

ASTONS

Residency & Citizenship  
by investment



# SAO TOME AND PRINCIPE CITIZENSHIP

by Investment

PROCESSING TIME:

**from 2 months**

MINIMUM INVESTMENT:

**from \$90,000**

INCLUDE SPOUSE,

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VISA-FREE ACCESS TO 69+ COUNTRIES

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# Advantages of the Sao Tome and Principe Citizenship by Investment Programme



## Fast Processing

Citizenship can be obtained in just 2 months



## Family Inclusion

Applications may cover the entire family: spouse, unmarried children under 30, and parents over 55



## No Residency Requirements

After obtaining citizenship, there is no need to visit the country or reside there



## Visa-free Travel

Enjoy unrestricted travel to 69+ countries, including South Africa, Singapore, and Hong Kong



## A Strategic Safety Net

A second passport offers security and flexibility in an increasingly uncertain world. An essential contingency for global mobility, lifestyle, and wealth planning



## Privileges within the CPLP

Citizens benefit from special rights in Portuguese-speaking countries such as Portugal and Brazil, including simplified pathways to residency and work



## Affordable Investment Threshold

With a minimum investment of \$90,000, Sao Tome and Principe offers one of the most competitively priced citizenship programmes globally



## Capital Structuring and Security

Citizenship provides a framework to optimise asset protection and leverage additional legal safeguards

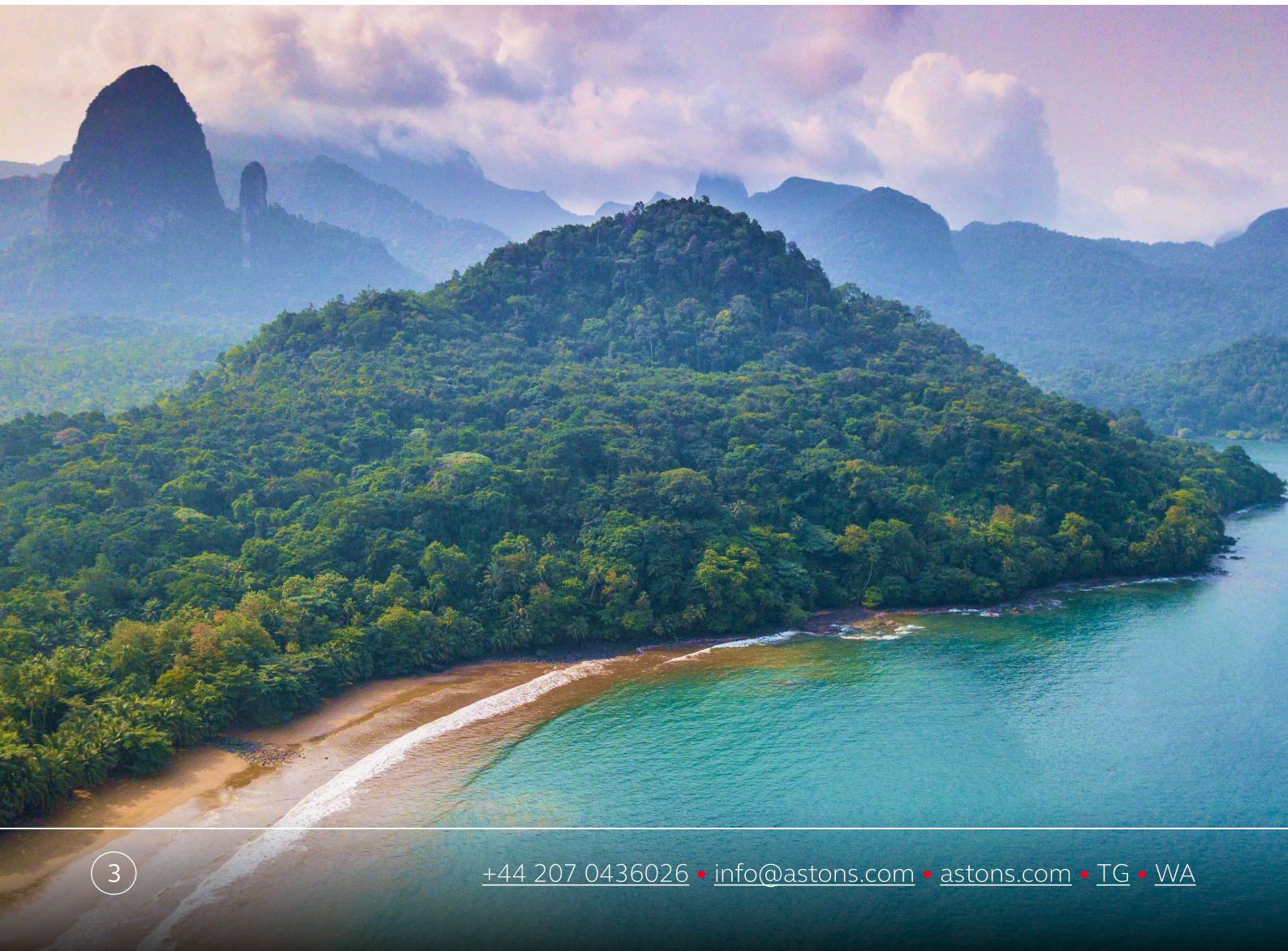
# About the Sao Tome and Principe Citizenship by Investment Programme

