

COVID-19 VACCINATION & TESTING REQUIREMENTS FOR TRAVEL

TO

ITALY

(As of 31st August 2021)

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY

This note is designed to help you navigate the additional documentation required to travel to Italy due to COVID-19. Please note this is our best understanding of the requirement as at the date shown above and could be subject to change. Whilst the process may seem onerous – we think you will find it is simpler and less costly than you may have gathered from the media.

Please note that whilst we are making suggestions as to companies which can provide the testing kits - you do not have to use these firms. Additionally, whilst we provide 'discount' codes to access these services, we do not receive any commission. Finally, whilst we will assist you as much as possible, the responsibility for these procedures does rest with the traveller.

Vaccination Requirements: You must be double vaccinated to join the tour for entry to Italy.

Proof of Vaccination: If based in England you can obtain and print a Vaccination certificate in one of following three ways:

- Download the 'NHS app' (which is *not* the same as the NHS COVID-19 app) onto your smartphone (Apple App Store or Google Play) and register for the service. The certificate will be visible on your phone, or you can print it out. More details on the NHS app are [here](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/about-the-nhs-app/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/about-the-nhs-app/>)
- Access and download the NHS COVID Pass through the NHS website. To access the service, you'll need to register for an NHS login if you do not have one already. More details [here](https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/nhs-app-help-and-support/health-records-in-the-nhs-app/about-the-nhs-covid-pass-service/) (<https://www.nhs.uk/nhs-app/nhs-app-help-and-support/health-records-in-the-nhs-app/about-the-nhs-covid-pass-service/>)
- Request an NHS COVID Pass letter to be posted to you. You will need to visit the NHS site and complete the form [here](#) or call 119 (but do not call 119 if you're travelling in more than 4 weeks' time). <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/covid-pass/get-your-covid-pass-letter/>

Please note if you have already set up a login for either the NHS app or via their website – then the same login details apply! I have enclosed a redacted copy of my certificate for your information.

You can find more details on all three options [here](#). (<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/demonstrating-your-covid-19-status>)

Travel to Italy: To travel to Italy you are required to carry out three procedures.

- The first is present proof (digital or paper copy) of a negative antigen test taken no earlier than 48 hours **prior to your local time** of arrival into Italy (See below about return to the UK for details of the suggested test you can order).
- The second is that you will also be required to carry a copy of, or be able to produce digitally your vaccination certificate. We recommend that if you are using the app on your mobile phone, that you also print out a copy for ease of production (e.g., should your phone be ‘flat’!).
- The third and final procedure is to complete the EU Digital Passenger Locator Form which is compiled online up to the time of boarding your flight departure to Italy. You can register to complete your form using the following link. <https://app.euplf.eu/#/> . (Please note you can complete this at any time before the flight departs. It will ask for seat number – enter ‘TBC’ to allow you to complete the form.) Attached is a redacted example for your information.

Travel within Italy: As of August 31st, there are no quarantine measures in place for fully vaccinated travellers from the UK, nor are there testing requirements on arrival into the country. Italy’s ‘Green Pass’ (showing your proof of vaccination or negative Covid-19 status) came into force on 6 August 2021 for entry to public venues – these include museums, cinemas and zoos, leisure venues such as restaurants and hotels, as well as long-distance transport.

What is a ‘Green Pass’ in Italy? Italy’s green or health pass is digital or physical proof of your double vaccination or negative Covid-19 status. The good news is if you have been vaccinated in one of the following countries: European Union Member States, Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Monaco, Norway, Switzerland and the United Kingdom (England and Wales only), you already have an EU Digital COVID Certificate which is accepted in Italy, and you do not need a separate COVID certificate. This will be on your NHS app or the printed certificate with the QR codes provided by the NHS on request (see above).

Return to the UK. When you return to the UK you will need to undertake 3 steps:

- Within 72 Hours before you return to the UK: Undertake a lateral flow test and obtain a certificate of negative test.

The lateral flow test can be self-administered, and the result ‘uploaded’ to the test provider who provides the certificate. We suggest you order your lateral flow test from [C19 Testing](https://www.c19testing.co.uk/rapidtravel). (<https://www.c19testing.co.uk/rapidtravel>)

The test costs £26.10 per test if you apply the code **AITO10** at the checkout. **You need to order this test before you leave the UK** – It’s delivered by DPD usually within 24 hours of being ordered.

- Complete an online Passenger Locator Form (PLF). You must complete this form online, when in Italy, not more than 48 hours before arriving in the UK. Each adult must complete their own form. The form is at <https://www.gov.uk/provide-journey-contact-details-before-travel-uk>

Attached is an example copy of a complete form (with some information redacted). (Note: you can create an account so you do not have to enter all your details if you are going to be travelling again within 6 months).

- On Day 2 back in the UK: Undertake a PCR test.

The PCR test for Day 2 can be booked via [Randox](https://covid.randox.com/amber-country/) - <https://covid.randox.com/amber-country/> Select Day 2 Test **Test at Home**. The price shows as £43 – but you will need to apply the coupon code **BritishAirways43** to get this price.

In the email confirmation you will be sent a Booking Reference Number - eg **RANDX1593874** – which you will need to give when completing the Passenger Locator Form.

For those who do not have their own laptop/iPad or other mobile devices, James Hill will be on hand to help and assist with the uploading the lateral flow test results and completing the Passenger Locator Form.