation offering government bonds for citizenship (fully refundable after 5 years without interest)
- Cheapest citizenship program for single applicants.
- No residency requirements. No interviews. No language tests.
- Flexibility to add dependents anytime
- No requirement to personally visit St Lucia.
- Fastest processing times 60-70 days
- Free movement in CARICOM countries.
- A Great dual citizenship opportunity.
- No interviews, No language tests, No military service, No business experience needed for citizenship
- Grenada passport valid for 5 years before expiry.
- No income, wealth or inheritance taxes.

## St.Lucia Eligibility





#### **CIP Regulations**

The following guidelines are made subject to the provisions of the Citizenship by Investment Act No. 14 of 2015 ("the Act") and the Citizenship by Investment Regulations No. 89 of 2015 ("the Regulations") and their pursuant amendments which guide the operation of the Citizenship by Investment Unit ("the Unit") and processing of citizenship applications.

#### 01 Conditions

Be at least 18 years of age;

- Satisfy a minimum qualifying investment in one of the four categories
  - · The Saint Lucia National Economic Fund;
  - An approved real estate project;
  - An approved enterprise project; or
  - The purchase of non-interest bearing Government bonds.
  - Pass a due diligence background check.

Please note that the principal applicant's spouse and other qualifying dependents 16 years of age and over, MUST also pass a due diligence background check.

- Provide full and frank disclosure on all matters pertaining to the application; and
- Pay the requisite non-refundable processing, due diligence and administrative fees upon application, where applicable.

#### 02

#### Ineligible Applicants

- Have been convicted of a criminal offense except a minor traffic offense.
- Nationals of Iran, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine or any other blacklisted country.
- Have been denied any category of visa to a country to which Saint Lucia has <u>visa waiver</u> <u>agreements</u> and been unsuccessful in subsequently obtaining visa.
- Be the subject of a criminal investigation
- Be involved in any activity likely to cause disrepute to Saint Lucia and;
- · Have been declared, by a court or qualified health practitioner to be mentally incapacitated.

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## Application Refusals





The Citizenship by Investment Application filed through authorized agent can be refused if you fall in any of the following categories.

- Failure to disclose, concealing information in the application
- Wanted person by Interpol or any other law enforcement authorities.
- Application already refused by another OECS country operating a CBI program.
- Considered national security risk to St.Lucia
- Applicants or family member have been expelled or deported from any country
- Persons subsequently found to have provided false or incorrect information
- subject of a criminal investigation
- Sentenced to jail
- Subject of fraud investigation or court proceedings;
- Director of company subject of bankruptcy or insolvency
- Application already refused by another CBI jurisdiction



## St. Lucia A TOP CLASS AND SUPER INTERESTING CIP



The Government St Lucia runs of the best citizenship by investment schemes in the Caribbean. Its flagship CIP product highly respected in the world, for being properly managed and efficiently run program with the highest governance, integrity and transparency. Let's take a look what makes St Lucian citizenship is top class and super interesting program. We have some solid reasons.

#### Rich history

Saint Lucia is among the only two countries in the world named after a women (besides Ireland). The Saint Lucy of Syracuse (AD 283-304) who was was honored in the Middle Ages and remained a well-known saint in early modern England. Today there is a shrine of her in San Geremia, Venice. The traditional feast day, known in Europe as Saint Lucia's Day, is observed by Western Christians on 13 December. Saint Lucia was also known as the "Helen of the West Indies" after the Greek mythological character, Helen of Troy, because it was former colony of french and british switched over and over. The Territory of Saint Lucia was switched 14 times between these two sides since 1660. Saint Lucia was first known as "Louanalao" by the Arawak Indians in 200 AD, meaning "Island of the Iguanas," and then "Hewanorra," in 800 AD when the Carib Indians arrived and assimilated their culture into Saint Lucia. Residents of Carib descent can still be found in Saint Lucia today. The Caribs lived on Saint Lucia until the 1600s, when settlers attempted to take control of the island to boost European trade. Christopher Columbus may have sighted the island during his fourth voyage in 1502, since he made landfall on Martinique, yet he does not mention the island in his log. Juan de la Cosa noted the island on his map of 1500, calling it El Falcon, and another island to the south Las Agujas. The French were the first Europeans to settle on the island. They signed a treaty with the native Island Caribs in 1660. England took control of the island from 1663 to 1667.

#### Nature

St Lucia is a nature paradise with tropical forests, beaches, pitons, waterfalls to relax and spend more time with nature offsetting stress free life. Imagine caribbean beaches, sunsets and lush green forests, as far as eyes can see.

#### Nobel Winners

Saint Lucia boasts the second highest ratio of Nobel laureates produced with respect to the total population of any sovereign country in the world. Two winners have come from Saint Lucia: Sir Arthur Lewis won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1979, and the poet Derek Walcott received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992.

#### **Global Accolades**

Saint Lucia offers a world class citizenship by investment opportunity in the Caribbean. The CIP was launched in 2015 by the Government is a very well managed and a <u>highly respected</u> program across the globe. The benefits of Saint Lucia citizenship opens up new horizons and a world of opportunities.

#### Open to All nationals

St Lucia offers a red carpet welcome to all country nationals (except Iran) to become a citizen by investment.

#### No.1 CBI program

We have ranked St Lucia is the No.1 CBI program for 2021.

#### **Five Citizenship Routes**

Saint Lucia's Citizenship Investment Programme offers <u>five key routes</u> to acquire citizenship of this stunning island. The refundable investment routes are pretty attractive for investors.

#### Affordable and Low cost

Saint Lucia opens the way to second citizenship and a passport to the world. It is still a <u>cheap and low</u> cost program with minimum USD 100,000 NTF donation investment. Additional costs apply for family members.

#### Strong CBI Legislation

St Lucia has passed <u>CBI laws</u> with the solid backing for the citizenship by investment programs. These regulations and amendments protect CBI investors giving them full citizenship rights including voting, engage in politics and serving government offices. The dual citizenship remains private and reported to other countries

#### Speed of processing

The CIP unit processes applications averaging 60 days through streamlined digital application process moves efficiently from assessment to the grant of citizenship and issuance of a Saint Lucia passport which takes another 1-2 weeks.

#### **Discounted Government bonds**

Saint Lucia is the first and only country in the world to issue <u>Covid relief</u> government bonds (\$300,000) for the purpose of Citizenship by investment. The Government bonds are risk free investments returned after a period of 5 years.

#### Good Governance

The High standards of governance and due diligence is at the heart of the investment citizenship program of St Lucia. The Government has made major improvements to the CIP laws making it more attractive and competitive with other caribbean nations.

