

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.

Meanwhile, across the border in **France**...

Italy ATC strike on Oct 25

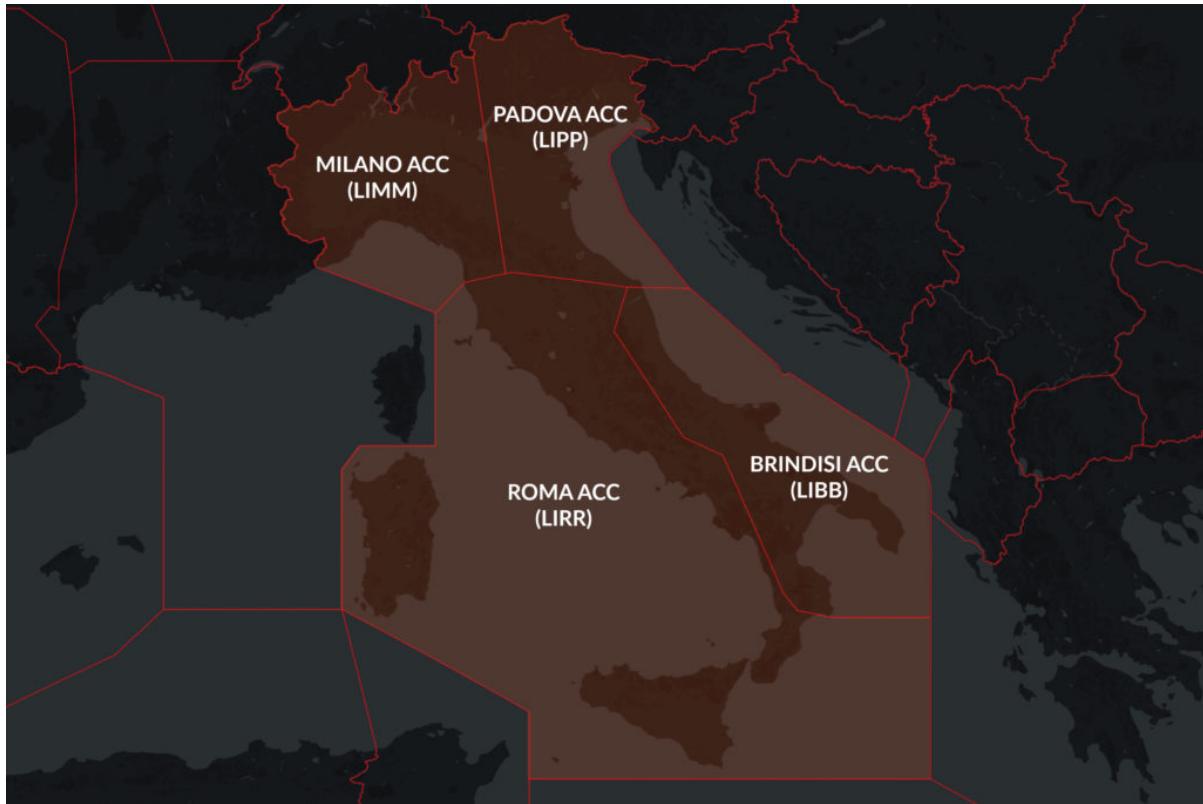
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Notams have now been published advising of the planned **nationwide ATC strike on Friday Oct 25**.

The strike will happen between **13-17 local time** (11-15z), although it looks like the LIBB/Brindisi sector in the south-east of the country will run from 12-16 local time.



When these 4-hour strikes go ahead, overflights and “incoming intercontinental flights” (i.e. those from outside Europe) are normally **not significantly affected**, but there are often **big delays for flights to/from Italian airports**.

LIRZ/Perugia airport has also announced a local ATC strike between 1300-1700 local time the same day. There may be more local airport-level ATC strikes announced in the coming days, so watch out for those too, as these are the airports which are **always worst affected** by delays.

You can see the full Notam for the nationwide strike here. For updates, keep an eye on the Eurocontrol NOP page on the day of the strike. Eurocontrol will be hosting a teleconference with more info on what to expect, on Thursday 24th Oct at 1200z; you can dial in on +44 2071 928000, and punch in the conference ID number 1581056.

