GUIDE TO THE PRATO CENTRE
WELCOME TO PRATO

This guide is designed to help you settle in quickly to study and life in Prato. Inside, you will find information about the facilities available at the Prato Centre as well as practical advice about the city of Prato. There are also some ideas about what to do in your spare time.

All street addresses given in this guide are in Prato unless otherwise indicated.

We update this guide regularly. If you have any feedback about the contents or you discover new places that you want to share with others, please let us know.
HISTORY OF PALAZZO VAJ

The Prato Centre occupies the ground and first floors of an 18th century palazzo, Palazzo Vaj, named after the Vaj family who were the original owners. The present owners, Arte della Lana (Wool Guild), purchased the building from the Vaj family in the 1920s. Between 1875 and 1999, the first floor of the building was home to a prestigious recreational club of local businesspeople. This might help explain some of the architectural features you will see throughout the building. Monash University secured this heritage-listed location with support from the Region of Tuscany and the Municipality of Prato and opened the centre on 17 September 2001.

MONASH UNIVERSITY PRATO CENTRE

IT SERVICES AND EQUIPMENT

The centre has a Computer Lab with desktop computers and network printers available to all visitors while the Student Lounge and Mac Lab are dedicated student study areas. Visiting staff also have a dedicated shared office area equipped with computers and printers. All our computers have up-to-date software and hardware, including office and design applications. You can find instructions on accessing the centre network and printers in these areas.

The centre’s official wi-fi network is ‘Eduroam’. A secondary network is available to users who are not affiliated with this network. Ask the staff for access details.

The following equipment is available to students and visiting staff:
- Laptops
- Monitors
- Data projectors
- Digital audio recorders
- 3D printer
- 3D scanner
- Virtual reality visor
- Large screen TV suitable for presentations

Our conference rooms are also equipped with AV systems for video conferencing services.

For more information or to borrow equipment, contact IT Services it@monash.it

Printing and photocopying

Photocopiers and multi-function printers are available for students and visitors.

Costs are typically covered by your course or event but limits may apply. For further information please contact IT Services it@monash.it

LIBRARIES

The centre has a small collection of reference books and fiction titles in English. The fiction books may be borrowed whereas the reference collection can only be used at the centre. Please contact Student Services studentservices@monash.it for more information.

As a Monash University student studying in Prato, you are able to access the University library’s extensive collection of online resources and assistance in support of your learning.

Municipal library

Istituto culturale e di documentazione Lazzerini
Via Puccetti 3
bibliotecalazzerini.prato.it

The local library is located next to the Textile Museum, less than 5min walking distance from the Monash University Prato Centre.

You can use the Internet for free on either the library’s computers or your personal laptop upon presentation of an identity document and registration at the library’s reception.

BUILDING SECURITY AND ACCESS

The ground floor and some areas on the first floor can only be accessed using individually programmed swipe cards. Swipe cards are issued by the centre to students and staff on arrival.

All entrance points to the building as well as computer labs are monitored by closed-circuit television (CCTV).

SUSTAINABILITY

We’re committed to reducing the environmental impact of our operations. We encourage you to print only essential documents and to replace single-use disposable items with reusable bottles and containers.
HEALTH AND SAFETY

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE

Your entitlements

Italy and Australia share a reciprocal agreement on health care. This means that Australian residents visiting Italy can access the Italian public health system for any immediately necessary medical treatment, defined as a sudden acute illness or accident. It does not include treatment as a private patient.

You will be covered for:

- medical treatment, including specialist services at public or other authorised hospitals and clinics
- treatment as a hospital patient in public and authorised hospitals only
- immediately necessary dental treatment at public hospitals

What is not covered: you may need to pay for pharmaceuticals, diagnostics and other tests.

GENERAL CARE

For non life-threatening emergencies and general medical care, the Prato Centre works with a local English-speaking health practitioner who is available at appointed hours for telephone consultations and in-person appointments. The Prato Centre also works with a local health centre, Istituto Santo Stefano, which offers specialist medical care in all fields. For further details and contact information, please contact Student Services at studentservices@monash.it

Additional practitioners are listed for your convenience, but please note that the Prato Centre does not take any responsibility as to the level of expertise, availability of services, and associated fees.

