Ensuring Attendee Safety
COVID-19 and Updates on your GRC at Renaissance Tuscany Il Ciocco

How GRC is Supporting Your Health

GRC continues to monitor venue and state-wide practices, updating venue pages on a weekly basis. We are currently working with our venues to implement social distancing practices at our conferences in 2021 as needed.

As always, the health and safety of our communities are GRC’s highest priority, and we are working to ensure you’ll be able to join us safely and comfortably in 2021.

Renaissance Tuscany’s Commitment to You

- The venue has implemented several new cleaning practices, including:
  - Utilizing hospital-grade disinfectants in guest rooms and public spaces
  - Providing hand sanitizer stations are available at hotel entrances, front desks, elevators and in meeting spaces
  - Rolling out enhanced technologies including electrostatic sprayers to sanitize surfaces throughout the hotel

Italy’s Current Regulations
(as of April 8, 2021)

- The Italian government issued new restrictions, effective March 15 through April 6. Half of the country’s regions, including Rome and Milan, have been placed in the red zone of its color-coded map of Covid constraints. Areas in the red zone are effectively under lockdown, with all nonessential shops forced to close and individuals are only allowed to leave their homes for essential reasons. In orange zones, people are banned from leaving their town or region, except for work or health reasons, and bars and restaurants can only offer delivery and takeaway. A curfew from 10 p.m. to 5 a.m. is in effect for all regions, except for those in the white zone. The entire country will placed under the red-zone restrictions over Easter weekend
  - Information about Traveling to Italy

- Currently, the US has a Global Level 4 Health Advisory advising U.S. citizens to avoid all international travel due to COVID-19. More information can be found here.
  - Masks are now required by law to be worn outdoors.
ARRIVAL AND CHECK-IN

Pisa Airport G. Galilei (PSA): Located 44 miles south of hotel
Florence Amerigo Vespucci Airport (FLR): Located 65 miles south of hotel

GRC Chartered Bus: You can reserve a spot on the bus through your MyGRC account and find details about the bus here: http://www.grc.org/sites.aspx?id=10.
Rental Car: GRC receives discounted rates with Enterprise or National Rental Car via contract ID XZ49019. Enterprise has a Clean Car Pledge to combat the spread of COVID-19.

Taxi: Reservations can be made by contacting reception@renaissancetuscany.com
Train: Barga-Gallicano station is approximately three miles from the hotel. Visit www.Trenitalia.com to make reservations.

GRC Check-in is from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm in the hotel lobby.
• Visit the front desk if you arrive outside of standard check-in hours.
• GRS check-in is from 2:00pm—5:00pm on Saturday

The GRC office is located in the Congressi building in the L’Usignolo Suite.

ACCOMMODATIONS AND HOTEL AMENITIES

Conferees stay in standard guest rooms with one king or two twin beds.
• Air-conditioned
• Non-smoking
• Private Bathrooms
• Complimentary Wi-Fi throughout the hotel
• Coffee / tea in room, hairdryer and in-room safe
• Poster printing available – contact info@fotopastrengo.it for information

Il Ciocco’s Commitment to You
• Hospital-grade disinfectants utilized in all private and public spaces
• Hand sanitizer stations throughout the hotel
• Enhanced cleaning technologies like electrostatic sprayers for sanitization

Amenities:
• Pool
• Fitness center
• On-site parking
• Business Center
• Spa
• Mobility accessible

PLANNING YOUR VISIT

Dress is Casual
Bring a relaxed wardrobe and comfortable shoes. Please check the weather forecast and plan to bring a raincoat and or light jacket for outside activities.

Activities
Once you arrive on-site, you can sign up for various afternoon activities. Cooking and fitness classes are available on property. A cheese-making tour, La Grotta del Vento tour and a trip to the walled city of Lucca are just a sampling of the off-site activities.

HEALTH AND SAFETY

Renaissance Tuscany is located within 15 minutes of hospital facilities.

COVID-19 Safety Recommendations
Cloth face coverings are required by law in public spaces, and highly recommended by health officials.

Information and updates from the Italian government can be found here.

MEALS

All meals are served buffet style in La Veranda Restaurant. Vegetarian and gluten free selections are provided at all meals.

SCIENCE AND POSTER SESSIONS

GRC Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in the Congressi building in Salon Pascoli.

GRS Science Sessions and Poster Sessions are held in L’Ora di Barga.
Poster board dimensions are 4 feet X 4 feet.

DEPARTURES

Breakfast is available on Friday morning from 7:30 am to 8:30 am.
Hotel check-out is at 11:00 am.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ARE AVAILABLE AT WWW.GRC.ORG