Italy to reopen borders for EU passengers in early June

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Italy has said it will start allowing **unrestricted travel to and from European countries**, with no quarantine requirement, from June 3. No official word yet on when restrictions will be lifted on flights to and from countries outside of Europe – but the external borders of the EU remain closed to non-essential travel until June 15 at the earliest.

So until June 3, only certain people are allowed in – Italian citizens and residents, flight crew too, and citizens/residents of other European countries needing to pass through Italy to go home. Here's the Notam:

A3001/20 (Issued for LIBB LIMM LIRR) - COVID-19: PASSENGER RESTRICTIONS.
ALL FLIGHT ARRIVING/DEPARTING TO/FM ITALY MUST COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE DECREE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE MINISTERIAL COUNCIL OF 17 MAY 2020.
ALL EXTRA SCHENGEN PASSENGERS ARE PROHIBITED TO ENTER SCHENGEN AREA TILL 02/06/2020.
EXEMPTED FROM THE TRAVEL RESTRICTION ARE:
1) FOR THE REASON ONLY TO RETURN TO THEIR HOME:
-CITIZENS OF THE SCHENGEN ASSOCIATED STATES,
-THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS WHO ARE LONG TERM RESIDENTS UNDER THE LONG TERM RESIDENCE DIRECTIVE AND PERSONS DERIVING THEIR RIGHT TO RESIDE FROM OTHER EU DIRECTIVES OR NATIONAL LAW OR WHO HOLD NATIONAL LONG TERM VISAS.
2) OTHER TRAVELLERS WITH AN ESSENTIAL FUNCTION OR NEED, INCLUDING:
-HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS, HEALTH RESEARCHERS AND ELDERLY CARE PROFESSIONALS,
-FRONTIER WORKERS,
-TRANSPORT PERSONNEL INCLUDING FLIGHT CREW ENGAGED IN HAULAGE OF GOODS AND OTHER TRANSPORT STAFF TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY,
-DIPLOMATS, STAFF OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS, MILITARY PERSONNEL AND HUMANITARIAN AID WORKERS IN THE EXERCISE OF THEIR FUNCTIONS,
-PASSENGERS IN TRANSIT,
-PASSENGERS TRAVELLING FOR IMPERATIVE FAMILY REASONS,
-PERSONS IN NEED OF INTERNATIONAL PROTECTION OR FOR OTHER HUMANITARIAN REASONS)
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After June 3, people will be allowed to travel freely from and to the following States:

- EU Member States: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Cyprus, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the Czech Republic;
- Schengen countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway, Switzerland;
- United Kingdom and Northern Ireland;
- Other weird places: Andorra, Monaco, San Marino, Vatican City.

Check out the Italian Government's official webpage for more details on this, plus what is actually a pretty decent breakdown of the general rules on travel to Italy.

Ultimately, all permitted inbound travellers headed to Italy before June 3 must sign a form confirming their travel is essential. Flight crew must self-isolate at the hotel, although they can leave for their outbound flight at any time. After June 3, all this goes away.

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