#### Transparency

The Government of St Lucia (GOSL) is committed to ensure the highest transparency of the CBI program. Every year statistics are published on approvals by country and investments raised. It is best run CBI in the Caribbean. All the Application forms are <u>available</u> for free and be downloaded online to help investors understand the application prices

#### A Strong passport

Saint Lucia passport is a well-respected travelling document across international borders offering visa-free or visa-on-arrival travel to more than <a href="146">146</a> countries including United Kingdom, Schengen states etc..

#### Tax Free

St Lucia is a <u>tax free</u> country. Non residents pay taxes on on local income. There are no wealth, inheritance taxes. Resident companies are not taxed in Saint Lucia on income deemed to have been earned outside Saint Lucia.

#### Real estate

The St Lucia real estate market have ballooned over the years due to cruise arrivals, tourism, and introduction of CBI program. The housing market draws retirees from foreign countries buying a new home. Land ownership has been eased since the introduction of alien landholding license. Buying a land will entitle investors for investor permit, which comes with indefinite residence rights, incase you are not interested in citizenship. If you are buying a property under CBI, then buying shares for a minimum of USD 300,000 in major developments such as Alpina hotel or in Canelles resort. No other developments besides these two are approved under CIP. Investing in residential homes or any other resorts other than the approved ones, will not make you eligible for CIP.

#### **Expats and Retirees**

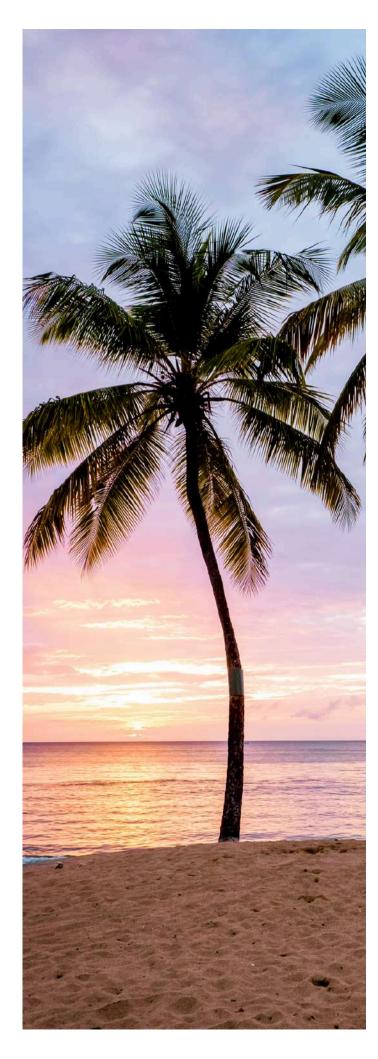
Saint Lucia is extremely popular with wealthy American and British expats who want to retire in a peaceful and calm caribbean island with full citizen status.

#### Tourism

Saint Lucia was visited by over 1.2 million visitors every year mostly through cruise ships from US, Canada, UK and France. Tourists spend their time in Castries, although Soufriere, Marigot Bay, Rodney Bay and Gros Islet are popular locations to visit. Saint Lucia secured the coveted title of the 'Caribbean's Leading Honeymoon Destination' for the seventh year in 2016 surpassing nominees Bahamas, Aruba, Turks and Caicos and the British Virgin Islands by World Travel Awards. Most popular tourist attractions include a drive-in volcano, Sulphur Springs (in Soufrière), zip lining in beautiful Sault Falls, Dennery, the Botanical Gardens, Pitons, the rain forests, and Frigate Island Nature Reserve

#### Celebrities

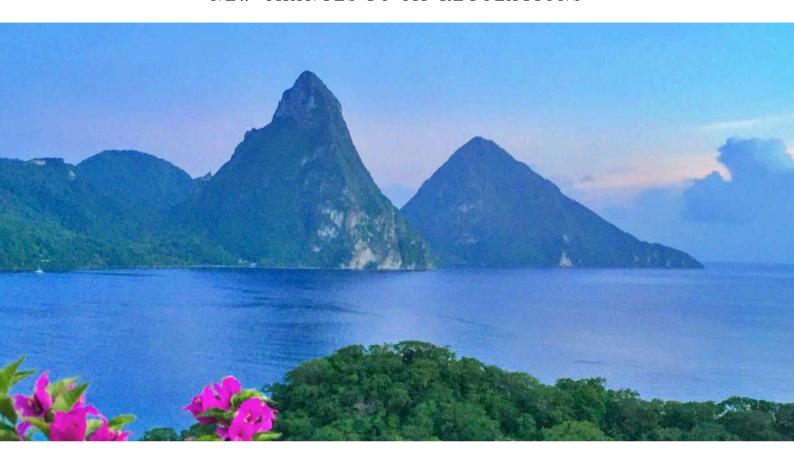
Saint Lucia is one of the famous islands for Celebrity spotting. Celebrities and film stars visit St Lucia for for vacations, honeymoons and weddings. The famous celebrities who visited St Lucia are Oprah Winfrey, Justin Bieber, Matt Damon, Ellie Goulding etc.





### **WHATS NEW IN 2024?**

NEW CHANGES TO CIP REGULATIONS



### CHEAPER FOR FAMILIES

Saint Lucia has slashed the prices of NDF donation option to USD 240,000 for a family of 4

#### FASTER APPROVALS

The Government has now implemented CBI online platform to quickly process applications within 70 days

#### **CHILDREN**

Post addition of spouse and children also possible. New born child less than 1 year can be added for citizenship just for a flat fee of USD 500

## NATIONAL ACTION GOVERNMENT BONDS

AVAILABLE NOW FOR INVESTORS

Saint Lucia is the only CIP in the Caribbean that has introduced Covid-19 Relief Government bonds for the purpose of Citizenship. The Government offers this at 50% discount for USD 300,000 zero coupon bonds (instead of \$500,000) for a limited time. The Saint Lucia Government intends to collect revenues to through the BOND investment scheme for the development of the country and disaster management. Your entire investment is fully refunded backed by Government guarantee after 5 years no interest and you can keep the passport for life.



