

EUROPEAN CHAMPIONSHIPS 2021

Team Classic, Rapid, Blitz (Men and Women)
Individual Rapid, Blitz (Men and Women)

Chianciano Terme – Italy, 4th – 11th October 2021

Information for foreigners intending to come to Italy for the ECs.

See the link https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en (different languages available) Where you can see the following information.

Before getting started, you should know that...

GENERAL RULES AND PRACTICAL INSTRUCTIONS

A guided procedure will help you decide if you need to apply for a visa based on your nationality, country of residence, reasons for your visit and length of stay.

If you need a visa for Italy, you will be provided with all the information and forms needed to submit your application.

Submission of the required documentation does not automatically guarantee visa issuance.

Upon entering Italy and the Schengen Area, even if you have a visa, Border Authorities are authorised once again to check the documents required for issuance of the visa.

→ WARNINGS : more information related to visa applications

→ Rights and duties of foreign nationals

Enter in the link: https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/en

4 Questions to find out if you need a visa for Italy

- 1) Your nationality
- 2) Your country of residence
- 3) Length of your stay: select: [X] Up to 90 days;
- 4) Reasons for your stay: select "Sport competition"

Then click go to the answer

For the European Countries of extra-Schengen Area will be requested the following documents and forms:

- Entry visa application form (<u>View</u>)
- recent passport-size photograph
- valid travel document whose expiry date is three months longer than that of the visa requested
- return ticket (or booking) or evidence that the applicant has their own means of transport
- proof that the applicant has sufficient means of subsistence as required by the Directive of the Ministry of the Interior dated 1st March 2000 (<u>View</u>)
- health insurance covering a minimum of €30,000 for emergency hospitalisation and repatriation expenses, valid throughout the Schengen area
- invitation letter from either CONI, the relevant Italian Sports Federation or the organising body that certifies the person concerned is attending the event and requests the issue of the visa
- proof that the applicant has accommodation in Italy: hotel booking, Declaration of hospitality, declaration of payment of accommodation costs by the hosting Federation or Sport discipline etc. (View)

Note: by virtue of local agreements approved by the European Commission, the required documents may differ entirely or in part from those listed. Please contact the Italian Embassy or Consulate for more information.

You will see also "Where to apply for a visa", the "Fees charged are for the administrative costs of processing the visa application (amounts are given in Euro)" and "Other useful information".

https://vistoperitalia.esteri.it/home/it

Note

The FID has also requested clarifications and received an answer from the Italian National Olympic Committee (CONI) Office that deals with international participations.

The type of visa required to be able to participate in a Sporting Event in Italy (as EC of Draughts. *Note:* you can read in some Italian official written "national sporting competition" that means official national or international competition that take place on Italian territory), for the Countries of Extra-Schengen area, is a short-term type C visa, for which a simple invitation of Italian Draughts Federation is enough.

If you or your team need an official invitation, please write to european.championships@fid.it or to segreteria@fid.it with surname, name, sex, passport no., Expiry date, birth date, with attached the passport of each person.

Other application to do to travel to Italy due to the Covid-19

See details on the following specific link of the Italian Ministry of Health:

https://www.salute.gov.it/portale/nuovocoronavirus/dettaglioContenutiNuovoCoronavirus.jsp?lingua =english&id=5412&area=nuovoCoronavirus&menu=vuoto

Here below some summarized information refer to the new (last) Ordinance on August 28, 2021

Please, check on the link any new updates.

Exemptions, the new authorisation forms to enter Italy are online

- Form for requesting an exception for work reasons in Italy for periods of time exceeding 120 hours. See the Exceptions page
- Application form for entry into Italy for health reasons from <u>Brazil</u>, <u>India</u>, <u>Bangladesh and Sri Lanka</u>.