COVID-19

The Prato Centre has a COVID Management Plan in place which provides guidelines for staff, students and visitors to the centre. COVID restrictions can change quickly. Please consult the Italian Ministry of Health and the Australian Government Smartraveller websites for the most authoritative up-to-date information on entry requirements to Italy, our website for entry requirements to the Prato Centre, or contact a member of staff for further information.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

Emergencies on campus: 333
(non life-threatening)
You can call 333 from any telephone in the Prato Centre.

Emergencies on and off campus: 112
(life-threatening)
This number will connect you to ambulance, police and fire services. You can call 112 from anywhere in Europe.

In case of a travel or medical emergency or if your personal safety is in danger, contact:

Global 24 Advisory Assistance
24/7 emergency hotline
T: +61 2 9312 5191 (call by reverse charges)
Policy Number: 2000001165

Monash Security
(accessible from overseas 24/7)
T: +61 3 9905 3333

Monash Telephone Counselling
(accessible from overseas 24/7)
From Italy: 800 791 847 (toll free)

HOSPITALS

Prato
Ospedale Santo Stefano
Via Suor Niccolina Infermiera 20/22
T: 0574 801111
Bus: Located 20m from Prato’s historical centre. Take the LAM Arancio or LAM Blu bus from Piazza delle Carceri.

Florence
Ospedale Careggi
Emergency Room
Viale Pieraccini
T: 055 794111
(north Florence)

Ospedale Santa Maria Nuova
Piazza Santa Maria Nuova 1
T: 055 69381
(city centre)

PHARMACIES

24-hour pharmacies
Farmacia Lloyds – Piazza Mercatale 147/A
Farmacia Comunale – Via Cavour 91
### HEALTH PRACTITIONERS

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<td>0574 663508 misericordia.prato.it/ambulatorio/idss-prato-2</td>
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<td><strong>Specialist Medical Care</strong></td>
<td>Stefano Via Francesco Ferrucci 55</td>
<td>0574 663508 misericordia.prato.it/ambulatorio/idss-prato-2</td>
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<td><strong>General Practitioners</strong></td>
<td>Studi Medici Palazzolo Via Mazzini 19</td>
<td>0574 36222</td>
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<td>Dr Kerr</td>
<td>Piazza Mercato Nuovo 1, Florence</td>
<td>335 8361682 dr-kerr.com</td>
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<td><strong>Dentists</strong></td>
<td>Studio Calvisi Viale Galilei 13f</td>
<td>0574 604025 <a href="mailto:info@studiocalvisi.it">info@studiocalvisi.it</a></td>
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<td><strong>Dermatologist</strong></td>
<td>Studio Bassarelli Via Giotto 20</td>
<td>0574 28101 <a href="mailto:info@studiobassarelli.it">info@studiobassarelli.it</a></td>
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<td><strong>Physiotherapist</strong></td>
<td>Battiston Fitness Viale Montegrappa 163</td>
<td>0574 594366</td>
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<td><strong>Psychologist</strong></td>
<td>Dr Bellini Lungarno Benvenuto Cellini 25, Florence</td>
<td>055 680721</td>
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<td><strong>Psychiatrist</strong></td>
<td>Dr Choub Piazza Marcato Nuovo 1, Florence</td>
<td>339 5687775</td>
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<td><strong>Counsellor</strong></td>
<td>Dr Bacchini Prato and Florence</td>
<td>347 0012432</td>
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<td><strong>Ophthalmologist</strong></td>
<td>Studio Oculistico San Marco Via V. Veneto 60</td>
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SAFETY

Prato is generally a safe city; the type of safety and security issues that may arise are not dissimilar to those in other major cities, i.e., petty crimes, especially theft. As a foreigner however you are more likely to be singled out, therefore you should take extra care and attention to avoid potentially dangerous situations. Look after your belongings when travelling and when in crowded places.

Authoritative information on safety and security in Italy can be found at smartraveller.gov.au, an Australian Government website. Make sure you register on this website to receive travel advice updates and critical alerts for Italy and other countries you might be travelling to.