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#### **HOW TO APPLY?**



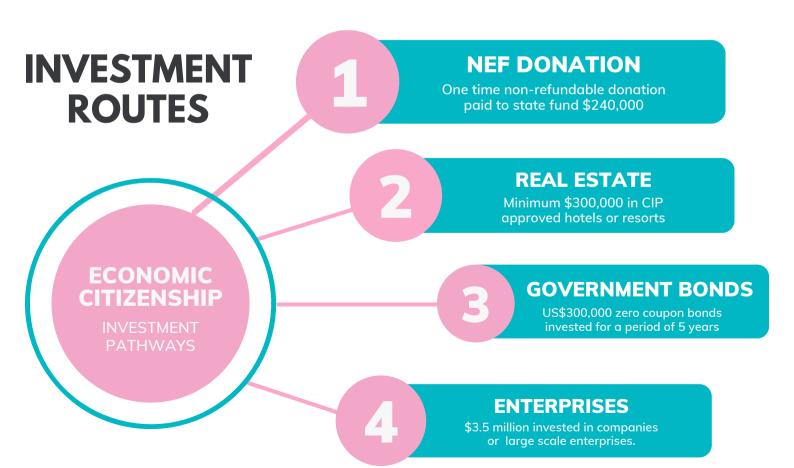
#### **PROCESSING**

Please have your documents and application forms ready to be submitted to the CIU through authorized agent.

Missing documents can lead to delays and can stretch processing times.

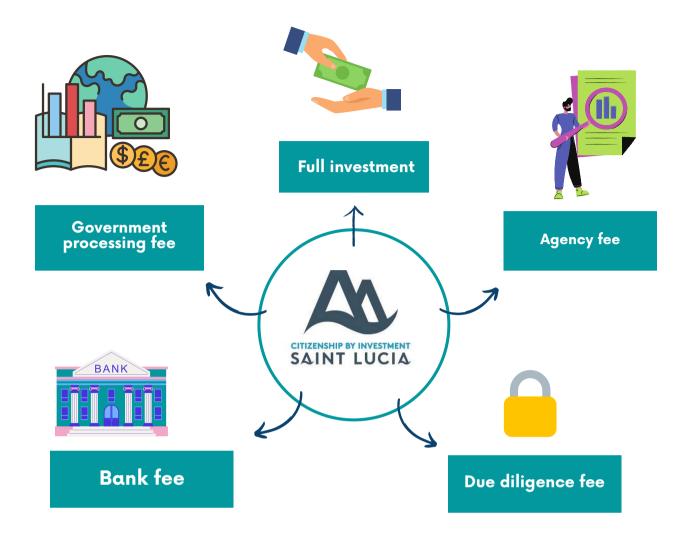
KYC/INITAL FEE	SUBMISSION	APPROVAL	INVESTMENT	CITIZENSHIP	
1	2	3	4	5	
START	APPLY	APPROVAL	PAY	RECEIVE	

 Pay only initial due diligence fee and 50% agent fee to start the process  Prepare initial set of documents and forms and submit file to Auth Agent  Government will do due diligence checks and will issue approval.  Pay the full investment to get your citizenship certificate  Get your passport through the authorized agent.



Briefly elaborate on what you want

The Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Unit (CIU) is the <u>government authority</u> responsible for promoting and managing applications for economic citizenship in Saint Lucia in accordance with <u>Citizenship by Investment Act No 14 of 2015</u>



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#### **HOW TO APPLY** A 5-STEP PROCESS



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#### **Application Forms & Guidelines**

The following guidelines are issued by the CIP Board of Saint Lucia



The Citizenship by Investment Board will consider an application for citizenship and the outcome may either be to grant, deny or delay for cause, an application for citizenship

by investment.

- The average processing time from receipt of an application to notification
  of the outcome is 90 days. Where, in exceptional cases, it is expected that
  the processing time will be longer than 90 days, the authorised agent will
  be informed of the reason for the anticipated delay.
- An application for citizenship by investment must be submitted in electronic and printed form by an authorised agent on behalf of an applicant.
- All applications must be completed in English.
- All documents submitted with the application must be in the English Language or an authenticated translation into the English Language.

NB: An authenticated translation means a translation effected by either a professional translator who is officially accredited to a court of law, a government agency, an international organization or similar official institution, or if effected in a country where there are no official accredited translators, a translation effected by a company whose role or business is effecting professional translation

Download Application Forms



**Guidelines for Application** 

<u>Document Checklist – SL1</u>

<u>Use of Authorised Agent Form - SL2</u>

<u>Statement of Alternative Citizenship - SL3</u>

Investment Confirmation Form — SL4

<u>Citizenship by Investment Application Form - SL5</u>

Photograph and Signature Certificate - SL6

Affidavit of Support — SL7(a)

Affidavit for Single Applicant - SL7(b)

Medical Certification Form - SL8

Photograph Guidelines

Additional Forms

Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance

Saint Lucia Passport Application Form

National Insurance Corporation Application for Registration (under 65)

National Insurance Corporation Application for Registration (65 years and over)

Source of Funds Document



## National CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT SAINT LUCIA Economic Fund

The National Economic Fund was enacted on July 2, 2019, under <u>Saint Lucia Act No.18 of 2019</u> for purpose of a citizenship by donation investment. Before the establishment of the National Economic Fund, the Citizenship by Investment Unit remitted cash disbursements to the Government of Saint Lucia through the Consolidated Fund. An independent Board has been established to manage those funds ensuring accountability and transparency in line with legislation with no more than seven members appointed by cabinet.

The established functions of the National Economic Fund (NEF) are:

- To advance loans for government-approved projects
- To provide investment for Government approved capital projects
- To reduce government debt; and
- To purchase government bonds;

The National economic fund (NEF) remains the most popular citizens preferred investment optionwith 66.1% of applications filed under this route for 2020/21, according to the CIP statistics published by the government. 1304 citizenship applications have been granted since the inception of CIP Saint Lucia in 2016. 80% of the investment amount made by an applicant is remitted to the Government of Saint Lucia through the National Economic Fund.



#### **CBI** Calculator



Please use our CBI calculator to calculate and compare of all CBI programs in one place.

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## CITIZENSHIP BY DONATION

How much it costs?

## NATIONAL ECONOMIC FUND INVESTMENT

This is a non-refundable one time donation to the government for citizenship

#### NDF FUND DONATION

Single - USD 240,000 Couple - USD 240,000 Family (4) - USD 240,000 Additional - USD 20,000 (above 18) or USD 10,000 (below 18)

#### PROCESSING FEE

Main - USD 2,000 per person Dependent - USD 1,000

#### **DUE DILIGENCE**

Single - USD 7,500 per person Dependent > 16 - USD 5000

#### ADD ON DEPENDENT

Newborn child of a citizen (child of 12 months of age & below): US\$ 5,000 Spouse of a citizen: US\$ 35,000 Qualifying dependent of a citizen (other than a spouse): US\$ 25,000

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## Legal Background



The Citizenship by Investment Program of St.Lucia is a Government run program backed by solid legislation and acts which protecting the investments made by clients. The CBI legislation requires thorough background checks, a multilayered due diligence process on all applicants and their family members. The Citizenship by Investment Program Unit (CIU) is the government authority responsible for promoting and managing applications for economic citizenship in Saint Lucia , with Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Act, 2015.

