VISA



EU citizens

If you are a European Union (EU)/European Economic Area (EEA) or Swiss citizen, you are allowed to travel to Italy without any formalities. A valid ID card or passport is required.

Non-EU citizens

If are a non-EU/EEA citizen, you need to apply for a visa (commonly referred to in official literature as "entry clearance") before you leave the country where you live to travel to Italy. You can apply at the Italian Embassy or Consulate nearest to you.

You can apply for three types of visa depending on your personal situation:

- Uniform Schengen Visa (USV): visa valid for access, transit or short stay (up to 90 days) in Italy and in other Schengen countries. The USV issued by diplomatic – consular missions of other Schengen countries, grants entry in Italy.
- National Visa (NV): A long-term entry visa (valid for more than 90 days) which grants access for long stay. It allows the free circulation in the territory of the other Member States for a maximum period of 90 days in any six-month period.
- Visa for scientific research purposes: researchers from third countries selected by either private or public research institutions acknowledged in the official list published by the Ministry for University and Research are entitled to apply for this kind of long-stay visa (more than 90 days). Researchers can obtain the visa only within the framework of a Hosting Agreement made with one of these official research institutions.

Please, visit the following website to find out what you need to enter Italy:

http://www.esteri.it/mae/en/ministero/servizi/stranieri/ingressosoggiornoinitalia/visto_ingresso/

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You can also contact us at the following email addresses and telephone numbers:

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We will be glad to assist you with this issue.