

ITALY

EUROPE



Travel & Possession Permitted with Limited or No Restrictions



Summary

Medical cannabis is legal in Italy and strictly regulated. Travelers may bring small quantities of prescription-based medical cannabis if they have a valid Italian medical prescription and an import permit under Article 74 of DPR 309/90. However, bringing cannabis from abroad is prohibited, and recreational use remains illegal. Italy does allow low THC “cannabis light” products ($\leq 0.2\%$ THC), which are widely available but not considered medical-grade.

Background

Italy legalized medical cannabis in 2007. It is available by prescription only with prescriptions written by Italian-licensed doctors.

Cannabis for industrial use (cannabis light) with $\leq 0.2\%$ THC is legal to grow or sell.

State-produced (military-run) and privately imported medical cannabis is dispensed by pharmacies

Non-Medical Cannabis

Recreational consumption is illegal; possession in small amounts is decriminalized but may trigger administrative penalties like fines.

Cannabis light products are tolerated but carry very low THC; stronger cannabis is subject to enforcement. Unauthorized sale or cultivation is illegal and prosecuted.

Traveling to Italy with Medical Cannabis

- Obtain an import permit under Article 74 of DPR 309/90 and carry a valid Italian prescription for controlled medical cannabis.



- Bringing cannabis from abroad without authorization is illegal and likely to result in confiscation.
- Cannabis light ($\leq 0.2\%$ THC) can be purchased in Italy without prescription, but is not suitable for medical treatment purposes.

Steps to Take Before Departure:

- Obtain a valid prescription from your physician for medical cannabis, specifying dosage, duration, and product type.
- Ensure your prescription is recognized under Italian law (must meet the requirements outlined by the Italian Ministry of Health).
- Request a medical certificate from your doctor, preferably in Italian or accompanied by an official translation, detailing your diagnosis and treatment plan.
- Contact the Italian Ministry of Health to confirm import requirements, including whether you need a special import permit for personal medical cannabis use.
- Prepare documentation for customs inspection:
 - Original prescription
 - Doctor's medical certificate
 - Product packaging with pharmacy labeling
 - Proof of purchase from a licensed supplier
- Bring only the amount necessary for the duration of your stay, keeping all products in their original sealed containers.
- Keep copies of all documentation in both physical and digital format in case of loss or seizure.

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Practical Tips

- Bring a written medical prescription from Italy and a copy of your Article 74 import permit when traveling.
- If you only need cannabis light products, purchase them locally in Italy, no prescription or permit is required.
- Do not bring any high THC cannabis from abroad that violates Italian law.
- Keep cannabis light in original packaging, labeled with THC content.
- Always verify regional pharmacy stocks and check with Italian consulate if you are importing medical cannabis.

The information provided reflects the most current data available; however, as cannabis laws are continually evolving, this content should not be interpreted as legal advice.

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