- <u>Citizenship by Investment Act No 14 of 2015</u>
- <u>Citizenship by Investment Saint Lucia Regulations S.I. 89 of 2015</u>
- Citizenship by Investment Amendment Saint Lucia Regulations S.I. No. 3 of 2016
- Citizenship by Investment Amendment Regulation S.I., 2017, No. 1
- Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Act No. 12 of 2019
- <u>Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Regulations S.I. No 48 of 2019</u>
- Saint Lucia National Economic Fund Act No. 18 of 2019
- Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Act No. 4 of 2020
- <u>Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Regulations No. 73 of 2020</u>
- <u>Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations, 2020</u>
- <u>Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) Regulations No. 4 of 2022</u>
- Citizenship by Investment (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations of 2022



## CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT SAINT LUCIA

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### Document Certification



The certification of document is very important without which documents originate in one country not valid in another country. The compilation of original documents for principal applicant and family members and certifying them to be accepted in foreign country consumes most of the time.

Please prepare these documents well in advance.

#### Apostille

 For countries part of Hague apostille convention (eg. India. South Africa, Singapore, United Kingdom, United States, European Union), get Apostille on all Government issued documents to apply for Citizenship programs to be accepted in a foreign country. US citizens can get either apostilled or notarized (if provide with expiry date)

#### **Notary Public**

 For those from <u>countries not part of Hague apostille</u> (eg. Nigeria, Canada), documents must be certified from notary public with expiry date.

#### Certification

 For those from countries where no notary or apostille possible, a certification from lawyer will be accepted

Examples of documents are: Birth Certificate, Marriage/Divorce certificate, Police certificate, Diplomas

In addition, the following credentials are required..

- Lawyers credential this is the lawyer who is certifying all the documents as true copies
- Medical examiners credentials this is for the medical examiner who is doing the form c3
- Translators credentials if there are any translations to be done, then these must be provided



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## Eligible Family Members



Rules apply for family members to be included in the application. All applicants who is aged sixteen years or over shall undergo due diligence background checks (pay DD fee) before any decision is made in relation to his or her application.

#### **Spouse**

A spouse of the principal applicant. A spouse means an individual of the opposite sex to the principal applicant who is legally married to the applicant and in the case of legal polygamy. 'spouse' shall mean the first husband or wife; Same sex marriage not accepted.

#### **CBI Calculator**



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#### Child

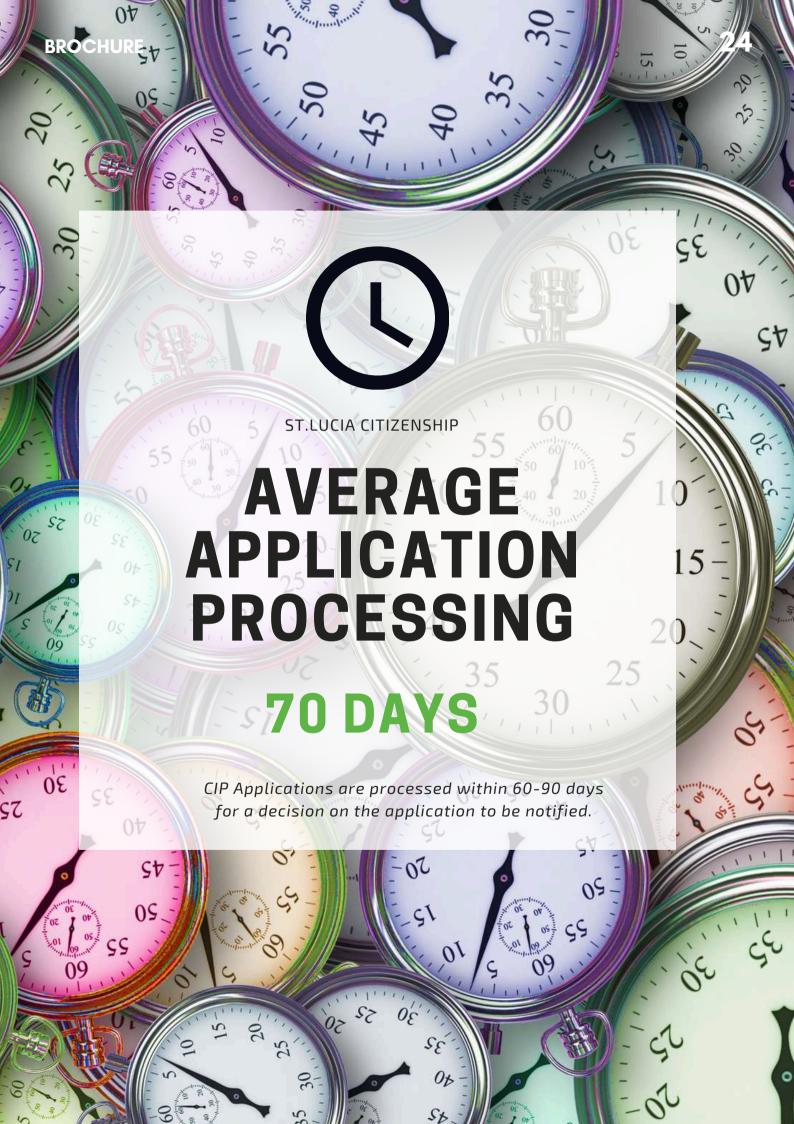
- A child of the principal applicant or of his or her spouse who is 21
  years of age or below;
- A a child of the principal applicant or of his or her spouse who is no more than 30 years of age and who is fully supported by the principal applicant;
- A child of the principal applicant or his or her spouse, of any age, who
  is physically or mentally challenged and fully supported by the principal
  applicant;

#### **Parents**

A parent of the principal applicant or of his or her spouse who is **above 55 years of age** and who is fully supported by the principal applicant; or A parent of any age, of the principal applicant or his or her spouse, who is physically or mentally challenged and fully supported by the principal applicant.

#### **Siblings**

An unmarried sister or brother of the principal applicant who is **below 18 years** of age and who has received the consent of his or her parent or guardian to make an application for citizenship by investment. May be required to attend an interview in Saint Lucia or atan embassy or High Commission of Saint Lucia prior to the consideration of his or her application for citizenship by the Board.





