

USAG Livorno Information Sheet for:

Air Force , Army, DOD and Civilian personel

Local Community: Livorno, population 180,000, is the second largest city in Toscana Region of Italy. It is located on the Tyrrhenian Sea and offers a full port facility with boating, beaches along the coast and great shopping areas. Pisa, famous for its leaning tower, is a great tourist area, and is the site of one of the oldest Universities in Europe as well as an International Airport. Camp Darby is located in a nature park area between the cities, close to the village of Tirrenia that has beautiful sand beaches (with an American MWR beach area). The entire Toscana region is a sightseeing haven, rich in art and architectural treasures, making day trips to Florence, Siena and Elba Island memorable and enjoyable experiences.

In-Processing: All newly assigned Air Force and Army personnel to Camp Darby will be offered government controlled quarters if available.

Army unaccompanied and Air Force personnel in grades E-1 to E-6 will be assigned barracks according to the Single Soldier Housing Concept. Do not ship your full allowance. Store most with your transportation office. If it does not fit into a barracks don't bring it. We will ship it back. Camp Darby barracks is under the First Sergeants Barracks Initiative (FSBI). Housing now has control over all barracks space assignment and termination work orders and sustainment of the building along with share holders (units leadership) keeping the barracks (SSH) clean. Camp Darby single soldier Housing is under the 1+1 concept. Private bedrooms, large built in closets common bathroom, common kitchen area. **Accompanied Air Force and Army personnel will be placed on the appropriate waiting list for government leased quarters based on grade and bedroom requirement.**

All government-controlled family housing at Camp Darby is leased housing in the community, within a 1-hour commute of Camp Darby. There are no on-post government owned family housing dwelling units at Camp Darby.

We DO NOT maintain separate waiting lists for specific housing areas for government controlled housing. You will be offered the first set of available quarters, regardless of location. If there are multiple dwelling units available at the same time within your grade and bedroom category you will be allowed a choice of location to be offered. There are no government controlled unaccompanied officer quarters or senior enlisted quarters at Camp Darby. All unaccompanied officers, senior enlisted personnel Army and Air Force and civilian employees whether accompanied or unaccompanied are required to seek private rental housing.

Community Housing: Government leased housing and private rental units vary in size and shape and consists of row houses which are a similar configuration to townhouses in the U.S., duplex units, single houses and stairwell apartments. Dwelling units in our government-leased inventory meet army space criteria, but generally, housing in Italy is

smaller than what is normally found in the United States. Parking and front/backyard space can be very limited. Stairwell apartments generally do not have individual yard areas but may have common yard areas in front or back of the facility.

Electricity: Voltage in Italy is 220-240v at 50 cycles (Asia 60 cycles). Example. If you are coming out of Japan, Korea, Okinawa they use 60 cycles, 220-240v. Your digital clock here will be 10 minutes off daily. Transformers are available at the Post Exchange and at the Thrift Shop (availability is sporadic), but can be expensive if purchased new. Recommend you purchase transformers at your installation Thrift Shop if possible and ship them. Also electrical capability within homes is not as extensive as in the United States –**The amount of electrical appliances (electrical load) that are able to run at one time will be less than you are most likely accustomed to. Excessive electrical loads are hazardous and can cause house wiring to fail.**

Furnishings: Air Force and Army personnel and eligible DOD government employees (usually hired from CONUS and eligible for LQA) are authorized furnishings support. Please do not ship any excess or large items, and **DO NOT SHIP APPLIANCES** if there is any way that you can avoid it. The Furnishings Management Office (FMO) will supply temporary furnishings until your Household Goods arrive and all appliances during your tour (washer, dryer, refrigerator and ranges). If you are authorized to reside in economy housing, Italian houses and apartments are generally **MUCH MUCH** smaller than American houses and apartments and space is VERY limited. **WHAT TO BRING?** Recommend you bring rugs, runners, and area rugs of any kind. FMO no longer issues rugs - leased quarters, and economy housing is not carpeted. Most often floor surface is ceramic tile with some wood floors or marble.