

INTERNATIONAL SOS

Italy: Sicily region: Anticipate residual travel disruption following eruption of Mount Etna volcano


OVERVIEW

Level:


Notice

Location:

Sicily - Italy

Category:

Volcanic eruption, Transport disruption

Active:

17 Feb 2021 - 22 Feb 2021

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The table below shows the number of impacted and potentially impacted individuals and assets at the date/time the alert was issued. The counts include individuals within the impact radius of the alert and may not reflect the total number of people in each area listed.

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EXPOSURE IN IMPACTED AREA ONLY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Catania	0	0	2	1
Catanzaro	5	5	0	5
Lamezia Terme	2	2	0	2
Palermo	0	0	1	1
Siracusa	0	0	1	1
TOTAL	6	6	3	8

EXPOSURE BY COUNTRY

Location	There Now	There in next 24 hours	There in next 1-7 days	There while the alert is active
Italy (Low Risk)	48	55	40	56

Plan journeys to Sicily region accounting for travel disruption **in the coming days** due to the recent eruption of Mount Etna on 16 February. The Department of Civil Protection raised the warning level for Etna to 'yellow' (the second-lowest on a four-tier scale) on 16 February following the eruption. Catania-Fontanarossa International Airport ([CTA](#)) resumed flight operations on 17 February after ash emissions caused its temporary closure. Roads in the area remain open and the local authorities have stated that nearby villages, towns and urban centres are not at risk.

WHAT WE ADVISED YOUR PEOPLE

Liaise with local contacts and consult the Department of Civil Protection [website](#) to remain apprised of the volcano's status and related warnings. Be prepared to adjust itineraries accordingly.


Abide by all directives issued by the emergency services.

Ensure that routes in the vicinity of Mount Etna are clear before setting out.

Reconfirm flight schedules at Catania-Fontanarossa International Airport before setting out. **We do not hold specific information on flights.** In the event of any cancellations, your travel agent will be able to assist with alternative arrangements.

Monitor our alerts on Italy for updates.

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