#### **5 STEP APPLICATION PROCESS**

The Citizenship by Investment Application Process for Saint Lucia





#### **Application Receipt**

All applications for citizenship are received in physical and electronic form. CIP Saint Lucia has a dedicated online portal which allows for the processing of applications for citizenship online



#### **Verification of Documents**

They ensure that every applicant submits the required forms and supporting documents to allow for the processing of the application. The Verification Department ensures that all applications received are complete and in compliance with CIP legislation and Guidelines





#### **Due Diligence Checks**

CIP Saint Lucia has a three-tier approach to due diligence which is standard for every applicant. KYC- Know Your Client (Online Database), Local Law Enforcement (RSLPF) & Regional Border Control and 3rd Party - International Due Diligence Firms. The Due Diligence (DD) Department ensures that the applicant is- 'who he says he is' - through vetting and the conduct of due diligence on every applicant above the age of 16 years



#### **Review and Recommendation**

Once the team are fully satisfied with the findings of an individual and sufficient information is obtained on the applicant to make an informed decision. A recommendation is prepared by the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) to the Board of Directors recommending the grant or denial of an application for citizenship.



#### **Final Decision**

The Board of Directors reviews the application and the due diligence findings on the applicant. Thereafter, a final decision is made to grant or deny an application. There may be instances where the Board may 'delay for cause' an application, pending further information. Once a unanimous decision is made by the Board, the applicants are thereafter informed of the decision of their application, through status: Grant, Deny, delay for cause.





#### Granted

The Applicant is informed of the status of his/her application. All requisite requirements must be fulfilled before the issuance of Saint Lucian Citizenship. The applicant is thereby required to make their: • Qualifying Investment - one of the four investment options • Sign the Oath or Affirmation of Allegiance to Saint Lucia and; • Pay any applicable administrative fees Once the applicant has met the above requirements. The individual is then issued a Certificate of Registration otherwise known as the Citizenship Certificate. Being a citizen of Saint Lucia allows for all rights and entitlements as held by any other citizen. The citizen may, through their appointed proxy or local Agent, apply or a national insurance number, passport and national identification through the relevant governing bodies



#### **Denied**

The Applicant is informed on the status of his/her application and the reasoning for the denial as per the governing Act. This is the end of the citizenship application process for the Unit, the Board and the applicant. The applicant is not required to make an investment or meet any other require- ments. The applicant may apply to the Minister with Responsibility for the CIP Program- me requesting a review of the denial of their application. In effect, this is an appeal of the denial of the application on five grounds inclusive of the incorrect application of the law or that the Board did not have evidence to support its findings against the applicant. The Minister may co-opt additional persons with expert knowledge or experience to provide the necessary advice and upon consideration of the application, approve or deny the application for citizenship by investment



#### **Delayed for Cause**

The Applicant is informed of the status of his/her application and a request is made for the applicant to provide clarification and/or information by means of additional documentation to the Unit and Board for further consideration and final decision. Once the applicant has provided the requested information and, the Unit and the Board are satisfied with the request, a final decision is made by the Board to grant or deny the application for citizenship

## THE IGUANA ISLAND

#### SAINT LUCIA

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# ST.LUCIA RANKED AS NO.1 CIP FOR 2021

Best CBI Rankings 2021

CBI	PBS score	▲ Rank
▲ Saint Lucia	252	1
<b></b> ■ Dominica	250	2
	248	3
St Kitts and Nevis	235	4
≥Vanuatu	235	4

Every year we publish Best Citizenship by Investment Rankings based on our PBS ranking model developed by Best Citizenships. This is the fourth edition of the Best CBI rankings published for 2021 based on the Points Based Score (PBS) model developed by Best Citizenships. This year we have considered about 37 important indicators considered by investors before deciding on the best CBI program to invest in. St Lucia has made a huge leap capturing first place this year. This is due to the fact the government has made huge improvements to CIP making it one of the best CIP products in the world.



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TO CITIZENS OF ST.LUCIA WITH ETA



### ST.LUCIA CITIZENS ELIGIBLE FOR CANADA (ETA)

Canada has approved Partial Visa Waiver to Citizens of St.Lucia who travel by AIR. After sustained and meaningful dialogue between the governments of Canada and St. Lucia the visa requirement imposed on nationals of St.Lucia has been partially lifted, clearing the way for easier movement of people between two nations.



#### **CONDITIONS**

**01** 

Canada Visa

who have had a Canadian visa over the past ten (10) years (OR)

02

**US Visa** 

A Valid non-immigrant US Visa.

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NOTE: A valid visitor visa to Canada isrequired if

- driving to Canada from the U.S. by car or
- arriving by bus, train or boat, including a cruise ship (even if they are not leaving the ship)

If you already have valid Canada visa, ETA is not required.

The above categories of nationals are required to apply online for an electronic travel authorization (ETA) (<a href="www.eta-apply.ca">www.eta-apply.ca</a>), for which a response is usually received the same day. This is the case with European nationals. Max stay allowed is 6 months for business, tourism etc.

ETA can be also used flying to or transiting through a Canadian airport.

Please visit the <u>official website</u> for guidance.

## UNIQUE FACTS ABOUT ST.LUCIA

Saint Lucia is a true paradise in the Caribbean with a quality of life that is rivaled by very few places in the world for vacations and holidays. Saint Lucia is famous for sunny white beaches overlooking caribbean sea, with thick tropical forests, volcanoes and sulphur springs.

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#### Helen of the West Indies

Saint Lucia was also known as the "Helen of the West Indies" after the Greek mythological character, Helen of Troy, because it was former colony of french and british. It was switched 14 times between these two sides since 1660.

#### **Feast Day**

There is also a famous Legend states French sailors were shipwrecked at St. Lucia on 13 December, the feast day of St. Lucy, naming the island in honor of Sainte Lucie.

#### **Unique Women's Name**

Saint Lucia was only among two countries in the world named after a women. The Saint Lucy of Syracuse (AD 283 – 304) who was was honored in the Middle Ages and remained a well-known saint in early modern England. Today there is a shrine of her in San Geremia, Venice Saint Lucia or Saint Lucy, was a Christian martyr who died during the Diocletianic Persecution. Her traditional feast day, known in Europe as Saint Lucia's Day, is observed by Western Christians on 13 December.

#### The Twin Pitons

The Two Pitons (Gros and Petit) are the most famous iconic landmark of Saint Lucia most photographed in the world. The majestic twin peaks are world heritage site, the two pitons are linked by a ridge called Piton Mitan.







Figures Pitons (top), Pigeon island and Rodney bay (right)

#### World War II

The WW2 also came to the shores of Saint Lucia when German U-boat attacked and sank two British ships in Castries harbour on 9 March 1942 to disrupt allied oil supplies.

