

Naples Information Sheet

Location Overview

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JFC Naples

This information sheet is designed to give you a general picture of the JFC Naples and the immediate area. If you would like further, more detailed information on specific subjects please contact the HIVE.

JFC Naples is located in Southern Italy within one hour's drive of such beauty spots as the Amalfi Coast, Sorrento and Salerno. Vesuvius sits above Naples centre and Pompeii and Herculaneum are approximately 25 – 30 minutes drive from the quartering areas... Superbly positioned on a bay, Naples has a little - and often a lot - of everything. It pulsates with noisy street markets with names such as, Shoe Alley, Music Alley and Christmas Alley. Most of the service accommodation is situated in a town outside Naples called Lago Patria, which is near to the beach and amusement park 'Magic World'. There are many benefits of living in Naples but it also has to be noted there are some drawbacks. Naples is also an ill-built city and crime (mostly theft) is a problem. But once you have warmed to the cultural differences you start to see the real beauty in the chaos.

Unit Facilities

JFC Naples is a NATO base. Within JFC there is a wide range of facilities open to all such as a gym, pool, hardware shop, gift shops, supermarket, coffee shops, electrical shop, and petrol station. There is also an Education Centre and Agrippa Arms British Pub.

Airports

Naples airport is located approximately 35 minutes away from Lago Patria. British Airways, Easy Jet and Monarch fly direct to the UK. Rome airport is two and half hours from Lago Patria and Ryan Air fly from Rome Ciampino Airport. For more information www.uknsunaples.com/Airports.htm or contact the HIVE.

Service Families Accommodation

The Housing Office can be contacted on 0039 081 509 0398. Housing in Italy is very different than housing in the UK. Unlike the UK we live in Parco's, which are like mini housing estates sometimes comprising of only two or three houses. As with most Italian housing these are located behind a secure gate and perimeter fence. The houses are larger than the UK and most have downstairs toilets, balconies and large living spaces.

Single Living Accommodation

Most single personnel live in a town called Pinetamare or in Lago Patria. Please contact the Housing Office for more information on 0039 081 509 0398.

Schools

There is one British School situated in Lago Patria, which caters from 3 – 11 year olds. The Secondary School is an American High School, which is located in Gricignano approximately 25 minutes away. There is transport to and from these schools stopping off at various Parco's around the town. For more information please contact the HIVE.

Transport

Although there are public buses running though Lago Patria and Naples, they are not well sign posted and there does not seem to be a set bus timetable.

There is a shopper's bus put on by the unit, Wednesday to Gricignano and on Friday to JFC from and to the school and a selection of Parcos.

Trains around Naples and throughout Italy are quite good and reasonably priced. Driving in general takes a bit of getting used to, but it is a necessity.

Shopping

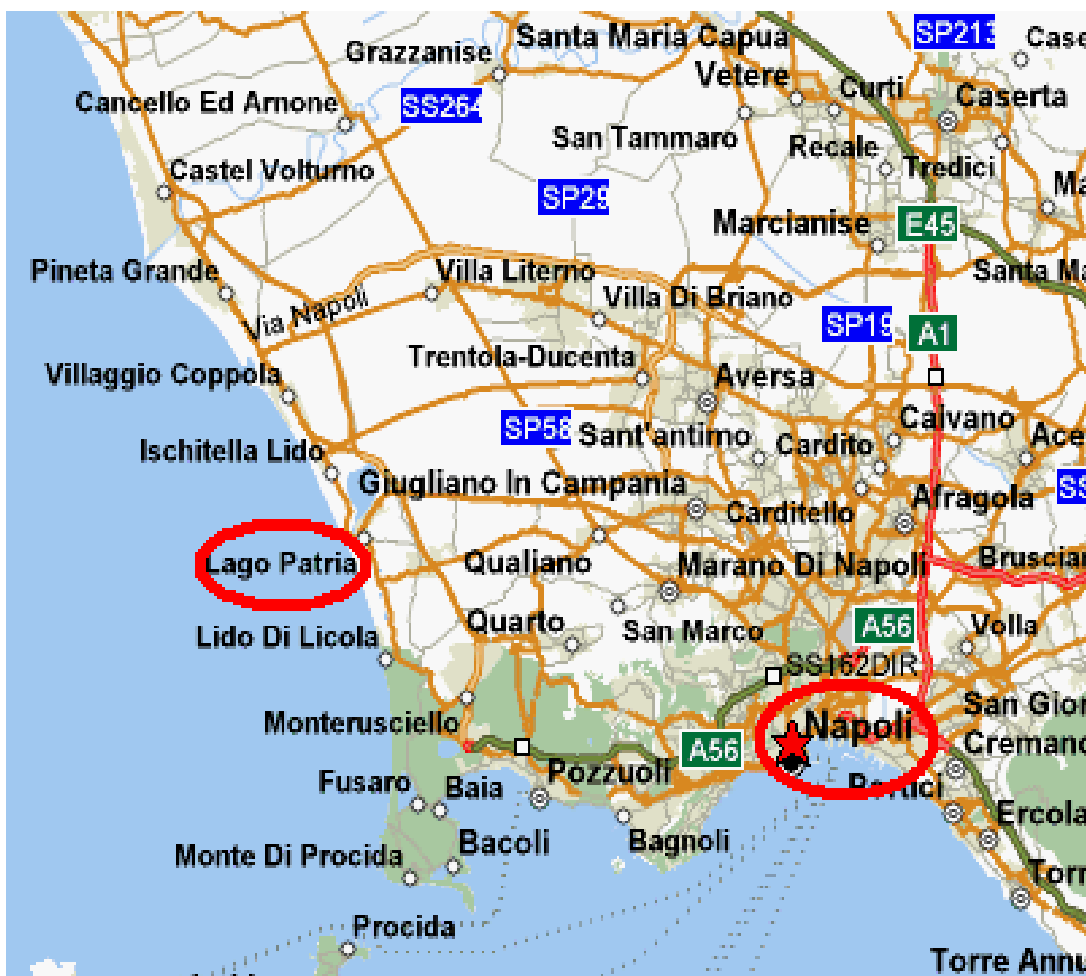
The NEX which is located at Gricignano is an American mall and sells just about everything you can ask for at a discount price. The NEX takes only American Dollars but there is a cash machine located inside the complex and you can change money at customer's services. There are also many Italian supermarkets and markets in the area. Contact the HIVE for directions.

Eating Out

Italy is wall-to-wall restaurants and pizza places. The HIVE has masses of information on where to eat out and information on local customs and how to tackle the language.

Healthcare

There is a British Medical Centre located at JFC Naples and a morning clinic at British Community Centre, Lago Patria. The British Dentist only visits JFC once every three months, but emergency treatments can be booked in at the Italian Dentist. Appointments can be made by calling the medical centre on 0039 081 721 2336.



For more information on JFC Naples and the surrounding area please contact the HIVE on:

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