



TRAVEL INFORMATION

Naples, Italy

-- LOW RISK --

Naples is a city comparable to other major cities in the country and the region. Despite some negative reports in recent years regarding cleanliness and crime levels, the city remains well within expected security parameters for the country. Security risks that do exist can be reduced through the implementation, and adherence to, standard travel security protocols, including securing personal items, staying vigilant against scams, and limiting nighttime travel.

Naples poor reputation regarding crime comes from elevated levels of petty crime, exacerbated by an unsubstantiated 2017 report issued by the prominent British magazine, The Sun, which ranked the city superficially high in terms of crime risk. That assessment does not match statistics, or government and international assessments, including the U.S. State Department's report, which rates crime a Medium risk for the city. While petty theft is a concern, it can be mitigated by properly securing personal items. Additionally, while organized crime does exist in the city, it rarely impacts visitors. Scams are also reported with some frequency but the type and rate of incidents are similar to those noted in other major metropolitan areas such as Turin and Rome.

Strikes and protest actions can also impact Naples travel, but this is relatively normal for Italian cities. Transport strikes and garbage collector strikes have been a recurring issue for Naples, but generally does not significantly impact visitors.

Female travelers to Naples, and Italy as a whole, should note that catcalling and whistling at women does occur but it is more rare in highly trafficked tourist areas. Care should be taken at nightclubs and bars to secure drinks and move away from anyone who is too aggressive. Local authorities are generally responsive to the needs of visitors/tourists.

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<https://www.osac.gov/pages/ContentReportDetails.aspx?cid=23504><https://www.numbeo.com/crime/rankings.jsp>

<https://www.thelocal.it/20160222/see-where-crimes-take-place-in-italy>

<https://www.thelocal.it/20170719/british-newspaper-the-sun-says-naples-italy-worlds-ten-most-dangerous-cities-alongside-raqqa-fake-news>

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