

Naples Overview - Initial Information

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Joining Process

An assignment order is issued by the Commanding Officer in Naples, which triggers the Support Unit to commence arrangements for your arrival in Naples. You will receive the assignment order and a welcome to Naples pack in the post explaining the process to you.

Housing

The Families Officer (FAMO) will organise a property for you to live in from the available stock on his books. The FSA down here is all privately let from local landlords and are mainly villas with gardens located in private estates called *parcos* with any number of houses on them. We normally let the whole *parco* so your neighbours will usually be British.

Sponsors

Prior to arrival you will be allocated a sponsor who should contact you in advance and arrange to meet up with you when you first arrive in Naples and will escort you to your house. Your sponsor will often arrange a meal for you at their house when you arrive and will show you around the local area so you know where the banks and shops are.

Your sponsor will take you to the base and help you to get your security and ID passes for JFC and also the US facilities here. Once you have these you are at liberty to go off exploring for yourself.

They should then show you to the various sites, such as the JFC, the US Support Site, the US Airport base and Carney Park Recreation Site

Your sponsor should be available for your first week here or a little longer and will also help you with registration of your car, insurance, med centre registration and any other administration that is required and the HIVE is always here to help while you find your feet.

Removals/relocation

Pickfords usually handle all the furniture moves to Naples and you contact them on receipt of your assignment order to arrange for an inspector to visit and assess the volume of your belongings that need to be moved.

You then agree a convenient date for the removal/packers to come in and pack up your house ready for the move, before waving goodbye to your belongings for a few weeks as they set off by road for the journey to Italy.

Make sure you do not pack you travel documents, passports, driving license, credit and back cards or assignments orders.

You are then ready to organise your transport to Naples - you can choose to fly or drive down to Italy.

Facilities/Community Support

There is a joint support unit in Naples. Located on the main base JFC, which provides tri-service administrative support to personnel posted to Italy.

There is also a British Medical Centre staffed by Military Medical Personnel (a Doctor and a nurse) who provide primary health care to the British Military community and their dependants. Secondary care is provided by the US Navy Hospital at Gricignano, although serious or complicated medical matters may be evacuated to the UK for further treatment. A UK dentists visits 3 -4 times a year and there are contracts with local English speaking dentists in-between times.

A full-time midwife and a full-time health visitor are based at the Medical Centre at JFC.

There is a British Forces School in Lago Patria for children up to the age of 11, thereafter children enter secondary education, at one of the International Schools or the American High School or at a UK boarding school. Education options are best discussed with the Education Officer on 0039 081 721 2980.

For pre-school aged children, Teddy Tots is a British run, English speaking crèche which is OFSTED regulated in Lago Patria for pre-school aged children.

Housing and community welfare is administrated out of Villa Britannia, an office located in Lago Patria, which is nearer to the accommodation areas.

A full time community social worker also works out of Villa Britannia to provide welfare support to the community, if, as or when required.

The British Community Centre is located in Lago Patria and has 2 bars, a coffee lounge, a small Thrift Shop and part-time clinic operated by the Medical Centre Staff.

And of course the HIVE which is based at the British Community Centre in Lago Patria and is open weekdays to assist with local, national and UK information on anything from supermarkets & vets to benefits and taxes.

Further information

The HIVE is your first point of contact as we can tailor the information you need to your personal requirements or will refer you to the right person to deal with your query.

There is also a website managed by the UKJSU (Support Unit) based in Italy which is britannia-in-italia.co.uk and this is recommended to your perusal as it contains lots of useful information, not least of all the "for sale and wanted" section found in the Weekly orders/Bulletin section offering cars, furniture and other goods for sale by outgoing personnel.