#### **Tourism**

Saint Lucia was visited by over 1.2 million visitors every year mostly through cruise ships from US, Canada, UK and France. Tourists spend their time in Castries, although Soufriere, Marigot Bay, Rodney Bay and Gros Islet are popular locations to visit. Saint Lucia secured the coveted title of the 'Caribbean's Leading Honeymoon Destination' for the seventh year in 2016 surpassing nominees Bahamas, Aruba, Turks and Caicos and the British Virgin Islands by World Travel Award. Most popular tourist attractions include a drive-in volcano, Sulphur Springs (in Soufrière), zip lining in beautiful Sault Falls, Dennery, the Botanical Gardens, Pitons, the rain forests, and Frigate Island Nature Reserve

#### Pleasant Climate

The Average daytime temperatures are around 30 °C (86.0 °F) and nighttime temperatures are around 24 °C (75.2 °F).

#### **Nobel Winners**

Saint Lucia has the distinction of having the highest number of Nobel Laureates per capita in the world. Derek Walcott won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992 and Sir Arthur Lewis won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1979. The two winners share the same birthday of January 23, only 15 years apart.

#### Commonwealth

Elizabeth II is Queen of Saint Lucia, represented on the island by a governor-general participating in the realm of Commonwealth.

#### Healthcare

Health care provided throughout the country. There are thirty-three (33) Health Centers, three (3) public hospitals, one (1) private hospital, and one (1) psychiatric hospital.

#### Yachting

Rodney Bay is one of the most popular destinations on the island. The original crescent-shaped bay has been embellished with a man-made lagoon covering 80 acres and one of the Caribbean's most prestigious yachting marinas.

#### **Figures**

Honeymoon (1), Cricket(2), Carnival (3), Yachting (4). Images credit Stlucia.og.

#### **Grand Festivals**

The biggest festival of the year is the Saint Lucia Jazz Festival is held in early May at multiple venues throughout the island, it draws visitors and musicians from around the world. The grand finale or main stage is held at the Pigeon Island. Important festivals and key events held in Saint Lucia are:

- July Lucian Carnival
- August Mercury Beach
- October Oktoberfest, Jounen Kweyol
- November / December Atlantic Rally for Cruisers

#### Cricket

Cricket is a very popular sport in the country. Players from St Lucia often represented West Indies cricket team. Daren Sammy has captained West Indies cricket team as a captain

#### **Sulphur Springs**

The town of Soufrière is home to the Caribbean's only drive-in volcano. Sulphur Springs is an active geothermal zone, where you can get close to bubbling mud pools and vents that belch out sulphurous steam.

#### Sailing

The annual Atlantic Rally for Cruisers (ARC) race begins in the Canary Islands and ends in Saint Lucia around 40 years of existence. Held every November, the race attracts over 200 boats and 1,200 people to sail across the Atlantic to the Caribbean.

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#### Peaceful

Saint Lucia is largely a peaceful country has no disputes with other countries, maintains friendly relations with the major powers active in the Caribbean, including the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada, and France.









#### No Military

Saint Lucia is one of few countries in the world for having no military force.

#### Hurricanes

Saint Lucia sits in the hurricane belt with a low risk of being hit during the hurricane season. The peak hurricane season runs in September and October. No hurricane affected Saint Lucia between 1980 and 2007. Only 14 hurricanes have moved closer than 60 miles to St. Lucia since 185. Hurricane Maria passed close to St Lucia as CAT2 storm.

#### **Bird Lovers**

The Thick tropical forests of Saint Lucia harbors 180 different types of bird life thriving in Millet Bird Sanctuary, the Des Cartier Rainforest Trail and the Vieux Fort Wetlands.

#### **Snorkelling and Scuba**

The West coast of Saint Lucia is great place for snorkelling or learning to scuba diving in shallow reefs with diverse marine life. Visit sandy beach of Anse Cochon and you will find the beautiful resort Ti Kaye.

Divers can discover the Soufrière Marine Reserve and the many wreck sites around the island.

#### **Celebrity Destination**

Saint Lucia is one of the famous islands for Celebrity spotting. Celebrities and film stars visit St Lucia for for vacations, honeymoons and weddings. The famous celebrities who visited St Lucia are Oprah Winfrey, Justin Bieber, Matt Damon, Ellie Goulding etc.

#### **World's Leading Honeymoon Destination**

The island named the "World's Leading Honeymoon Destination" by the World Travel Awards fourteen times, Saint Lucia is a refuge and an escape for lovers for weddings, honeymoons, and romantic getaways.

#### **Films and Movies**

A number of movies and reality shows, about 36 of them <u>were shot</u> in Saint Lucia. 'Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl was shot in Saint Lucia at Marigot Bay

- Lifetime's 'Married at First Sight: Honeymoon Island' (All 8 episode production)
- The Bachelor Episode 14.7 and 14.9

#### **Excellent Flight Connections**

Saint Lucia is connected very well by air with major airlines operating in the island. The Hewanorra International Airport (UVF) in Vieux Fort is located 40 miles south of Castries, the capital city. George F.L. Charles Airport is an inter-island airport just outside Castries. Saint Lucia is well-serviced by ferries, making it easy to include Saint Lucia in any island-hopping tour. The Express-des-iles.com which operates a ferry service between Saint Lucia and Martinique.

- US: American Airlines, Delta Airlines, JetBlue and United Airlines
- Canada: Air Canada, Sunwing Airlines and WestJet
- UK: British Airways, Virgin Atlantic and TUI
- Germany: Condor
- France: Air France, Corsair and Air Caraibes
- Caribbean: Air Caraibes, Air Antilles, Caribbean Airlines and LIAT



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## NATIONAL ACTION GOVERNMENT BONDS

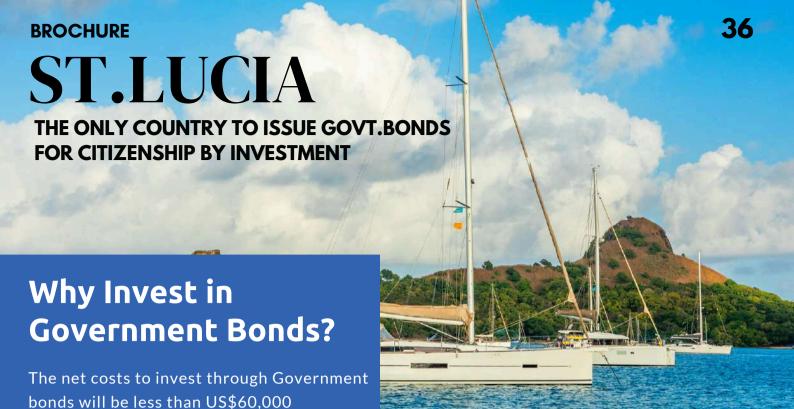
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#### NATIONAL ACTION BONDS

USD 300,000 (5 yrs locked)

**No limit** to the number of family members can be included with the same investment amount.

Additional Govt fee: USD 50,000 Bonds fully refunded after the period. Interest not paid goes to the Government



Governments around the world issue bonds to raise money against their debt.