What to do in case of theft

Go to the nearest police station and complete a police report or ask the Student Services office to assist with this process. For incidents outside of Prato or while travelling, we recommend reporting these immediately to local police. Please always notify the Prato Centre in case of theft or any other incident. Also, read your insurance policy carefully to know which personal items are covered.

Safety and security at the Prato Centre

All students must attend the compulsory orientation session on arrival during which we outline the centre’s Emergency Procedures. You can access our Emergency Procedures instruction booklets located next to all switchboard telephones throughout the building. Please take notice of signage indicating the emergency exits.
GETTING AROUND

Prato is well connected to the major cities in Italy. Prato’s historic centre can be accessed on foot. Getting around the outer areas of the city is easy thanks to an efficient bus network.

TRAINS

The train stations closest to the Prato Centre are:
- Prato Centrale (15min walk)
- Prato Porta al Serraglio (5min walk)

Italy has two main train companies:
- Trenitalia (slow Regionale and fast Freccia trains)
  trenitalia.com
- Italo (fast trains only)
  italotreno.it

Tickets

Automated ticket machines are located at the train station. Tickets need to be purchased and validated before boarding by inserting them in one of the green machines at the station. Fast train tickets can also be purchased online and downloaded on your smartphone.

BUSES

Local bus line
LAM, operated by Autolinee Toscane. Different colours indicate different routes.

Extraurban line
Autolinee Toscane. Departs from Prato Centrale train station. Use this bus to go to Florence, I Gigli shopping centre, or IKEA.

Tickets need to be purchased before boarding and must be validated on the bus. They can be bought at a tobacconist’s (Tabacchi), newsagents, or via SMS (LAM only).

Timetable available at at-bus.it/it/orari by selecting ‘Servizi Urbani Prato’.

National lines
For bus travel outside of Prato, Flixbus provides many alternative solutions, with routes out of Prato and Florence. Timetable and booking online at flixbus.it

BICYCLE HIRE

Prato is the perfect sized city to get around by bike. There are designated paths along the river and on some of the roads around the historic centre.

Coppini
Via Franchi 12
T: 0574 605152

Obrii
Via Galcianese 56/7
T: 331 7805344

AIRPORTS

Florence
To travel between Florence airport and Prato by bus, the LAM PO Fi runs every 15-30min and takes around 30min. You’ll find the stop for Prato outside the airport on the main road. Arriving in Prato you should disembark at the Via del Ceppo Vecchio stop for the Prato Centre and for access to the city’s historic centre. There is a later stop at the Prato Centrale train station and this is also where you can take the bus for travel back to Florence. One-way tickets cost about €2.60 and it’s best to buy them at a tobacconist’s (Tabacchi) or via the Moovit app before boarding as on-board charges are more expensive. A taxi will cost €40-50 and takes about 25min.

Pisa
From Prato Centrale train station take the train to Pisa Aeroporto (change at Firenze Rifredi and again at Pisa Centrale where at platform 14 you take the Pisa Mover monorail to connect to the airport). At Firenze Santa Maria Novella train station you can also take a shuttle bus direct to Pisa Aeroporto. Buses run every hour, with journey time around 1.5hrs.

Bologna
From Prato Centrale station take the train to Bologna Centrale. Then take the shuttle bus ‘Aerobus’ just outside the station. The total journey takes 1.5-2hrs.

TAXIS

Radiotaxi Prato
T: 0574 5656

Taxi ranks are located in Piazza Duomo and at Prato Centrale train station.

TRANSPORTATION STRIKES

Before planning your trip always remember to check for strikes. The website scioperi.mit.gov.it is regularly updated with national and regional strikes. Updates are in Italian but we suggest using an online translation tool to check in English.
COST OF LIVING

You are likely to be pleasantly surprised by the cost of goods and services in Prato – which can often be much cheaper than the same items in Australia. Accommodation and food in Prato also tends to be significantly more economical than in Florence. Knowing what you can expect to pay for certain goods and services will not only help you with budget planning but also avoid you falling into “tourist price” traps. If you’re in one of the major cities, expect to pay an additional service fee if you sit down to have your coffee. The following figures are estimates only; costs will vary depending on your location and lifestyle.

