Vatican City

Medical Summary

The health risk information presented here is summarized from Shoreland Travax®, a decision-support tool used by health care providers to perform a detailed health risk analysis based on specific locations, individual travel styles, and traveler risk behaviors. Travax provides practitioners current, independently researched malaria risk and prevention recommendations in a map-based format that goes beyond the annual WHO and US CDC statements included here. Not included here are current reports from Travax of disease outbreaks or environmental events that may pose elevated risks to travelers' health and safety. The Providers ***section of this site offers a directory of health care providers who utilize Shoreland Travax for travel health counseling.*** Learn more about the detailed reports and maps available from these practitioners ***(includes links to samples).***

General Information

Vatican City is an independent papal territory adjacent to Rome. Located in southern Europe and completely surrounded by Italy, the climate is classified as dry summer.

Vaccinations

Depending on your itinerary, your personal risk factors, and the length of your visit, your health care provider may offer you vaccination against COVID-19, hepatitis A, hepatitis B, influenza, measles, mumps, rubella, or rabies. Routine immunizations, such as those that prevent tetanus/diphtheria or "childhood" diseases, should be reviewed and updated as needed.

Malaria

The following is current information as reported by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the US Centers for Disease Control (CDC):

WHO—***International Travel and Health*** (current online update, Country List)

No statement given.

CDC—***Health Information for International Travel*** (current online edition)

Areas with malaria: None.
Drug resistance: Not applicable.

Other Concerns

Travelers' Diarrhea

Minimal risk (comparable to that in other industrialized countries) exists throughout the country. Community sanitation and food safety measures are generally good, and health concerns related to food and beverage consumption are minimal. Risk for viral gastroenteritis (e.g., norovirus) may be elevated based on season, traveler itinerary, and/or level of community transmission.

Travelers should carry loperamide for self-treatment of diarrhea and, if risk is moderate to high, an antibiotic to add if diarrhea is severe. Consult a knowledgeable health care provider regarding which antibiotic is appropriate for you and most effective for your destination.

Insect- and Arthropod-Borne Diseases

West Nile virus may pose a risk. Personal protective measures are important.

Other Disease and Health Risks

Additional concerns include leptospirosis.

Consular Advice

The material below includes information from the US Department of State (DOS), the UK Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office (FCO), Global Affairs Canada (GAC), and Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), as well as from additional open-source material. Standard safety precautions that apply to all international travel can be found in the Library article Safety and Security***.***

Terrorism Risk

Risk of attack by transnational terrorist groups exists throughout Europe. Targets may include domestic and international organizations and businesses; public places and events, including those frequented by tourists; and transportation systems.

Crime

Negligible risk of violent crime exists throughout the country.

Transportation Safety

National incidence data on traffic-related injury or death are not available.

Consular Information

Selected Embassies or Consulates in Vatican City

- United States: [+39] 06-4674-1; va.usembassy.gov
- Canada: [+39] 06-6830-7316; www.canadainternational.gc.ca/holy_see-saint_siege
- United Kingdom: [+39] 06-4220-4000; www.gov.uk/world/organisations/british-embassy-holy-see
- Australia: [+39] 06-686261; www.holysee.embassy.gov.au

Vatican City's Embassies or Consulates in Selected Countries

- In the U.S.: www.nuntiususa.org
- In Canada: www.nuntiatura.ca
- In the U.K.: [+44] 020-8944-7189
- In Australia: [+61] 02-6295-3876

Visa/HIV Testing

HIV testing is not required to obtain a tourist, work, or residence visa.

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