TRAVEL RULES FROM AND TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

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Different travel restrictions apply to the following lists of countries. Heightened travel restrictions shall apply to travellers transiting through or staying in countries included in two or more different lists.

A – Vatican City and San Marino: no restrictions apply.

C – Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark (including the Faroe Islands and Greenland), Estonia, Finland, France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana, Reunion, Mayotte and excluding other overseas territories outside the European mainland), Germany, Greece, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands (excluding other overseas territories outside the European mainland), Poland, Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira), Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain (excluding the territories in Africa), Sweden, Hungary, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland, Andorra, Monaco: persons travelling to Italy after having transited through or stayed in any one of the above Countries in the preceding 14 days shall be required to fill in the digital passenger locator form (PLF) and to present a green Covid-19 certification (or other equivalent certification) proving proof of being fully vaccinated against SARS-CoV-2 after having completed the vaccination schedule, or of having recovered from Covid-19; or present a negative swab test, either molecular or antigen. In case of failure to present any of the above, the traveller will be submitted to health surveillance and self-isolate for a period of 5 days, at the end of which the traveller shall mandatorily repeat the (molecular or antigen) swab test.

D – Saudi Arabia, Argentina, Australia, Bahrain, Canada, Chile, Colombia, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Kuwait, Indonesia, Israel, New Zealand, Peru, Qatar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and British bases on the island of Cyprus and excluding territories outside mainland Europe), Republic of Korea, Ruanda, United States of America, Uruguay, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions: persons travelling to Italy after having transited through or stayed in any of these Countries in the prior 14 days shall be required:
- to fill in the digital passenger locator form (PLF)
- to present a green Covid-19 certification (or other equivalent certification);
- to present a negative swab test (either molecular, if taken within 72 hours prior to entry into Italy, or antigen, if taken within 24 hours prior to entry into Italy). The time limit for the molecular test is reduced to 48 hours for persons travelling from the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, Isle of Man, Channel Islands and British bases on the island of Cyprus and excluding territories outside mainland Europe). Whoever is unable to present a green Covid-19 certification will nevertheless be required to present a negative swab test, as stated above, be submitted to health surveillance and self-isolation for a period of 5 days, at the end of which the traveller shall mandatorily repeat the (molecular or antigen) swab test.

Limitedly to Canada, Japan and the United States of America: persons travelling to Italy after having transited through or stayed in any of these Countries in the preceding 14 days may also present a certificate proving that they have recovered from Covid-19 instead of the green Covid-19 certification.

E – All the Countries not specified in the other lists (specific rules are given below for Aruba, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Dominican Republic and the tourist areas of Sharm El Sheikh and Marsa Alam in Egypt, as well as for Cuba, Singapore, Turkey, Thailand (limitedly to Phuket Island), Oman and French Polynesia): travel to these Countries is allowed exclusively for work, study, health or other reasons of absolute urgency or to return to one’s home or place of residence or to the home of a person with whom they are in a proven stable emotional relationship. Entry into Italy will be allowed to travellers who transited through or stayed in these Countries in the preceding 14 days exclusively for work, study, health or other reasons of absolute urgency as well as to Italian/EU/Schengen citizens and family members, and to holders of long-term resident status and family members (Directive 2004/38/EC) and partners in a proven stable emotional relationship (regardless of
whether or not they cohabit) with Italian/EU/Schengen citizens or long-term residents, if travelling to their partner's home or place of residence in Italy, and to athletes participating in sports competitions of national interest and accompanying personnel. Persons travelling to Italy from any of these Countries shall be required:  
- to fill in the digital passenger locator form (PLF);  
- to present a negative swab test, either molecular, if taken within 72 hours prior to entry into Italy, or antigen, if taken within 24 hours prior to entry into Italy;  
- to be submitted to health surveillance and self-isolation for a period of 10 days, at the end of which the traveller shall mandatorily repeat the (molecular or antigen) swab test.

Persons who show the symptoms of COVID-19 will be required to immediately notify the health authority and self-isolate while awaiting the competent authority’ decisions.

ENTRY OF MINORS

Children aged below six years do not need to take a molecular or antigen swab test in order to enter the country. Minors (i.e. persons below 18 years of age) travelling with a parent who is not required to quarantine (because he/she holds proof of vaccination or of recovery from Covid-19) shall also be exempted from quarantine (although, if aged between 6 and 17 years, they must provide proof of having taken a swab test with a negative result prior to entering Italy).