Expenses

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<td>Lunch (panino or plate of pasta)</td>
<td>€4-€6 each</td>
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<td>Dinner (2 courses, with beverage)</td>
<td>€25-€30 per meal</td>
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<td>Coffee (cappuccino/caffe latte)</td>
<td>€1.50 each</td>
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<td>Bottle of water, 500ml</td>
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*If purchased at a supermarket.

HOMESTAY PROGRAM

You may like to consider taking part in our homestay program to experience family life in Italy by becoming “part of” a family. The program provides you with food, accommodation and an authentic intercultural experience, allowing you to improve and develop your Italian language and communication skills.

Contact community@monash.it for further information, including costs, how to apply and relative timelines.
WHERE TO SHOP AND EAT

MONASH PRATO CARD BUSINESSES

As a student or visitor to our centre, you’ll receive discounts and privileges when you present your Monash Prato Card at participating businesses displaying the Monash logo. The Monash Prato Card encourages a positive and mutually beneficial relationship between Monash and the city. Pick up your card on arrival and check out all participating businesses at: monash.edu/prato/visiting-prato/monash-prato-card

Don’t forget to send us your feedback!

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<td>Via Garibaldi 140</td>
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<td>Via Cavallotti 22</td>
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<td>Piazza Lippi</td>
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<td>La Primizia</td>
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<td>Class Parrucchieri</td>
<td>Via Tintori 14-18</td>
<td>0574 433185</td>
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*No advance bookings.*
OTHER BUSINESSES AND SERVICES

Cash Machine (ATM)
Banca Alta Toscana
Piazza Duomo 33

Supermarkets and markets
Conad City Supermarket
Piazza S. Francesco 21
Open: Mon – Sat, 8am – 9.30pm,
Sun 8.30am – 8pm

Coop Supermarket
Via Valentin 1E
Open: Mon – Sat, 8am – 8pm,
Sun 8am – 1.30pm

Coop Supermarket
Via Targetti 18
Open: Mon – Sat, 8am – 8.30pm
Sun 8am – 1pm

Pam Supermarket
Via Francesco Ferrucci 132
Open: Mon – Sat, 7.30am – 8.30pm,
Sun 9am – 8pm

Market
Piazza del Mercato
This market has fresh fruit and veg,
clothing, household goods, etc.
It’s about a 5min walk from the
Prato Porta al Serraglio station.
Open: Monday mornings.

Toiletries and cosmetics
Caddy’s
Piazza Mercatale 6
Douglas
Via Riccasoli 30
Tigotà
Via Mazzoni 17
DM
Piazza S. Francesco 1

Local products
Antonio Mattei
Prato’s famous almond biscuit shop
Via Ricasoli 20

Atipico
Wine, olive oil and other local products
Via Benedetto Cairoli 14

Museum Shop – Textile Museum
Locally produced textiles, gift ideas and
bookshop.
Via Puccetti 3

Second hand and vintage
Emmaus (clothes and accessories)
Via Convenevole da Prato 44
Libreria Emmaus (books)
Via Santa Trinità 117

Dry Cleaners and Laundromats
Express Wash
Via Carradori 10
Open: Mon – Sat, 7.30am – 10pm

Lavanderia Mannelli
Via del Ceppo Vecchio 8
Open: Mon – Fri (8am – 1pm, 3 – 7.30pm), Sat
(9am – 1pm)

Post Office
Via A. Martini 8
Just off Piazza San Marco
Open: 9am – 6pm
poste.it

Shopping centres
Parco Prato
Via delle Pleiadi 37
Open: Mon – Sat, 9am – 9pm
Bus LAM Rossa from Piazza Mercatale
parcoprato.it

I Gigli
Via S. Quirico 165, Campi Bisenzio
The largest shopping centre between
Prato and Florence.
Bus CAP CF from Piazza San Marco
igigli.it
WHAT TO DO

Whether you’re visiting for just a few days or planning to spend several weeks in Prato, there are plenty of things to do in your spare time. During the day you can visit a museum or gallery, or take a walk or jog along the Bisenzio river, while in the evening you might meet some locals for an ‘aperitivo’ at one of the many bars and cafés, or join a family for dinner. During the summer, escape the heat and refresh at a local swimming pool, or in the evening experience moonlight cinema inside Prato’s castle.

