



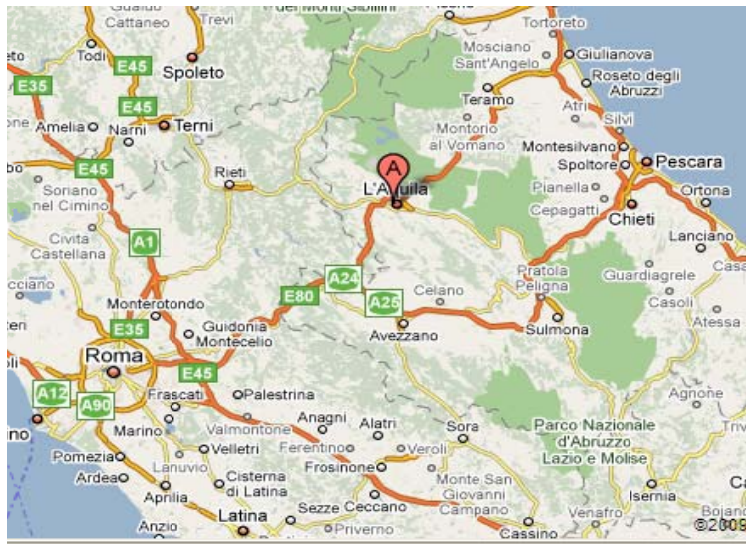
31 FW Community Awareness Bulletin



Restoration of Border Controls for Jun 28th – Jul 15th and Potential for Anti-G8 Demonstrations – Italy

*** This is not a travel restriction and is intended for situational awareness only ***

1. Italy is hosting the G8 Summit July 8th – 10th in L'Aquila (Abruzzo Province) located between the cities of Rome and Pescara (see graphic below). As posted on the official G8 Summit Web Site ***“The Italian Government proposes to restore border controls by suspending the Schengen Treaty from 28 June to 15 July.”*** This action is intended as a security precaution and a similar action was taken with the G8 Summit was last held in Genoa in 2001. During the 2001 G8 Summit at Genoa demonstrations turned violent resulting in the death of one participant. As with the 2001 G8 Summit there exist the potential for scheduled and unscheduled demonstrations at major cities across Italy as prior to and during the 2009 G8 Summit.



2. Please remain alert to 31 FW/PA announcements as well as AFN Radio & TV as well as local media reports for these type events. Review your personal security procedures, and pass along this information to your family members, others traveling with you, and/or inbound personnel. For a quick refresher, see Security Tips.
3. Protective Measures While Traveling. If you see a crowd start to form near you, leave the area. Do whatever is necessary to move to a position of greater safety. Be careful about doing things that draw attention to you as an American. Keep your voice down when you're speaking English in the presence of strangers. If you observe activities such as demonstrations developing, please notify the local police authorities.

Note: Regarding Italian Government restoration of border controls during the period Jun 28 – Jul 15, Team Aviano members and their families are reminded to travel with valid identification on you at all times, especially when/if crossing borders.



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4. We remind Team Aviano that even demonstrations intended to be peaceful can turn confrontational and possibly escalate into violence. Therefore, you are urged to avoid the areas of demonstrations if possible, and to exercise caution if within the vicinity of any demonstrations. Regularly monitor the U.S. Embassy's website the U.S. Department of State's, Bureau of Consular Affairs' website <http://www.travel.state.gov/> , where the current Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, and Travel Alerts can be found.

General Tips for Safety and Security

Recommended individual force protection measures include:

- A. Be aware of your surroundings and cautious of your conversation while utilizing public transportation/facilities
- B. Avoid planned gatherings or demonstrations and maintain awareness of your surroundings
- C. If you happen to come upon a demonstration, remain calm and disengage from the situation.
- D. Try to be inconspicuous. Do not draw attention to yourself
- E. Travel in small groups (never alone) and vary movements
- F. Notify your Chain of Command of your travel plans and ensuring they have an accurate means of contacting you
- G. Stay away from high risk areas
- H. Know emergency numbers and potential safe areas
- I. Carry a cell phone if possible
- J. Maintain 100% passport/ID card accountability
- K. If in a travel status and an incident occurs at your destination or any location on your itinerary, inform your unit of your status as soon as possible
- L. Check for further travel advisory messages from the State Department and/or Embassy (**see links**)

31 FW/ATO SharePoint Site: <https://ice.usafe.af.mil/sites/31FW/ato/default.aspx>

State Department: <http://www.state.gov/>

Embassy: <http://usembassy.state.gov/>

Current Travel Warnings: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_1764.html