

The Grenada Guide to...

Citizenship & Residency

*10 Proven Pathways to
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Credit: St George's Carenage, Grenada. Photographer Hugh Wytte

Why Grenada?

Grenada, the "Isle of Spice," is more than a tropical paradise of pristine beaches and lush landscapes. For savvy business owners and entrepreneurs, it's a land of untapped potential, strategic advantages, and pathways to global mobility.

Whether you're seeking to expand your business footprint, secure a second citizenship, or build a life in a stable, welcoming nation, Grenada offers a unique blend of opportunity and tranquility.

Nestled in the Eastern Caribbean, Grenada combines political stability, a robust legal framework based on English common law, and membership in key regional alliances like CARICOM (Caribbean Community) and the OECS (Organization of Eastern Caribbean States).

These memberships grant access to a market of over 15 million people and streamlined trade and labor mobility across 11 Caribbean nations. For entrepreneurs, this translates to simplified regional expansion and reduced barriers to cross-border business.

Grenada's Citizenship by Investment (CBI) Program—ranked among the world's best—offers visa-free access to 146 countries, including China, the Schengen Zone, and the UK. Coupled with attractive tax policies (no wealth, inheritance, or foreign income taxes), it's a compelling destination for business growth and personal prosperity.

Navigating Your Path: What This Guide Offers

Establishing roots in a new country can feel daunting, but Grenada provides multiple avenues tailored to diverse goals and circumstances.

This guide demystifies the process, outlining ten practical pathways to residency and citizenship, each with distinct advantages:

- 1. Citizenship by Descent:** A cost-effective route for those with Grenadian heritage.
- 2. Citizenship by Investment (CBI):** Fast-track citizenship through strategic donations or real estate.
- 3. Work & Residence Permits:** Secure legal status through employment or entrepreneurship.
- 4. Family Sponsorship:** Leverage familial ties for residency and eventual citizenship.
- 5. Student Visas:** Lay groundwork for future opportunities while pursuing education.
- 6. Permanent Residence:** Transition from temporary stays to long-term stability.
- 7. Naturalization:** Integrate into Grenadian society and earn citizenship over time.
- 8. CARICOM CSME:** Streamlined residency for skilled professionals.
- 9. OECS Agreements:** Simplified mobility for OECS nationals.
- 10. Extended Tourist Visas**

Tailored for Your Ambitions

This guide isn't just a list of options—it's a roadmap. For business owners, time is currency.

Whether you're drawn to Grenada's CBI program for its global mobility, its tax-efficient environment, or the chance to diversify your operations in a growing economy, the right pathway can accelerate your goals.

We'll help you weigh factors like cost, processing times, and long-term benefits, ensuring your choice aligns with both personal and professional priorities.

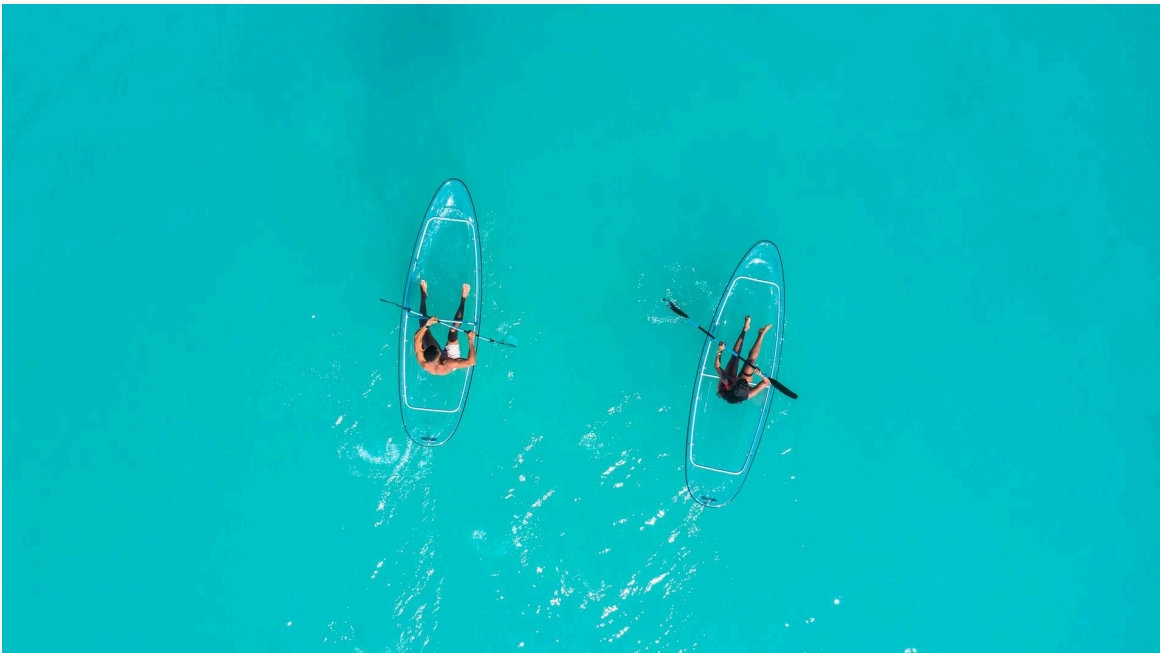
A Note on Complexity

Grenada’s immigration landscape is dynamic. Regulations evolve, and eligibility criteria vary. While this guide simplifies the essentials, we emphasize partnering with local legal experts or government-approved agents to navigate due diligence, documentation, and policy updates. Consider this foundation – a springboard

to informed discussions with professionals.