Sao Tome and Principe is a picturesque island nation in the Gulf of Guinea, renowned for its ecological purity, tropical forests, pristine beaches, and a distinctive cultural blend of African and Portuguese traditions. The country is characterised by stability, safety, and notably low crime rates.

In 2025, the Government introduced the Citizenship by Investment Programme, under Law No. 7/2022 and Decree No. 07/2025, designed to attract foreign capital into strategic national projects across energy, education, healthcare, infrastructure, and ecotourism.

The programme enables investors and their families to obtain citizenship and a Sao Tome and Principe passport through an irrevocable contribution **to the National Transformation Fund**. All contributions are strictly allocated to development initiatives and subject to state audits.

Successful applicants gain not only visa-free access to 69+ destinations, including Qatar, the UAE, South Africa, Singapore, and Hong Kong, but also enhanced privileges as part of the Community of Portuguese Language Countries (CPLP), with simplified options to live and work in Portugal and Brazil.



# About Sao Tome and Principe

## Geography and Climate

Situated approximately 250 km off the coast of Central Africa, Sao Tome and Principe comprises two main islands and several smaller islets, covering around 1,000 km<sup>2</sup>. The tropical climate is hot and humid, with a rainy season from October to May, and the islands are distinguished by rich biodiversity and lush forests.

## History

Discovered by the Portuguese in the late 15th century, the islands developed into colonial hubs for sugar and cocoa plantations. Independence was achieved in 1975, establishing one of Africa's smallest republics. Strong ties remain with Portugal and other CPLP members.

## Economy

Agriculture, particularly cocoa, remains central to the economy, alongside fishing and tourism. More than half of food products are imported, while future growth is focused on expanding ecotourism and energy sectors. Development support is provided by the World Bank and other international partners.