IN THE CITY OF PRATO

For cultural events and suggested tourist itineraries visit: pratoturismo.it
Official website cittadiprato.it

MUSEUMS AND GALLERIES

Palazzo Pretorio
Piazza del Comune 2
T: 0574 1934996
palazzopretorio.prato.it

Textile Museum
Via Puccetti 3
T: 0574 611503
museodeltessuto.it
Open: Tuesday – Thursday 10am – 3pm, Friday – Saturday 10am – 7pm, Sunday 3pm – 7pm (closed Mondays)

Centro Pecci – The Contemporary Art Centre ‘Luigi Pecci’
Viale della Repubblica 227
T: 0574 5317
centropecci.it
Open: Tuesday – Sunday, 11am – 11pm (closed Mondays)

AT MONASH PRATO CENTRE

Conversation Exchange
Join locals for informal language exchange and to meet new people!
Conversations take place once a week, typically at 6.30pm – check our website for news and updates.

Buon Appetito!
Be hosted by a local family for dinner and discover the secrets of Italian cooking.
Ask at Student Services for more information on these initiatives.

THEATRES AND CINEMAS

Teatro Metastasio
Via Cairoli 59
T: 0574 6084
metastasio.it

Teatro Politeama Pratese
Via G. Garibaldi 33-35
T: 0574 603758
politeamapratese.it

Cinema Terminale
Via Carbonaia 31
T: 0574 37150
terminalecinema.com

Cinema Eden
Via Cairoli 18
T: 0574 21857
cinemaedenprato.it
Screenings in English on Mondays

Multiplex Omnia Center
Via delle Pleiadi 16
T: 0574 549628
giomettirealestatecinema.it

Moonlight Cinema in the Castle
Piazza Santa Maria delle Carceri
pratofilmm festival.it
Open: June to August only

Cinema@Centro Pecci
Viale della Repubblica 227
T: 0574 5317
centropecci.it
NIGHTLIFE IN PRATO

Want to know where all the locals hang out of an evening? Via Pugliesi, via Settesoldi, via Santa Trinità and via Garibaldi: along these streets there are many bars, cafés, restaurants and quirky meeting places to choose from whether it be for an aperitivo, dinner or just a drink.

The industrial history and archaeology in Prato inspired young local artists to renovate abandoned factories to use as their studios or as meeting places. The first example is Corte Via Genova which has five different studios.

After dinner, if you enjoy live music and a dance you can’t miss Capanno Black Out, located in a former industrial area just a 10min walk from the city centre.

**PARKS**

**Centro di Scienze Naturali**
Via di Galceti 74
T: 0574 465649
[csn.prato.it](http://csn.prato.it)
The park is easily reached from the Prato Centrale train station on bus LAM Rossa. Check the website for more information.

**Cascine di Tavola**
Via Traversa del Crocifisso
T: 0574 55921

**SWIMMING POOLS**

**Piscina Pubblica di Prato**
Via Roma 256
Open from late June to end August only.

**Piscina Comunale di Prato**
Via Marradi 3
T: 0574 468989

**GYMS AND SPORTS CENTRES**

**Serendip**
Via Valentina 22
T: 0574 448933
[serendiprato.it](http://serendiprato.it)
This gym also has a swimming pool.

**Il Fabbricone – tennis club and sports centre**
Via A. Negri 15
T: 0574 465649
[tcbisenzio.com](http://tcbisenzio.com)

**Palagym**
Via Costantini 26
T: 0574 595855
Via R. Gori 15
T: 0574 30271
[palagym.com](http://palagym.com)

**Universo Sporting Centre**
Viale della Repubblica 293
T: 0574 575184

**Yogamind**
Via Carraia 47
[yogamindprato.it](http://yogamindprato.it)
VISAS AND DECLARATION OF PRESENCE

BEFORE DEPARTURE

Visas

Stays up to 90 days:
Australian citizens travelling to Italy on an Australian passport for periods of up to 90 days do not require a visa.

