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Time for a sharp Brexit...

WITH the final Brexit deal still to be thrashed out, there's no telling how easy – or hard – it will be to up sticks to Europe after the transition period ends. But for those willing to take the plunge now, the future is more certain.

The Withdrawal Agreement has secured the rights of Brits already living in mainland Europe and this will also apply to those settling there before the end of the transition period, as freedom of movement is continuing during this time.

For those considering making the move, this year would be a good time to do so – and indeed an estimated 84,000 UK citizens migrated to the EU in 2019, up from 58,000 the year before the Brexit vote in 2016.

So how far does will your British pound go in Europe's property market? We take a look at what you can get for the average cost of a UK home.



PORTUGAL
Pico Island, the Azores, Portugal, €275,000 [£231,288], athenaadvisers.com
The breathtaking 330sq ft Forest Home is nestled on the hillside of a volcanic island in the Azores – the 'Hawaii of the Atlantic' archipelago, located almost 1,000 miles west of Lisbon.

while the building's basalt stone and clay roof-tile construction reflect the heritage of the island.

Part of a new development consisting of eight homes, the one-bedroom property (two-beds are also available) has a sumptuous open-plan living/dining space. There's also a communal swimming pool, as well as a yoga studio, restaurant and supermarket, which are just a five-minute walk away. Apart from

exploring the island's UNESCO-listed vineyards, the lucky new owner will also have numerous opportunities for hiking, mountain-climbing, paddle-boarding and diving in the crystal-clear waters.



ITALY
Umbertide, Perugia, Umbria, offers in excess of €295,000 [£247,954], savills.com

This authentic and unspoiled 1,830sq ft cottage named Chiesina is in a small cluster of buildings with a tiny chapel at the bottom of the garden, offers three bedrooms, two bathrooms and an additional plot of land with an olive grove and charming sitting area.

Located half an hour's drive from the ancient city of Perugia and Lake Trasimeno, the house is bursting with

character, with traditional exposed wooden beams, terracotta flooring, ceiling tiles and snug niches.

The sitting room has a working fireplace and is separated from the dining area by a wide, terracotta brick arch. Glass doors open onto the walled garden.

The study and double bedroom both feature balconies overlooking the private garden, while the panoramic views of the surrounding hills show off Umbria at its very best.

GREECE

Poseidonia, Syros, Cyclades Islands, €310,000 [£260,711], savills.com
This 1,500sq ft, three-bedroom villa, in typical Mediterranean style, is located within a residential complex, in the peaceful seaside village of Finikas, which is also a magnet for sailing boats.

The fully decked terrace boasts a swimming pool and hot tub, while the nearest beach is just a quarter of a mile away. Set over three floors, it boasts numerous balconies overlooking the pool and the sea.

The contemporary design includes three bathrooms, an open staircase in the centre of the house, numerous bay windows and a private driveway with parking for two vehicles.



MONTENEGRO

Herceg Novi, €240,000 [£201,630], aplaceinthesun.com
This three-bedroom stone villa in Herceg Novi, a former playground of the rich and famous, offers spectacular views of the Bay of Kotor and soaring mountains.

The 358sq ft, three-bathroom stone property is nestled within Lucici

village, which has just 22 houses and outbuildings.

The tiny village is undergoing a major revamp, including newly landscaped gardens, two swimming pools, a wellness centre and a café serving local produce.

We're already salivating at those gorgeous beaches and local seafood on the doorstep.



SPAIN

Sitges, €299,999 [£252,319], lucasfox.com
This sympathetically renovated one-bed loft apartment is located on one of Sitges' most famous streets, just 100ft from a palm tree-lined beach.

The building was originally a fisherman's house, with a huge entrance for storing boats, and this entrance hall has retained many

features, including the floors and raffia lamps. The open-plan property has gorgeous Catalan ceilings, original ceramic floor tiles, a fitted kitchen and a 30sq ft private patio. The modern bathroom has exposed wooden beams and a bespoke stone hand basin.

Sitges is 30 minutes from Barcelona and offers great beaches, a beautiful port, mountains and easy access to the Priorat wine region.



FRANCE

Nice, €276,000 [£232,135], medinheaven.co.uk

Forget crumbling châteaux in remote villages, this renovated one-bedroom apartment in Nice is in the heart of the French Riviera action. Located in Carre d'Argent, between the city centre, the Old Town and the port, the Niçoise-style building stands on Rue Gioffredo, which is brimming with shops and restaurants. The flat has a large balcony overlooking the hustle and bustle. With the arrival of the new Metro, the street is having a pedestrian-friendly makeover, involving the removal of bus lanes and the addition of cycling paths and gardens.



BULGARIA

Bansko, Blagoevrad, €297,000 [£242,510], aplaceinthesun.com

This newly-built, three-bedroom house is set in a golf resort at the foothill of Pirin Mountain and a stone's throw from a major ski resort.

The 640sq ft alpine chalet-style home boasts an ultra-modern wooden/

stone exterior, tall ceilings, a foyer, an open-plan living room, two bathrooms and a terrace with a BBQ.

Surrounded by woods and valleys, it's set within a vibrant community offering restaurants, cafés, shops, a golf academy and seven swimming pools. There's even a photo studio and a dentist on site.



AUSTRIA

Zell am See, Austria, €280,000 [£235,493], alpinepropertyfinders.com

Part of a new development of 29 luxury apartments – from studios to spacious four-bed penthouses, set into the steep mountainside – this uber-modern, fully furnished studio sleeps up to four.

The studio has its own sauna, perfect for unwinding after a day's skiing, as well as a 20sq ft balcony with spectacular views.

The project, Nikolaus by Avenida, consists of four buildings staggered along the hillside. Natural local stone and wood give the façade an alpine charm, while the interiors boast underfloor heating, designer sanitary ware and traditional materials.



HUNGARY

District I, Budapest, €330,000 [£275,000], william-mckenna.com

You'd be hard pressed to find a similarly-priced riverside flat elsewhere in Europe. Overlooking the historic Danube, with the Szechenyi Chain Bridge and the world's third-largest Parliament building on the horizon, the two-bedroom flat is fully furnished and renovated.

There's an open-plan living/dining area, exposed brick walls and a stylish, modern kitchen and bathroom. The building is in one of the most prestigious areas of Buda, surrounded by funky bars and attractions such as Fisherman's Bastion and the Gellert Spa.



REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

Narin Village, Donegal, €295,000 [£247,954], dng.ie

Bang in the centre of a picturesque seaside village regarded as one of most desirable places to live in Ireland, this five-bed detached house is just 800 feet from a blue-flag beach and a quarter of a mile from an 18-hole golf

course. Spread over three levels, the property has a stone driveway with ample parking, a sandstone pond, two insulated portal sheds and a greenhouse.

The award-winning Carnaveen House restaurant, Lake House Country Hotel, the village pub and shop are also close by.

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