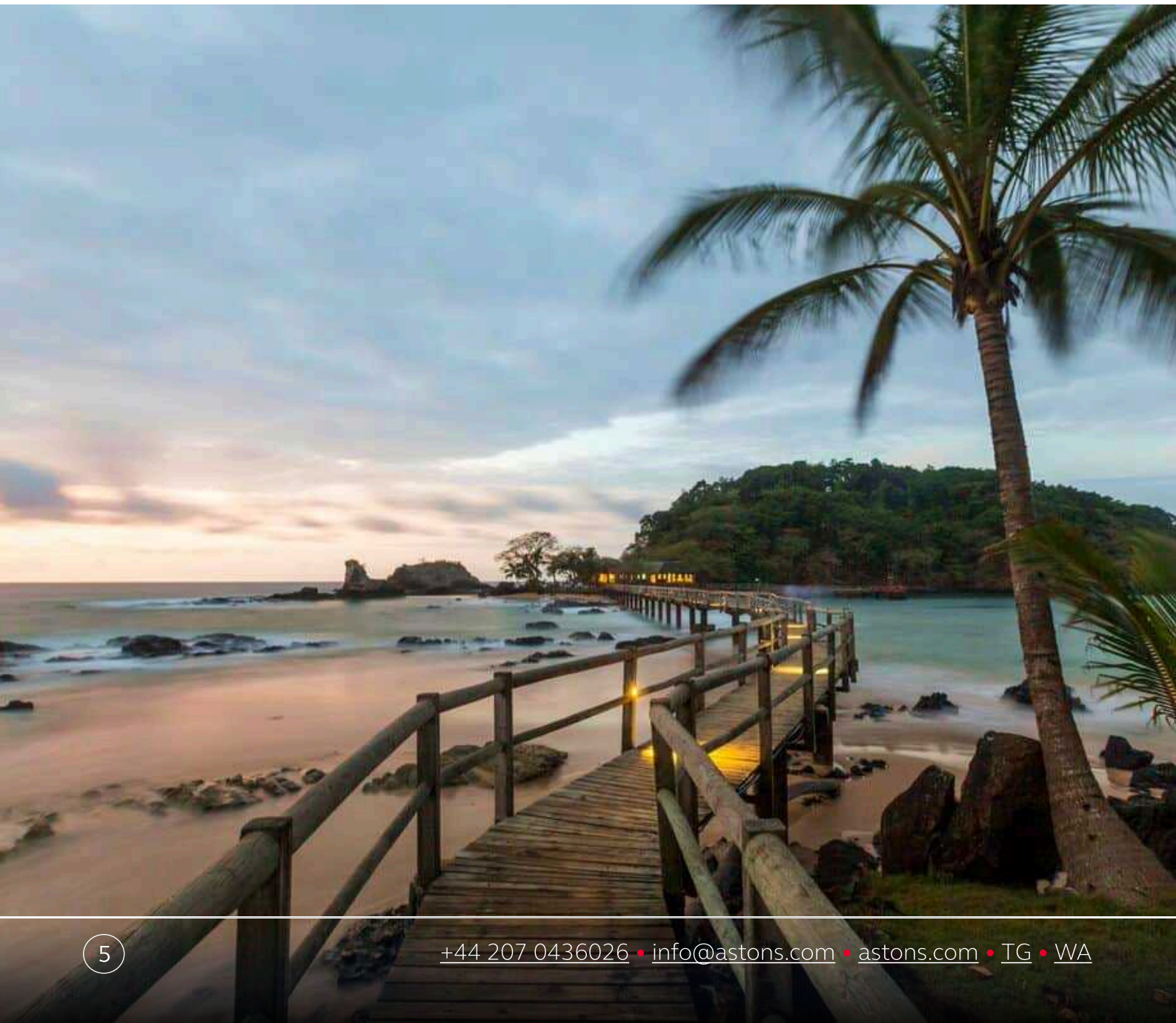
# About Sao Tome and Principe

## Population and Culture

The population of approximately 230,000 speaks Portuguese as the official language, with creole dialects also common. The culture reflects a fusion of African and Portuguese heritage, with Catholicism as the predominant faith.

## International Relations

Sao Tome and Principe is a member of the United Nations, African Union, WTO, and CPLP. The nation maintains close partnerships with Portugal, Brazil, the EU, and other African states. Citizens benefit from CPLP membership, including enhanced mobility within Portuguese-speaking countries.





# Conditions for Obtaining Sao Tome and Principe Citizenship by Investment

To qualify for the programme, applicants must make an irrevocable contribution to the National Transformation Fund. The required amount depends on the number of individuals included in the application:

**\$90 000**



for one applicant

**\$95 000**



for a family of up to 4 people

**\$5 000**



for each additional dependent

## Additional Expenses:

- Government application fee (varies depending on family size): **\$5,000**
- Certificate of citizenship, national ID, and passport: **\$750 per person**

## Passport Validity Period:

- Adults: 7 years
- Children under 16: 3 years



The passport can be renewed at any Sao Tome and Principe consulate, including in Beijing, Brussels, Lisbon, or directly at the CIU office in Dubai.

# Who Can Apply for the Programme?

To apply for Sao Tome and Principe citizenship, **the main applicant must:**

• **Be over 18 years old** at the time of application

• **Have no criminal record** and be in good legal standing

• **Be in good health**

• Successfully pass **the Due Diligence check**

The main applicant may **include the following family members in the application:**

• Spouse

• Children **under 30** (financially dependent on the applicant)

• Parents over 55

# Visa-Free Travel to 69 Countries

Sao Tome and Principe citizenship provides visa-free, visa-on-arrival, or e-visa access **to more than 69 countries worldwide.**

## **Africa:**

Angola, Benin, Burundi, Cape Verde Islands, Comoro Islands, Djibouti, Egypt, Ethiopia, Gabon, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya, Madagascar, Malawi, Mauritius, Mozambique, Namibia, Rwanda, Seychelles, South Africa, Tanzania, Togo, Zambia, Zimbabwe