Countries of the European Union and the Schengen area: entry with COVID-19 Green Certificate

The COVID-19 Green Certificate makes it easier to travel to Italy and other countries of the European Union and to the countries of the Schengen area. To enter Italy with the COVID-19 Green Certificate, travellers must meet **one** of the following conditions, as shown in the Certificate:

- have completed the prescribed anti-SARS-CoV-2 vaccination cycle for at least 14 days
- or have recovered from COVID-19
- or have taken a molecular or antigen swab test within 48 hours prior to entering Italy with negative results.

Before leaving, remember to fill out the Passenger locator form

See: the <u>List C</u> Countries page

Find out more about the Green Certificate at www.dgc.gov.it

Countries that can access with an equivalent certificate

It is possible to enter Italy without the self-quarantine requirement for travellers departing from the **USA**, **Japan**, **Canada and Israel** if they are in possession of the certificates issued by their respective countries, which can be presented in paper or digital format, in compliance with the requirements established by the <u>circular of 30 June 2021</u> on the equivalence of vaccination and recovery certificates. For more information, see the dedicated sections: <u>List C</u> (for Israel) and <u>Accessing Italy with Green Certificate</u>: <u>Japan</u>, <u>Canada</u>, <u>United States and Israel</u>.

United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

Based on the Order of the Ministry of Health of 29 July 2021, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar and the Isle of Man, Channel Islands and British bases in Cyprus) belongs in List D

Therefore, travellers from these countries must do the following:

- fill out the dPLF
- take a swab test within 48 hours prior to their arrival in Italy (with a negative results)
- be in self-quarantine for 5 days
- take a swab test at the end of the 5-day quarantine

Other than filling out the dPLF, which is always mandatory, the other measures can be waived according to specific criteria. See the Exemptions section.

Certificates issued by the health authorities of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar and the Isle of Man, Channel Islands and British bases on the island of Cyprus) are equivalent to those of the European Union for access to activities and services on the Italian territory such as indoor restaurants, museums and cinemas. They can be presented in paper or digital format, in compliance with the requirements established by the <u>circular of 30 June 2021</u> on the equivalence of vaccination and recovery certificates.

India, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Brazil

The new order has extended **until 30 August 2021** the measures in force for entry into Italy by people coming from or who have stayed in the previous fourteen days in Brazil, India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. Go to the section dedicated to <u>India</u>, <u>Bangladesh and Sri Lanka</u> and to the <u>Brazil</u> section.

The <u>Ordinance of April 2, 2021</u> provided for some reclassifications on the lists of countries in <u>Annex 20</u> of the <u>Dpcm of March 2, 2021.</u>

Browse lists of information for travelling to and from abroad:

- List A Vatican City and Republic of San Marino
- <u>List B</u> The States and territories with low epidemiological risk will be identified, among those in List C, by the Ordinance. At present, no State is included on this list.
- <u>List C</u> Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark (including the Faroe Islands and Greenland), Estonia, Finland, France (including Guadeloupe, Martinique, Guyana, Reunion, Mayotte and excluding other territories outside the European mainland), Germany, Greece, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands (excluding territories outside the European mainland), Poland, Portugal (including the Azores and Madeira), Czech Republic, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Hungary, Iceland, Norway, Liechtenstein, Switzerland, Andorra, Principality of Monaco.
- <u>List D</u> Albania, Saudi Arabia, Armenia, Australia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Brunei, Canada, United Arab Emirates, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, New Zealand, Qatar, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (including Gibraltar, the Isle of Man, Channel Islands and British bases on the island of Cyprus and excluding territories not belonging to the European continent), Republic of Korea, Republic of North Macedonia, Serbia, Singapore, United States of America, Ukraine, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macao Special Administrative Regions and the States and territories with low epidemiological risk will be identified, among those in List E. Special rules applying to those who have stayed or transited in: <u>Japan, Canada and United States of America</u>
- <u>List E</u> Rest of the world (all States and Territories not specifically referred to in any other list). Special rules applying to those who have stayed or transited in:
- o Brazil
- o India, Bangladesh and Sri Lanka