Investing Government debt is one of the risk free and smartest investments during the times of when a state wants money to run, when global markets are in turmoil and real estate prices are tumble around the world.

In case of Saint Lucia, you pay \$300,000 first buying interest free Govt bonds (issued at a discount instead of \$500,000) and this is guaranteed by Govt of Saint Lucia to be fully refunded after the holding period. In addition to buying bonds, there is a US\$50,000 processing fee charged by Saint Lucia Government.

On top of this there is Due diligence fee (\$7500) plus Lawyer fee to file the application. So a total of \$357,500 for single applicant.

No limit to the number of family members included in the CIP application (bond sum wont increase)

Considering the \$300,000 is repayable after 5 years (guaranteed by government), adding up all the fees, you will be paying around **\$57,500** for Saint Lucia citizenship for a single person. Additional due diligence costs for family members. Remember interest for bonds will not be paid to the investor, goes to economic benefit for development of the country and people.



Saint Lucia CIP is very popular with wealthy American expats and retirees

### How to Apply

8 Simple Steps

- 1.Prepare initial documents: Police certificate, Birth Certificate, Passport ID copy and Medical certificate
- 2. Download SL1 application forms here
- 3. Hire an Authorized agent (we help you free of charge)
- 4. Pay Due diligence fee plus 50% of lawyer fee to submit file
- 5. Wait for CIP Unit approval letter (2-3 months)
- 6. Pay your full investment to Government and remaining fee.
- 7. Take an Oath
- 8. Collect your passport from consulate or agent



# NOBEL WINNERS SAINT LUCIA

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Two winners have come from Saint Lucia: Sir Arthur Lewis won the Nobel Prize in Economics in 1979, and the poet Derek Walcott received the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1992.

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# REAL ESTATE

USD 200,000 onwards (fractional share)

## **CANNELLES RESORT**

The Saint Lucia Canelles Resort is a luxury resort developed by the Galaxy Group, managed by AMResorts, a subsidiary of Apple Leisure Group. This Resort has two brands, Dreams and Zoetry, plus Canelles Oceanfront Apartments, which offer a high level of luxury for couples and couples with children in ideal beachfront settings. With spacious rooms and suites, graciously appointed and luxuriously equipped, it will provide a picture perfect vacation experience with welcoming service and romantic inclusions.





## **ALPINA HOTEL**

The Alpina Saint Lucia Hotel and Alpina Square are both located in the southern part of the island approx. 5 minutes from the Hewanorra International Airport which the Government of Saint Lucia has announced will be undergoing a major re-development. The Alpina St. Lucia Hotel forms part of the "Site A" of the PEARL OF THE CARIBBEAN Integrated Resort Development which include an international standard Thoroughbred horse racing track already in operation and is managed by the Royal Saint Lucia Turf Club.

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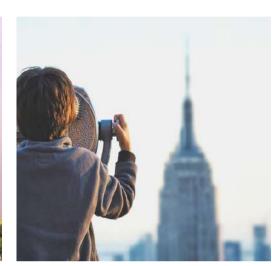
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- \*Malaysic

Maldives

- \*Nepa
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- \*\*Philippines

Singapore

South Korea

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\*\*Taiwan

Timor-Leste

\*Uzbekistan

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Bosnia and

Herzegovina

Bulgaria

Croatia

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Czech Republic

Denmark

Estonia

Faroe Islands

Finland

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Garman

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Norway

Poland

Portugal

Romania

San Marino

Slovakia

Slovenia

Spain

Sweden

Switzerland

United Kingdom

Vatican City

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\*Visa on Arrival

Source: Henley

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ASIA

Botswana

Cape Verde

\*Comores

\*Egypt

\*Eswatini

(Swaziland)

Gambia

Guinea-Bissau

\*Kenya

Lesotho

Madagascar

\*Malawi

Mauritania

\*Mauritius

Mayotte

Mozambiaue

\*Reunion

Rwanda

\*Senegal

Seychelles

\*Sierra Leone

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Togo

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Uganda

\*Zambia

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Peru

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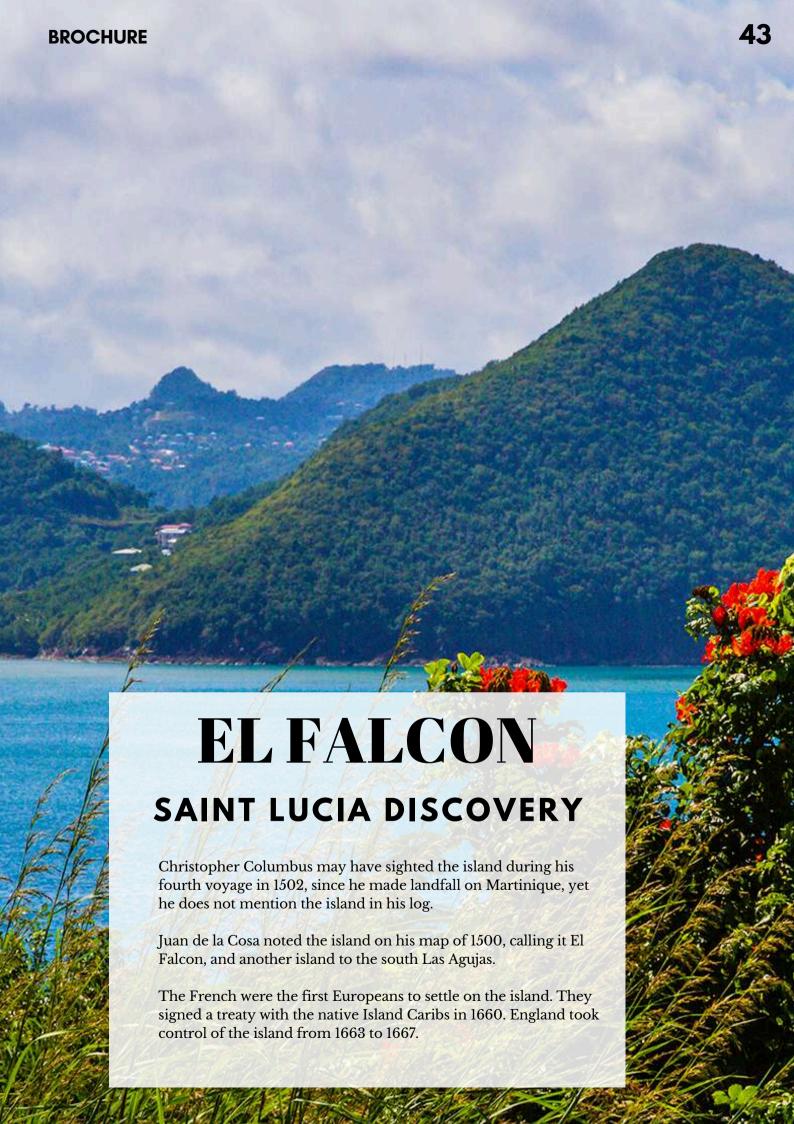
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\*Tuvalu