Your Journey Begins Here

Grenada’s doors are open. Whether you’re driven by business, family, or the desire for a serene lifestyle, the following chapters will equip you to act confidently. Let’s explore how you can claim your place in this vibrant nation—where opportunity meets island charm.



Credit: Kayaking at Morne Rouge Bay. Photographer Hugh Wyte

Disclaimer: This information is intended as a **general guide** and may not include every possible scenario. For official advice tailored to your situation, please consult **Grenada’s Immigration Department** or schedule a 1:1 discovery call with Exodus Co.

Citizenship & Residency Pathways in Grenada



Citizenship by Descent

You can acquire Grenadian citizenship, and thus the right to reside indefinitely, if you have a **parent** who was born in Grenada and was a citizen of the country at the time of your birth.

What You Need To Know...

- You must provide **official documents** (e.g., birth certificates, marriage certificates) tracing your lineage to a Grenadian citizen.
- Once approved, you gain **full citizenship**—no residence permits or renewals required.
- This is the most cost-effective pathway compared to investment programs if you meet the eligibility criteria.

Citizenship by Investment (CBI)

Grenada's **Citizenship by Investment Program** offers full citizenship under two main investment routes:

- **National Transformation Fund Donation:** the minimum investment is \$235,000 USD for an application for up to four family members.
- **Real Estate Investment** in a government approved project which must be held for at least five years. Part ownership starts at \$270,000 USD. Full ownership starts at \$350,000 USD.

What You Need To Know...

- Applicants must pass due diligence checks + meet investment thresholds.
- Once approved, you (and eligible family members) gain citizenship and permanent residence rights.

- Grenadian citizenship via CBI includes visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to numerous countries.

Work Permit & Residence Permit

If you secure **employment** in Grenada, you can typically apply for a **Work Permit** (also known as work authorization). Concurrently, a **Residence Permit** is issued, allowing you to live in Grenada while employed.

What You Need To Know...

- A valid job offer from a Grenadian employer is usually required.
- The employer often assists in applying for or sponsoring the work permit.
- Permits are typically valid for a set period (e.g. 1 year) and can be renewed as long as employment continues.
- After several years on a valid work permit, you may become eligible for **permanent residency** or **naturalization**.

Family or Spousal Sponsorship

Marriage to a Grenadian citizen or permanent resident can provide a route to legal residence. Family reunification options may also apply to minor children or dependent relatives.

What You Need To Know...

- Spouses of Grenadian citizens may be eligible for residency and, later, citizenship.
- Requires proof of a genuine relationship (e.g., marriage certificates, joint bills, photos).
- Processing times and documentary requirements can vary.

Student Visa

International students enrolled in recognized Grenadian educational institutions (e.g., St. George's University) can obtain a **Student Visa** or **Study Permit**.

What You Need To Know...

- Requires proof of enrollment, financial support, and sometimes health insurance.
- Allows legal residence for the **duration of the academic program**.
- May permit limited part-time work (depending on current regulations).
- Not typically a direct path to permanent residency, but any legally counted time in Grenada could potentially help with future residency applications.

Permanent Residence by Long-Term Stay

After living in Grenada **legally** (e.g. on a valid work permit, spousal permit, or other long-term visa) for a specific number of years (5 - 7), you may apply for **Permanent Residence (PR)**.

What You Need To Know...

- Must maintain continuous legal status in Grenada.
- Proof of financial stability and a clean criminal record are typically required.

Naturalization (Non-CBI)

For those who do not go the investment route, naturalization is an avenue to citizenship if you have lawful residence in Grenada for the statutory period (7 years for non-Commonwealth citizens).

What You Need To Know...

- Must have held valid residence status for the entire required period.
- Good character, integration into Grenadian society, and medical certificates are often required.
- Final approval is at the discretion of Grenadian authorities.

CARICOM Single Market and Economy (CSME)

Grenada is a member of the **Caribbean Community (CARICOM)** and participates in the **CARICOM Single Market and Economy**. Certain categories of skilled nationals from other CARICOM member states can move to and work in Grenada under **eased** or **streamlined** conditions, similar to a free movement arrangement.

What You Need To Know...

- Under the **CSME Skills Certificate** system, nationals in designated categories (e.g. university graduates, media workers, sports persons, artists, musicians, and certain other skilled professionals) may qualify for free movement. The path is also available to people who are self-employed.
- Once a valid CSME skills certificate has been obtained, the holder can **live and work** in Grenada.
- Does **not** automatically grant citizenship; however, it does provide a more accessible path to legal residence and employment.
- Requirements do change so always check CARICOM's **current** list of recognized skilled professions and the application process.