EXCEPTIONS TO THE SELF-ISOLATION REQUIREMENT

Provided that the persons travelling to Italy do not show any COVID-19 symptoms, and in any case having to present a passenger locator form (PLF) and, where required, a molecular or antigen swab test, the self-isolation and health surveillance requirement shall not apply to:

a) persons entering Italy for work reasons regulated by specific safety protocols approved by the competent health authorities;
b) persons entering Italy for reasons that cannot be postponed, with prior authorisation from the Ministry of Health;
c) citizens and residents of a Member State of the European Union and of the other Countries and territories listed in lists A, B, C and D entering Italy for proven work reasons;
d) healthcare personnel entering Italy to practice a medical profession;
e) employees of corporations or entities with headquarters or branch offices in Italy and travelling abroad for proven work reasons for no longer than one hundred and twenty hours;
f) officials and other agents, however designated, of the European Union or international organisations, diplomatic agents, administrative and technical staff of diplomatic missions, consular officials and personnel, military personnel, including any personnel returning from international missions, and members of law enforcement agencies, personnel of Italian State intelligence and security agencies and fire-fighting personnel on active duty;
g) persons travelling on «Covid-tested» flights, in accordance with the Ordinance issued by the Minister of Health on 23 November 2020, as amended;
h) persons entering Italy to take part in sports competitions of national interest, in accordance with Art. 49, paragraph 5, of DPCM of 2 March 2021.

EXCEPTIONS TO SWAB TESTING AND SELF-ISOLATION REQUIREMENTS

Provided that the persons travelling to Italy do not show any COVID-19 symptoms and, in any case, present a passenger locator form (PLF), unless otherwise indicated, the molecular
or antigen swab testing prior to entry to Italy and the health surveillance and self-isolation requirements shall not apply to:

a) transport crew members;
b) on-board staff and crews;
c) persons travelling to and from the Countries and territories included in list A;
d) cross-border workers entering and leaving the Country for proven work reasons and returning to their home or place of residence;
e) persons travelling through Italy, by private transport, for a period of no more than thirty-six hours, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of the said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of self-isolation at the address specified in the PLF, for a period of five days, after which they shall be required to take a molecular or antigen swab test;
f) persons entering Italy for a period not exceeding one hundred and twenty hours for proven work, health, or for reasons of absolute urgency, subject to the obligation to immediately leave the Country at the end of said period, or, if unable to do so, to start a period of self-isolation at the address specified in the PLF, for a period of five days, after which they shall be required to take a molecular or antigen swab test;
g) persons entering Italy after a stay of no more than forty-eight hours in a foreign destination at a distance of no more than 60 km from the place of residence, domicile or dwelling, provided that they are travelling by private vehicle. In this case, it shall not be necessary to compile a digital passenger locator form (PLF);
h) persons staying for no more than forty-eight hours in a location in Italy at a distance of no more than 60 km from the place of residence, domicile or dwelling, provided that they are travelling by private vehicle. In this case, it shall not be necessary to compile a digital passenger locator form (PLF).

**SPECIFIC RULES APPLYING TO THE TOURIST CORRIDORS TO ARUBA, MALDIVES, MAURITIUS, SEYCHELLES, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC, EGYPT (LIMITEDLY TO THE TOURIST RESORTS OF SHARM EL SHEIKH AND MARSA ALAM)**

*Covid-free tourist corridors* are defined to be all the incoming and outgoing routes from Italy for tourist travel to Aruba, Maldives, Mauritius, Seychelles, Dominican Republic, Egypt (limitedly to the tourist resorts of Sharm El Sheikh and Marsa Alam), Cuba, Singapore, Turkey, Thailand (limitedly to Phuket Island), Oman and French Polynesia organised according to the specific health safety measures as identified in the Ordinance issued by the Minister of Health on 28 September 2021 and in the attached document entitled “Guidance for prevention and protection against the risk of infection by COVID-19 in Covid-free tourist corridors” and to the Ordinance of 27 January 2022 issued by the Ministry of Health.

Only persons holding one of the green COVID-19 certifications (in compliance with Article 9, paragraph 2, letters a) and b) of Decree Law No. 52 of 22 April 2021) or equivalent certification, as specified by applicable regulations, are authorised to travel to these locations.

Persons departing from Italy are also required, upon boarding, to present to the carrier and to anyone designated to perform the controls, proof of having tested negative to a molecular or antigen swab test forty-eight hours prior to departure and undertake to take a further molecular or antigen test in the foreign country of destination, if they plan to stay there for more than seven days. At boarding, they shall also have to present to the carrier and to anyone designated to carry out the controls the “Tourist Corridor Travel Pass”, a certificate issued by the tour operator containing information on the tourists’ movements, on their stay in facilities and on their COVID insurance.

Upon returning to Italy, the same persons shall be exempt from being submitted to health surveillance and self-isolation if, at boarding, they present to the carrier and to anyone designated to perform the controls, proof of a negative molecular or antigen swab test taken within forty-eight hours prior to boarding and submit to another molecular or antigen test at the airport of arrival in Italy.