

## Travel Advice – Italy

The Travel Advice of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade is available on the DFAT website and the TravelWise app. In addition to providing local information and contact details in respect of 200 countries, each country is given a security status ranking, which fits into one of four categories:

- (i) normal precautions;
- (ii) high degree of caution;
- (iii) avoid non-essential travel;
- (iv) do not travel.

Before COVID19, we advised against all travel to only 11 countries, and against non-essential travel to a further 11 countries.

On 3 March, we upgraded the security status for Italy to ‘high degree of caution’ and, on 10 March, to ‘do not travel.’ This reflected the exceptional developments in relation to COVID19 in Italy at the time.

The security status for all other countries (other than those already at ‘do not travel’) was upgraded on 16/17 March to ‘avoid non-essential travel.’

As things stand, therefore, we advise **against all travel to only 12 countries** – other than Italy, these are countries where the security situation is considered high-risk e.g. Afghanistan, Syria, Iraq (full list at end of page). All other EU Member States are included in the general ‘avoid non-essential travel.’

Having discussed with our Embassy in Rome, and taking into account the recent move in Italy to Phase 2, we propose changing our security status in respect of Italy to ‘avoid non-essential travel.’ This would bring it in line with our advice in respect of other EU Member States, and would bring our overall approach in line with that of EU partners, and also the UK.

DFAT Travel Advice currently advises against all travel to:

Afghanistan  
Burundi  
Central African Republic  
Democratic Republic of Congo  
Iraq  
**Italy**  
Libya  
Mali  
Somalia  
South Sudan  
Syria  
Yemen

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