If you don’t have an Australian passport, but you are a citizen of a country that is exempt from applying for a visitor visa to enter Italy, you also do not require a visa for stays in Italy of up to 90 days. Please refer to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs for a complete list of countries whose citizens are exempt from applying for a visitor visa to enter Italy and make sure you check this list before planning your trip to Italy as it may be subject to change.

If you are travelling on a passport of a country whose citizens require a visa to enter Italy, you will need to apply for a visa before departure. Please refer to the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs website (as above) to check visa obligations for entry to Italy. You can also contact Monash Abroad for more information.

Stays of 91 days or more:
If your stay in Italy (or the Schengen area) is 91 days or more, then you will need to apply for a visa to enter Italy before departure. Please enquire with your Consulate before departure on the type of visa you will need.

UPON ARRIVAL

Declaration of presence

The declaration of presence (dichiarazione di presenza) is mandatory, irrespective of your visa status and the duration of your stay in Italy.

Stays up to 90 days:
If you arrive in Italy from outside the Schengen area (e.g., from Australia, Canada, Malaysia or the United States), the declaration of presence is done by having your passport stamped on arrival with a Schengen stamp.

If you arrive in Italy from inside the Schengen area (Austria, Belgium, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Iceland, Italy, Latvia, Liechtenstein, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, the Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland), even via a connecting flight, you are required to make a declaration of presence at the questura (police station) within 8 days of arrival.

If you are staying at a hotel or similar accommodation, their staff will do this for you upon check-in. Make sure you obtain a copy of this document for your own records.

The absence of a declaration of presence could result in a fine or create difficulties during subsequent encounters with local police or other authorities throughout the Schengen area.

Stays of 91 days or more:
You can stay in Italy for up to 150 days without the need to apply for a stay permit (permesso di soggiorno) upon arrival. The only documents required are the declaration of presence (dichiarazione di presenza), which needs to be filed directly at the local police station (questura), accompanied by a declaration of guarantee (dichiarazione di garanzia) that will be provided by the Monash Prato Centre. Both documents must be filed within 8 days of arrival.

HERE TO HELP

We will provide support to students, academics and other visitors staying in Prato in submitting their declaration of presence. If you’ve chosen to stay outside of Prato, we’ll be happy to give you advice, but we may not be able to access the local police station (questura) in Florence or other cities as we do in Prato. If you have any questions before your arrival, please contact our Academic Programs and Internships Coordinator or Student Services.

AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY AND CONSULAR SERVICES

CONSULAR SERVICES FOR AUSTRALIANS TRAVELLING TO ITALY

The Italian Embassy in Canberra has a listing of Italian Consulates in Australia.

The Italian Consulate in Melbourne is located at:
509 St Kilda Road, Melbourne 3004
T: +61 3 9867 5744
F: +61 3 9866 3932
E: consolatogenerale.melbourne@esteri.it
consomelbourne.esteri.it

CONSULAR ASSISTANCE FOR AUSTRALIANS IN ITALY

Australian Embassy in Rome
Via Antonio Bosio 5, Rome
T: 06 852 721
italy.embassy.gov.au

Australian Embassy, Italy
@AusAmbRome
Open: 9am – 5pm, Monday to Friday

Australian Consulate-General
Via Borgogna 2, Milan
T: 02 776741
E: Australian-Consulate-General-Milan@austrade.gov.au

EMERGENCY CONSULAR ASSISTANCE BEFORE OR DURING OVERSEAS TRAVEL

Emergency consular assistance is available 24/7 by calling the Consular Emergency Centre in Canberra:
T: 1300 555 135 (within Australia)
T: +61 2 6261 3303 (from overseas)

If you’re overseas, outside working hours you can call the Australian Embassy, High Commission or Consulate in the country you’re visiting for phone prompts to connect you to the Consular Emergency Centre.
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*Holiday in Prato only – you can see the Sacred Belt on display and there is a historic parade in the city centre.*
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