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I am not an
Athenian or a
Greek, but a citizen
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SOCRATES

469-399 BC



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#### **CITIZENSHIP BY INVESTMENT UNIT (CIU)**

# CIP SAINT LUCIA

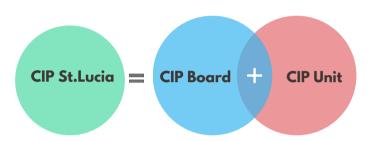
Saint Lucia's Citizenship by Investment Programme ("CIP Saint Lucia") allows a person to acquire citizenship of Saint Lucia by making a qualifying investment into the island. The Citizenship by Investment Unit ("the Unit") are the general administrators of CIP Saint Lucia and are responsible to receive and assess all applications for citizenship and licenses. The Citizenship by Investment Board ("the Board") are the overseers of CIP Saint Lucia and the Unit.

#### **CIP UNIT**

The functions of the Unit are

- process all applications for the Citizenship by Investment Programmme
- recommend suitably qualified applicants for citizenship to the Board;
- make recommendations to the Board on the development of the Citizenship by Investment Programme
- advise the Board on any matter within its knowledge or on which the Board may seek its advice, including advice in relation to the terms and conditions on which citizenship by investment may be granted
- undertake, sponsor or assist in research relating to citizenship by investment which may be subject to control or regulation under this Act;
- collect fees;
- implement and provide technical advice and guidance on citizenship by investment in Saint Lucia;
- utilize best practices in administering the Citizenship by Investment Programme;
- carry out any other function specified in this Act.





#### **CIP BOARD**

The Board, with the approval of the Minister, shall appoint a Chief Executive Officer to be the head of the Unit. The functions of the Board are the following:

- co-ordinate the administration and operation of CIP Saint Lucia in an efficient manner;
- monitor the process of an application by an applicant
- review reports of the Unit
- make recommendations to the Minister on the development of CIP Saint Lucia
- establish and determine the functions or duties of the Unit; and
- issue guidelines within its jurisdiction under the Citizenship by Investment Act Cap. 1.20 Act ("the Act");

#### **DUE DILIGENCE**

Due Diligence continues to be a core foundational principle of the operations of the Citizenship by Investment Programme. The Due Diligence (DD) Department ensures that the applicant is- 'who he says he is' - through vetting and the conduct of due diligence on every applicant above the age of 16 years. The Citizenship by Investment Unit has a robust multi-faceted approach to due diligence. Prior to receipt of a citizenship application, the partner agents vet the applicants through KYC (know your client) and other online database systems ensuring that the applicants are the right fit for the Saint Lucia programme. Additionally, during the verification and vetting of an application for citizenship, the Citizenship by Investment Unit works closely with local law enforcement, regional intelligence partners and third party international firms.

## **Total Costs**

The total costs is a calculated total of Application fee, Due diligence fee, Government processing fee (only for RE and Bonds) + Bank fee + Courier fee + Licensed Agent fee. There are no other hidden fee. Authorized Agents will charge between \$5000 to \$10,000 depending on how many people apply as a family and also their ages. Note Best Citizenships services are **free of charge**. We do not take any money from applicants. We are compensated for referring clients.





Single Applicant

Donation	Real Estate	Bonds
\$240,000	\$300,000	\$350,000



Family of 3

Donation	Real Estate	Bonds
\$240,000	\$300,000	\$365,000



**Applicant + Spouse** 

Donation	Real Estate	Bonds
\$240,000	\$300,000	\$365,500



Family of 4

Donation	Real Estate	Bonds
\$240,000	\$300,000	\$367,500

**NOTE:** Agency fee, application, due diligence, additional govt fee not included in above approx prices. Family assumes two parents and two children under 16 years of age. Age of dependant has impact on total prices. Please contact us for exact quotation provided free of charge.







# What is the processing time for applications?

Please allow 60-90 days for applications to be reviewed by the CIP unit for a decision to be issued. The Saint Lucia has a rigorous due diligence process which entails engaging law enforcement and third-party due diligence firms.

## Is Financing for Real estate available?

We do not provide financing or discounted underselling offers for real estate in SL as per new rules issued by ClU. Banks in St.Lucia do not offer financing for foreign clients. Please check with the bank in your country.

#### Can St.Lucia citizenship be revoked?

If a person found to have provided false or incorrect information, the applicant may be deprived of Citizenship based on the citizenship by investment regulations.

# Does a child need to undergo due diligence?

Due diligence is only done on children who are sixteen (16) years and older. They must also pay \$5000 fee per person. For children below this age DD fee not applicable.

# Who cannot apply for St.Lucia citizenship by investment.?

Nationals of Iran, Russia, Belarus and Ukraine cannot apply for CIP program. Besides those who have visa denial from UK, Schengen countries or any other country that has visa waiver agreement with St.Lucia are disqualified from applying.

## Where do i get application forms?

Application forms for the Saint Lucia Citizenship by Investment Programme are available <u>here</u>. Forms can also be obtained from your Authorised Agent.

#### What are the total costs?

Total costs = Investment + Due diligence fee + Government processing fee (only for Real estate) + Application fee + Passport fee + Bank fee + Agent fee. No other hidden charges.

## What is the minimum for Government bonds?

Purchase of \$300,000 interest free treasury bonds Plus \$30,000 Govt processing fees. Any number of family members can be included without increasing bond sum. Additional due diligence fee apply.





# **Best Citizenships**

# A Global Brand for Citizenship by Investment

MEET OUR FOUNDER AND CEO

# PRABHU BALAKRISHNAN

A Pioneer in the Citizenship by Investment industry. He Entrepreneur, Innovator, Futurist and World's leading expert assisting Wealthy investors and HNWI families with citizenship and residence planning with more than a decade of experience. He has 15 years experience in finance, banking, insurance, company setups, and immigration consulting and PR news.

Best Citizenships is a Global brand for Citizenship by Investment. Founded in 2011, we are a family of startups for the CBI industry. Assisting wealthy families and investors with 12 years of services. We work with trusted Government authorized law firms and property developers without brokers or intermediary agents,, making it cheaper and faster for clients.

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