OECS Freedom of Movement (For OECS Nationals)

As a member of the **Organization of Eastern Caribbean States (OECS)**, Grenada also participates in **free movement** agreements specific to OECS member states. This can further **simplify** living and working rights for nationals of countries like Saint Lucia, Dominica, and others in the OECS.

What You Need To Know...

- Often fewer or no work permit requirements for OECS nationals.
- Does **not** provide citizenship, but significantly eases legal residence.
- Rules may differ slightly from CARICOM's CSME; always confirm with local authorities.

Extensions of Stay (Short-Term)

While not a long-term residence pathway, it is sometimes possible to **extend** a tourist or visitor visa if you need more time (e.g., to explore business opportunities, property purchases, or personal matters).

What You Need To Know...

- Extensions are granted at the discretion of immigration authorities.
- Typically require proof of sufficient funds and a valid reason for extending.
- Overstaying is illegal and may lead to fines or deportation—keep track of deadlines carefully.

Partnering with Exodus Co—Your Guide to Grenadian Success



Navigating Grenada’s residency and citizenship pathways can be complex, but you don’t have to do it alone.

Exodus Co, offers unparalleled expertise and culturally attuned support for individuals and business owners seeking to relocate or invest in the Spice Isle:

Deep Cultural & Practical Insight

The Exodus Collective is uniquely positioned to bridge the gap between the Caribbean and the global African diaspora.

Founded in 2020 by Zoe Smith, a British - Grenadian with firsthand experience living and working in multiple countries, the agency understands both the aspirations of those from overseas moving to the island and the unique nuances of Grenada.

Our agency provides not just logistical guidance but also cultural mentorship, ensuring you integrate smoothly into local communities while preserving your identity.

- **Community-Driven Approach:** Unlike generic agencies, The Exodus Collective prioritizes empowering professionals, creatives, and entrepreneurs to contribute

meaningfully to Grenada's development.

- **Extended stay program**, launching in 2025 our curated immersive experience package connects participants with local chefs, artists, and business-owners as a way to foster authentic integration.
- **Tailored Workshops**: From relocation seminars to legal residency clinics, our resources demystify bureaucratic processes while highlighting opportunities for social impact.

Champions of Residency through Enterprise

At Exodus Co we specialize in guiding our clients through Grenada's **Residence through Enterprise** pathways, a strategic option for entrepreneurs and investors seeking long-term residency without immediate citizenship.

Our team helps you leverage investments in Grenada's economy to secure legal residency rights, with potential pathways to naturalization over time.

Real Estate Investment: They provide insights into government-approved real estate projects, such as luxury resorts or sustainable developments, ensuring your investment meets residency requirements

while aligning with Grenada's economic priorities.

- **Business Investment**: For those launching or expanding enterprises, The Exodus Collective identifies high-impact sectors (e.g. sustainable tourism, agribusiness, renewable energy) and streamlines compliance with local regulations.
- **Compliance & Due Diligence**: Our team manages documentation, financial thresholds, and legal frameworks to ensure a smooth application process.

Holistic Support Beyond Paperwork

Relocation isn't just about visas—it's about building a life. Exodus Co addresses the full spectrum of needs:

Remote Work Solutions: Inspired by Barbados' digital nomad program, their upcoming extended stay initiative offers curated experiences for remote workers, blending productivity with cultural immersion.

Financial & Social Integration: From securing tax-efficient residency to connecting with local entrepreneurs, they ensure you thrive economically and socially.

Advocacy for Sustainable Development

By partnering with Exodus Co, you contribute to reversing Grenada's "brain drain" and fostering a new wave of innovation.

Our agency's vision aligns with Grenada's need for skilled professionals and investors who prioritize community growth over mere profit.

Social Impact Focus: Our programs highlight opportunities in sectors aligned with Grenada's natural assets, such as sustainable tourism, agriculture, and renewable energy—areas ripe for entrepreneurial ventures.

Trusted Network & Transparency

The Exodus Co maintains partnerships with local legal experts, government bodies, and businesses, ensuring you receive accurate, up-to-date information.

Avoiding Pitfalls: Grenada's immigration policies evolve frequently (e.g., CARICOM Skills Certificates or OECS agreements). Our team monitors changes, preventing costly missteps.

Ethical Practices: Unlike most CBI agencies which primarily prioritize high-net-worth clients, The Exodus Collective champions accessibility, offering sliding-scale consultations and free guides to democratize access to Grenadian opportunities in a way that benefits this small-island nation.

Why Choose The Exodus Collective?

In a landscape where generic agencies often overlook cultural and social nuances, The Exodus Co stands out with our unique blend of local expertise, diaspora solidarity, and ethical advocacy

BOOK YOUR CALL TODAY!

Ready to start your journey? Book your free

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1:1 discovery call with me today.

