GOLDEN VISA – INVESTMENT PROCEDURE

Step 1: Initial Reservation & Contract Signing (1-2 weeks)

- Pay a reservation down-payment (usually **10%** of the property value).
- Sign a **preliminary agreement (MOU or Reservation Agreement)** to initiate the purchase and secure your deposit.

Step 2: Legal & Administrative Procedures (2-4 weeks)

- **Grant Power of Attorney (POA)**: You can either sign the POA in Greece with a Greek lawyer or **have it notarized and apostilled in your country of origin** before sending it to Greece.
- Complete the following administrative tasks:
- ✓ Obtain a Greek Tax Identification Number (AFM).
- ✓ Open a Greek bank account (optional but recommended).
- ✓ Sign the **Notarial Sales Purchase Agreement** and pay **property transfer tax (3.09%)** before finalizing the sale.

Step 3: Final Payment & Property Transfer (1-2 weeks)

- Pay the **remaining balance** of the property price, including **legal, notary, and property transfer costs**.
- Receive the Title Deed, confirming property ownership.

Step 4: Application for Blue Card (Temporary Residency Permit) (4-6 weeks)

- Your appointed Greek attorney submits the Golden Visa application, including:
- ✓ Signed Notarial Sales Purchase Agreement & Title Deed.
- ✓ Valid Schengen Visa or Entry Stamp.
- ✓ Passport.
- ✓ Signed Permanent Residency (PR) Application.
- ✓ Proof of Health Insurance (Greek or International Coverage).
- Once submitted, you will **receive a Blue Certificate (temporary residency permit)**, allowing you to stay in Greece while your Golden Visa is processed.

Step 5: Biometric Submission & Golden Visa Issuance (2-4 months)

- Visit Greece for biometric data submission (typically scheduled 8-12 weeks after receiving the Blue Certificate).
- Golden Visa Approval: After successful processing (total 3-6 months from application submission), you will receive the Golden Visa residence permit, granting 5 years of residency rights, renewable as long as you maintain the investment.