## **Oceania:**

Cook Islands, Micronesia, Niue, Palau Islands, Samoa, Tuvalu

## **South America:**

Bolivia, Ecuador, Suriname

## **Europe:**

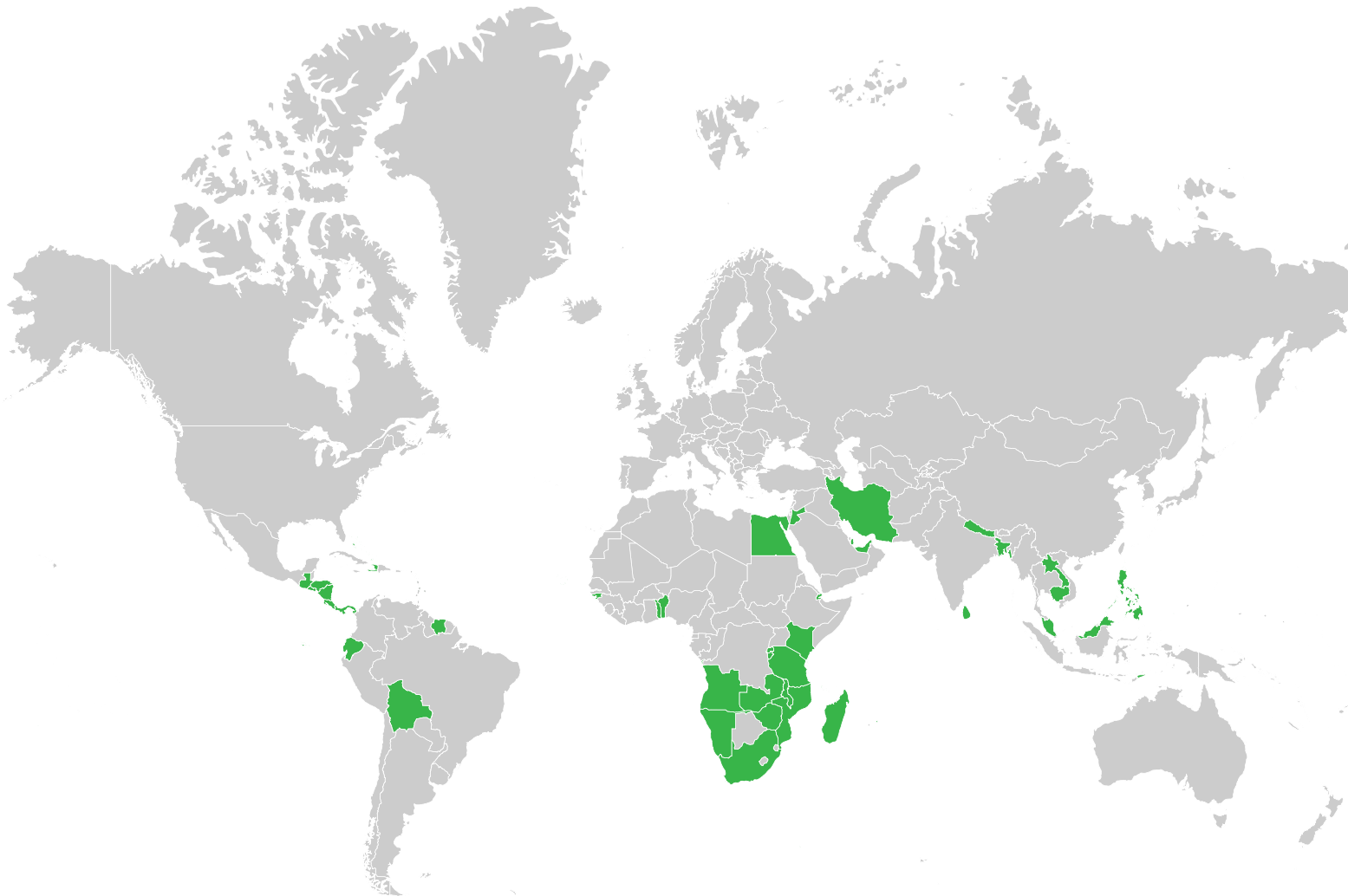
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## **Asia:**

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Hong Kong, Iran, Jordan, Laos, Macao, Malaysia, Maldives, Nepal, Philippines, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Timor-Leste

## **North America & Caribbean Basin:**

Bahamas, Barbados, Costa Rica, Dominica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Nicaragua, Panama, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines



# List of Documents Required for a Citizenship Application of Sao Tome and Principe

Application documents	Main Applicant	Spouse	Children (from 16 years old)	Children (under 16 years old)	Parents (55+)
Completed application forms (S1 and S2)	●	●	●	●	●
Copy of passport (data page, certified)	●	●	●	●	●
Certified copy of birth certificate	●	●	●	●	●
Secondary identity document	●	●	●	—	●
Photographs (4 pcs., including 2 certified, size 2x2 inches)	●	●	●	●	●
Police clearance certificate (issued within the last 3 months)	●	●	●	—	●
Proof of source of funds	●	If required	If required	—	If required
Bank reference letter	●	—	—	—	—
Proof of residential address (utility bills, rental agreement, property ownership certificate)	●	—	—	—	—
Medical certificate	●	●	●	●	●
Proof of marital status	If required	If required	—	—	If required
Affidavit of support for dependents (for adults)	●	—	If required	—	If required
Declaration of consent from the second parent (for children under 18)	—	—	—	If required	—

