

USEFUL INFORMATION SITE [COVID 19 Info for travelers to Italy](#)

DURING YOUR STAY IN ITALY

- Anyone 12 years old and over is required to follow COVID rules as they apply to an adult.
- Anyone 11 years old or younger is considered still a child when applying the COVID regulations.
- During the tour all applicable people will need to bring with them their CDC White covid card.

WHAT DOES FULLY VACCINATED OR 'PROVIDE VACCINATION MEAN'?

- A person must have at least 2 shots or 1 recovery from COVID and 1 shot with last shot or recovery within the last 6 months.
- For example, if the person had the 2nd shot or the last recovery in June 2021 now the status of "fully vaccinated" has expired because more than 6 months have passed, and you need either a booster or a recovery. If the person had the second shot or the last recovery from COVID in December 2021 the status is considered 'Fully Vaccinated' as it is within 6 months of our tour date.
- On the website you may also see reference to 6 to 9 months. This means that if you're last shot or recovery was over 6 months but before 9 months you can show a COVID test result and still be considered vaccinated. After 9 months you need a further vaccine or recovery.

UPDATES <https://it.usembassy.gov/covid-19-information/>

Entering Italy

- Beginning on March 1, 2022 and valid until March 31, 2022, travelers from the United States may enter Italy if they are asymptomatic AND present one of the following:
 - An Anti-COVID 19 vaccination certificate for an [European Medicines Agency \(EMA\)](#)-recognized vaccine. At present, EMA recognizes the following vaccines: Pfizer-BioNtech, Moderna, Johnson and Johnson, AstraZeneca and Novavax. The date of the last dose of the primary vaccination series must be at least 14 days prior to travel and no more than 270 days before arrival unless a booster shot was administered. Travelers vaccinated in the United States can prove this via the "white card" bearing the CDC logo.
 - A medical certificate confirming recovery from COVID valid for six months from recovery.
 - A negative molecular PCR test result carried out within 72 hours of arrival, or a rapid antigen test result carried out within 48 hours of arrival
- Passengers unable to present a valid vaccination, recovery certificate or negative test result will have to self-isolate on arrival for five days and undergo a molecular PCR or rapid antigen test at the end of the isolation

What forms need to be completed before entering Italy?

- Passengers are required to complete the online [EU Digital Passport Locator Form](#).
- When asked to enter the address for where the group are staying use the following information.
 - Hotel Poiano on Lake Garda from 11th to 14th March - <https://www.poiano.com/it/>
 - Una Hotel Expo Fiera Milano in the area of Milan from 14th to 18th March - <https://www.gruppouna.it/unahotels/unahotels-expo-fiera-milano>

Is a negative COVID-19 test required for entry into Italy?

- NO. However, travelers from the United States unable to present a valid vaccination, recovery certificate or negative test result will have to self-isolate on arrival for five days and undergo a molecular PCR or rapid antigen test at the end of the isolation. Children under 6 years of age are exempt from the pre-departure Covid test

Whilst in Italy will the travelling group need to keep their proof of vaccination with them or proof of recovery to enter events and locations?

- You may be required to provide a copy of your CDC Card or the certificate of recovery (recovery certificate must indicate the date they've been positive to the test) or a copy of your negative test to enter some locations.

COVID Guidelines for Italy – updated March 22nd, 2022

Do they still have the mask mandates in place and in particular the specific FFP mask?

- As of February 11, the use of face masks outdoors will not be required, except in congested areas or when it is not possible to keep appropriate social distancing. At the moment FFP masks are required for indoor places and are mandatory on public transportation. Note that rules may change before we travel. These specific FFP masks can be found across Italy in airports, train stations, shops and tourist locations as well as from our Tour partners.
- In Continental Europe few people now wear cloth masks as protection against covid-19. Instead, they don surgical or, increasingly, FFP2 masks, a highly efficient medical grade.
- FFP stands for “filtering face piece” and is a European standard for mask efficiency, ranging from one, the lowest grade, to three, the highest. FFP2 masks filter at least 94% of all aerosols, including airborne viruses such as covid-19. America’s N95 and China’s KN95 masks provide similar levels of protection.
- From April 1st Stadium and Sport Center capacities will return to 100% outdoors and indoors
- OUTDOOR TEAM SPORTS – HOTELS - RESTAURANTS: it seems will require a lighter “Vaccination status” but not sure at 100%, maybe vaccination will no longer be needed but we are awaiting confirmation.

Can things change?

- The Government of Italy periodically updates travel restrictions based upon changing conditions, and all travelers should refer to current Italian health decrees when making travel plans.
- English-language guidance on current entry and exit requirements is maintained on the [Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ website](#).
- Regional governments in Italy may also impose restrictions on travelers from certain foreign countries, and travelers intending to travel or return to Italy are advised to check whether any new provisions have been introduced by their [region of destination](#).

Returning to the USA

- Effective **December 6, 2021**, all air passengers 2 years or older (citizens of all nationalities, including U.S. citizens, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated) with a flight departing to the US from a foreign country, are required show a negative COVID-19 viral test result taken no more than 1 day before travel, or documentation of having recovered from COVID-19 in the past 90 days, before they board their flight. Air passengers will also be required to confirm in the form of an attestation that the information they present is true. Our tour partners will arrange for medical staff to carry out tests at our final hotel and provide a result within 15 to 20 minutes and a certificate to allow for travel. The cost for this will be an additional 15 Euros per person.
- Please note that effective **November 8, 2021**, all non-immigrant, non-U.S. citizen air travelers to the United States are required to be fully vaccinated and to provide proof of vaccination status prior to boarding an airplane to the United States in addition to the negative test.

Booking COVID Tests to return to the USA

- All passengers, regardless of vaccination or citizenship status, [must show a negative COVID-19 test taken no more than 1 day](#) before travel to the USA
- Our tour partner will arrange all this with medical staff at our hotel in Milan.
- The cost of this test will be 24 EURO’s and can be paid in cash.

What if I test positive?

- If a person tests positive, then a second test will be administered by our travel partner which is a PCR test.
- If this is also positive you are required to quarantine for 5 to 10 days depending on your vaccination history.
- You can remain in the same hotel
- A member of NCE staff will remain with any **unaccompanied player** who is forced to self isolate.
- Any isolation expense incurred will be responsibility of player. NCE staff expense will be covered by NCE
- Our tour partner will provide assistance with booking the hotel and support and isolating travelers.

Insurance for Positive Tests

- We strongly suggest you get travel insurance incase of COVID delays.
- Our travel partner provides an insurance plan for only \$14 per person which provides coverage for quarantine costs and many other associated expenses.
- We will send out further information about this insurance and if you want to purchase it then you will need to do so no more than 2 weeks before departure.