Further reading:

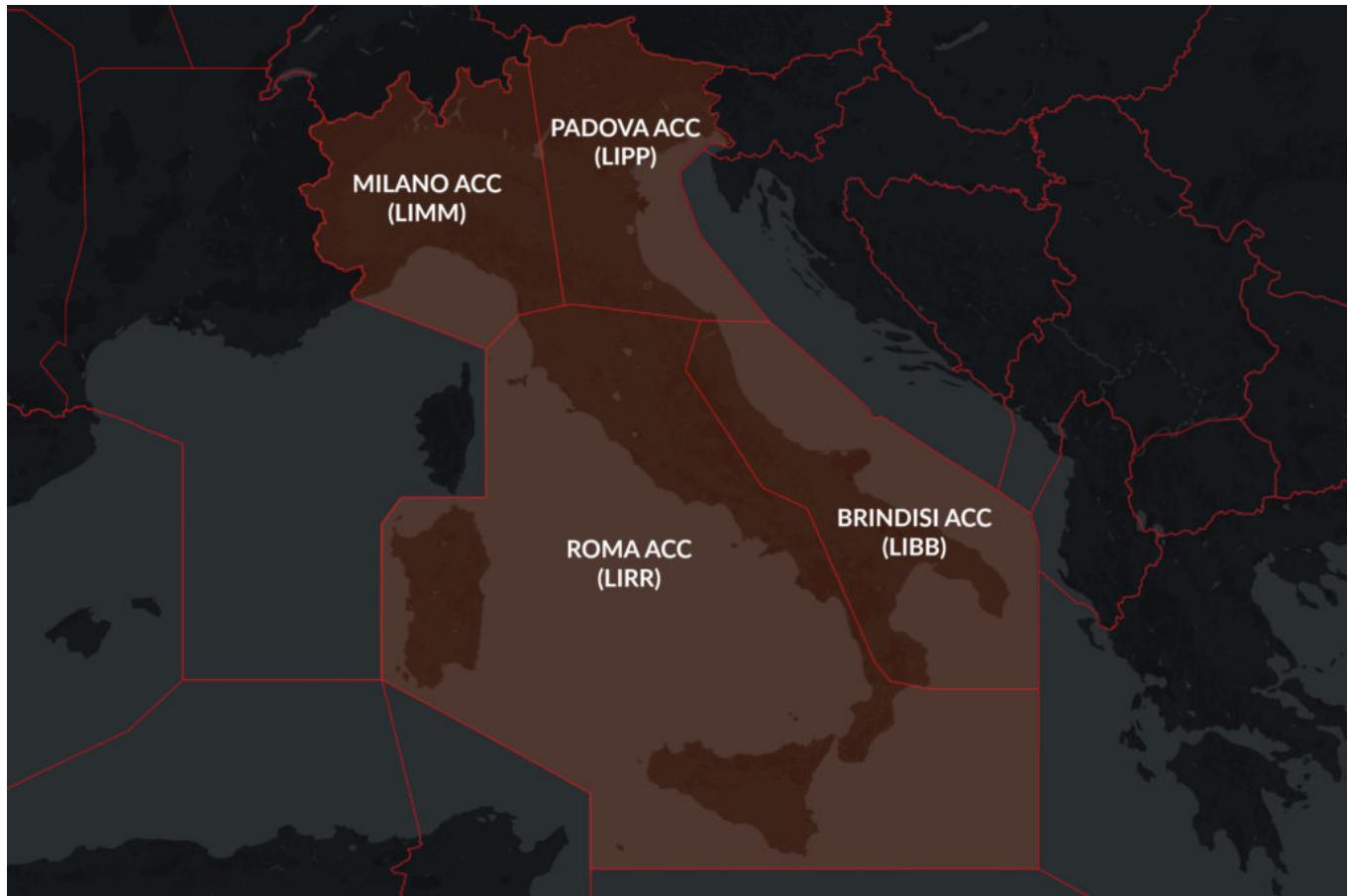
- All the latest official information about Italy ATC strikes can be found [here](#). Just make sure you have your Google Translate tool enabled on your browser!

Italy ATC strike CANCELLED

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Update 17 July: The 24hr ATC strike planned for July 21 has now been **CANCELLED**.



Controllers at all the ACC sectors were planning to take part, and additional strikes were planned at the local level at the following airports: LIRA/Rome Ciampino, LIRF/Rome Fiumicino, LIEE/Cagliari, LICC/Catania, LICA/Lamezia, LICJ/Palermo, LIBP/Pescara, LIPZ/Venice

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