*The presented list of documents is preliminary and subject to further clarification. Following a consultation and preliminary review by Astons, the lawyers will prepare an individualized list of documents tailored to your case.*

# Step by step guide: How to obtain citizenship of Sao Tome and Principe

- 1 Personal Consultation with Astons**

An Astons specialist will assess your circumstances in detail, explain the programme's advantages, and provide a tailored list of required documents.
- 2 Application Preparation**

Our experts prepare and compile the full application package and submit it to the UCID (Citizenship by Investment and Donation Unit).
- 3 Due Diligence**

The government conducts a comprehensive, multi-level due diligence review of the applicant and included family members. At this stage, the applicant pays the registration fee (USD 5,000), due diligence fee, and applicable banking charges.
- 4 Preliminary Approval**

Following successful due diligence, the UCID issues Approval in Principle.
- 5 Investment Contribution**

The applicant transfers the required contribution to the National Transformation Fund ( \$90,000 and above, depending on family composition) and pays the associated fees for the citizenship certificate, national ID, and passport.

- 6 Oath and Passport Issuance**

The applicant takes the oath of allegiance to Sao Tome and Principe, either in-country or at a consulate. Citizenship certificates, national ID, and passports are then formally issued.



## Licensed Agent of the Sao Tome and Principe Citizenship Programme

Astons is an officially licensed partner of the Sao Tome and Principe Citizenship by Investment Programme, authorised to represent, process applications, and support clients through every stage of obtaining citizenship.

# Why Trust Astons?

Astons – A Global Leader in Investment Immigration & Relocation. Astons provides tailored solutions for obtaining residency and citizenship in Europe, the Pacific, the Caribbean, the Middle East, and the United States.



## Over 35 Years of Experience & Expertise

Founded in London in 1989, Astons has been at the forefront of the investment immigration industry. Today, Astons operates as an international group of companies with its headquarters in Dubai.



## Trusted Partner

Astons has guided more than 9,000 clients from over 100 nationalities, facilitating over USD 2.6 billion in investments across citizenship, residency, and real estate programmes.



## Licensed & Fully Compliant

We operate exclusively under official government licences, adhering strictly to the laws and regulations of each jurisdiction where we conduct business. We guarantee full compliance, no legal risks, and complete protection of your reputation and investments.



## Unrivalled Expertise

Our internal due diligence ensures that 100% of qualified clients receive programme approvals. Our legal team, trained in the British school of law, brings unparalleled knowledge of global immigration frameworks, ensuring a seamless and secure process.

# Why Choose Astons?



## Speed

Receive a preliminary eligibility assessment within 24 hours.



## Convenience

Most application procedures can be completed remotely, without requiring your physical presence.



## Global Recognition

Astons is ranked among the **Top 6 firms in MIGRATOP** and in the **Top 25 global immigration firms** by *Uglobal Immigration Magazine*. Industry accolades include the Best European Citizenship Advisor (2018) and Best Full-Service Investment Immigration Firm (2019).



## Global Presence

With offices in Istanbul, London, Limassol, Dubai, Athens, Fort Lauderdale, and St. Julian's, our experts are accessible both locally and online.



## Tailored Solutions

We provide access to premier citizenship and residency programmes, alongside exclusive real estate opportunities in 11 countries - always personalised to your individual goals.



## Industry Thought Leaders

Astons experts are regular contributors to leading global media, including *The New York Times*, *The Telegraph*, *CNBC*, *Forbes*, and *RBC*.

# Astons in the media

This section features key publications that have drawn on Astons' expertise — our specialists are regularly consulted for insights and guidance on global relocation, investment citizenship, residency options, and international premium real estate investment.

**THE  TIMES**

[Move fast: Greece's golden visa rules are changing](#)

**The New York Times**

[Americans Head to Europe for the Good Life on the Cheap](#)

**The Telegraph**

[Countries cut cost of citizenship to attract disillusioned British taxpayers](#)

**EXPRESS **

[Passports: Best 'golden visa' citizenships to beat Brexit travel restrictions](#)

 **CNBC**

[Many of Europe's 'golden visa' programs are closing — but demand is up in this Mediterranean hotspot](#)

** The National**

[Two per cent of Britons have applied for EU passport since Brexit vote](#)

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[Study: More US Buyers Tapping into Greece's Golden Visa Scheme](#)

**SPEAR'S**

[Money on the move: why the world's wealthy are deserting the USA](#)

** FINANCIAL EXPRESS**

[Spain is the best option for international investors looking for Golden Visas: Findings](#)

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