

Top 10 things to know and do before getting to Camp Darby (dorm residents)

Camp Darby, Italy

731st Munitions Squadron

- Contact your sponsor. Inbound personnel should contact their sponsor as soon as possible. Sponsors are helpful with any questions regarding, for most dorm residents, your first duty assignment. If you need a sponsor, e-mail 731muns.personnelactions@aviano.af.mil.
- Have uniforms in carry-on luggage. When traveling, pack one uniform complete with accessories in your carry-on luggage, just in case your luggage gets lost. This way you can ensure you report into your gaining unit in uniform.
- Directions to Darby. Most Airmen will be flying commercially into Pisa International Airport. Your sponsor or another designated member in your unit should pick you up; however, it is important to know [how to get to Camp Darby](#) just in case.
- Cell phones. The U.S. government cannot endorse specific companies or plans, but there are several available to military members stationed at Camp Darby. Many newcomers elect pay-as-you go plans until they have finished researching options compatible with their new homes. Some smart phones from the U.S., such as iPhones and **Androids, won't work unless they are "jail broken."**
- [Drivers license](#). Prior to coming to Camp Darby, Airmen are highly encouraged to obtain a U.S. driver's license. **This is required in order to receive an Armed Forces in Italy Driver's license.**
- Start saving for vehicle. Transportation is key during your assignment at Darby. If your budget allows and you are interested in driving, start saving for a vehicle now. All drivers must be insured.
- [Passport](#). Being stationed at Camp Darby affords members the opportunity to travel. **In most instances, travelers need a passport. If you don't have one, you must have the necessary documents, including a birth certificate, ready to apply.**
- Financial matters. Make sure to inform your bank that you will be living in Italy for **more than two years to ensure they don't close your account. Also, ensure you are aware of the dollar-euro exchange rate.**
- Pet restrictions. Pets are not allowed in the dormitory except for fish.
- Limited space in the dormitory. Your room in the dormitory includes a bedroom, closet, bathroom and a shared kitchen. Be aware that space is limited, so all your belongings prior to joining the military may not fit in your room.

