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TRAVEL UPDATE

Cari Temple Rome Students,

We continue to strongly advise you to remain in Italy during the Spring Break to avoid unexpected difficulties, however, if you must leave Italy for personal travel, we want you to be prepared for what could occur. Below is some useful information and advice received from the Association of American College and University Programs in Italy (AACUPI):

PERSONAL TRAVEL

Students should constantly monitor official news sources, such as the U.S. Diplomatic Mission to Italy and that of the countries you wish to travel to. Students should also take into consideration the following risks if they choose to travel during spring break:

1. Travel Delays: There may be travel delays affecting both buses and trains leaving Italy. Some long-distance trains, in particular those leaving Italy, have been delayed.

2. Cancelled Flights/Trains: Your flight or international train may be cancelled if a sudden travel ban to certain countries is issued by the Italian/EU authorities. Countries may list Italy as an “at risk” location and thereby bar visitor’s entry if their travel originated or passed through Italy.

3. Denied Entry/Being Sent Back: Countries may issue a mandatory quarantine for any visitors originating from Italy. Travelers may also be given the option to immediately return to their originating country to avoid a quarantine. For example, a recent flight from Italy to the Mauritius Islands was interrupted by local authorities there. Passengers were given the choice between going into quarantine for 14 days in Mauritius or flying back home.

4. Quarantine: Italy may impose a quarantine for individuals returning to Italy in the event they show symptoms of the coronavirus, or simply because they arrived on a flight originating in a country Italy considers/will consider to be “at risk”.

For students planning on traveling to or through Milan and Venice (including in/out of these respective airports): Due to coronavirus cases reported near these metropolitan areas we urge you to change your travel plans. Please contact Dean Trachtenberg, CAO Mary Conran, and/or Assoc. Director of Student Life Francesca Cuccovillo if you need any advice on alternative destinations.

If you have not already done so, please register your itinerary in TRAVEL_TRACKER and also in STEP (U.S. Dept. of State Smart Traveler Enrollment Program) and update your trip information to match your spring break plans. STEP will send you emails in the event any new health or safety alerts are issued for countries you are traveling to.

Keep in touch with us and please read your email and check our website for updated information.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out any of us here at TURome.

Buon (e sicuro) viaggio,
Dean Trachtenberg