"Covid-tested" Flights - Passenger Locator Form

Covid-tested flights are flights that have been authorised by the Ministry of Health by means of a special ordinance. To learn more about the requirements and the compulsory procedure go to the dedicated section: <u>Covid-tested flights</u>

Useful numbers from the Ministry of Health

- From Italy: 1500 National information line
- From abroad: +39 0232008345 +39 0283905385
- Covid-19 Regional telephone information hotlines

For further information please refer to:

- Covid-19 Situation in Italy
- Information Line 1500
- Focus Italian nationals returning to Italy and foreigners in Italy Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- the website <u>www.viaggiaresicuri.it</u> (Safe Travels)
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation What are you interested in?
- Select your destination at: Re-open.europa.eu/en
- Eu digital Covid-19 certificate

Remember: before leaving, remember to fill out the Passenger locator form

Pay attention: all the players without a Green Pass EU will have to have a valid swab test within 48 hours before to their arrival in Italy (with a negative results)

COVID-19 Green Certificate - EU digital COVID Certificate

The COVID-19 green certification facilitates travel in Europe. In our country it allows you to travel, participate in events, access facilities and other public places.

From 1st September it is necessary in Italy not only to access numerous activities and services but also to travel on interregional ships and ferries (excluding that of the Strait of Messina); Inter City, Inter City Night and High Speed trains; buses that cross more than two regions; rental bus with driver.

School and university staff and university students must also possess the Covid-19 Green Certification and exhibit it in case of verification.

ACCESS TO SPORTS HALL and playing room

In Italy, starting from August 6, 2021, access to the indoor sports hall and playing room is allowed only to those with one of the following COVID19 green certifications (Green Pass):

- anti-SARS-CoV-2 vaccination occurred, at the end of the prescribed cycle (valid for nine months, EU type, that means Astrazeneca, Moderna, Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer);
- healing from COVID-19, with simultaneous termination of the isolation prescribed following infection with SARS-CoV-2, arranged in compliance with the criteria established with the circulars of the Ministry of Health (valid for six months);
- <u>carrying out a rapid or molecular antigen test with negative results for the SARS-CoV-2 virus (validity 48 hours).</u> (*)

(*) PAY ATTENTION: FID does not exclude to carry out a mandatory rapid or molecular test to all of the players, trainers and referees before the beginning of Championships, in this case without any cost.

PLEASE NOTE

During the European Championships in Italy, as determined by the EDC and as requested by Italian laws will be used the EDC Anti-Covid Protocol, playing with surgical masks and protective visors (face shields in Plexiglas) that will be given by the organization (one masks per day per person, one protective visor per person per all the period to be cleaned by themselves).

Organizers have an agreement with an official laboratory (Laboratorio Analisi Terme di Chianciano) to carry out any necessary anti-covid tests, to be requested preferably at least one week in advance. For PCR test: € 69,00 and results after 24 hours; Rapid test: € 20,00 and results in 20 minute. Covid tests (swabs point) will be carry out at laboratory at Themae of Chianciano, not far from the Hotel.

How to reach Chianciano terme

Chianciano Terme can be easily reached by car or train and therefore also by plane.

If you arrive by plane the nearest airports are: Rome (170 km), Florence (125 km), Pisa (206 km). From the airport, you have to reach the train station (eg from Rome Fiumicino take a train that leaves from the airport and arrives at the Rome Termini railway station, or also a bus cheaper but less speedy). So you ha to take a train from the departure station to Chiusi-Chianciano Terme railway station (see website www.trenitalia.com)

From the Chiusi-Chianciano Terme railway station, the connection is ensured thanks to a bus line to Chianciano Terme which depart from the station square in coincidence with the arrival of trains, except for those at night.

There is also a taxi service (a little more expensive).

Furthermore, if requested in advance (at least one week before), the organization can provide to rent a transport service (the cost varies between € 5 and € 10 per person, based on the number of the group)

By car: Autostrada del Sole A1, coming from the north or south, exit n. 29 Chiusi-Chianciano Terme.