

Travel information for IODP Expedition 401 Mediterranean-Atlantic Gateway Exchange

The information provided herein was prepared by the IODP Travel Office to assist you and/or your organization in arranging travel for your participation in the cruise. We respectfully ask that you take the time to become thoroughly familiar with this information as soon as you receive it.

TRAVEL FUNDING

As a reminder, you and your funding organization will be responsible for the following:

- 1) Travel expenses en route to and from the ship, including airfare, lodging, meals, taxis, and other miscellaneous expenses.
- 2) Airline reservations - all reservations must be arranged through your travel agency or organization's travel office. U.S. funded participants should contact the U.S. Science Support Program for assistance with booking flights.
- 3) All costs associated with obtaining required visas.

EXPEDITION DATES

10 December 2023: Ship at dock in Amsterdam for a 3-day port call.

10 December 2023: All scientists (inc. co-chiefs) should arrive in Amsterdam no later than this date.

11 December 2023: Scientists (inc. co-chiefs) and technical staff transfer to the ship.

All members of the science party are expected to board the ship on the above date. A later arrival date must be cleared with the JOIDES Resolution Science Operator (JRSO) Expedition Project Manager, as the ship sails when ready.

9 February 2024: The ship is scheduled to arrive in Napoli, Italy

All members of the science party disembark and go through immigration before noon. At this time, we do not know how long it will take to clear immigration. It is your choice to book a flight out later in the day on 9 February (can be risky and stressful) or spend the night in a hotel and fly out on 10 February (recommended) or later.

PORT AGENT AND JRSO CONTACTS IN AMSTERDAM, THE NETHERLANDS

Port agent:

DHSS
Gerwin Dobma
Monnickendamkade 19, 1976 EC IJMUIDEN
+0031 223 614700 (24/7)
agencies@dhss.nl

NOTE: Do not ship freight to the port agent without first contacting JRSO logistics services.

College Station logistics contact:

Tyrone Brashear
+1 979-845-2113
logistics@iodp.tamu.edu

Local JRSO contact at port call in Amsterdam:

Tim Bronk (IODP Marine Logistics Coordinator)
Phone: +1-979-695-8160
bronk@iodp.tamu.edu

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VISA INFORMATION

Check with your local consulate or embassy for visa requirements.

VISAS:

The Netherlands: <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/netherlands/visa/>
Italy: <https://www.schengenvisainfo.com/italy/visa/>

If your nationality requires a visa to enter The Netherlands or Italy, the standard rule is to apply at least 20 days before your trip. However, we strongly recommend that you apply for visas as soon as your flights are scheduled.

U.S. Visa Holders - Non-U.S. participants who hold U.S. visas, such as an H1B, J1, or TN, and who plan to return to the U.S., should ensure that their visas do not expire during the cruise. ***IODP will not be liable for any costs incurred to participants as a result of inadequate or expired visas.***

Failure to meet each country’s visa requirements may prohibit the boarding and disembarking of shipboard personnel and is subject to immigration detention.

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PASSPORT INFORMATION

Everyone sent their passport to Donna when they accepted the invitation to sail, but please check that your passport does not expire within 6 months of the expedition. Passports are required for all participants because the ship is **Cyprus** registered. **Passport information MUST be sent to IODP** – IODP is required to forward this information to the agents in the port cities prior to your arrival to satisfy Customs & Immigrations requirements, and to facilitate your entry into the country and your embarking/disembarking the ship. If you have not already sent this information to Donna Hoover (hoover@iodp.tamu.edu), please do so at your earliest convenience.

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LETTER OF INTRODUCTION

This letter explains the purpose of your travel and should be used only if questioned by officials en-route to your destination. A letter will be sent electronically to each participant closer to your departure.

HOTEL INFORMATION

Amsterdam, The Netherlands – December 2023

Valk Hotel Oostzaan - Amsterdam

Located at: Westeinde (verl. Stellingweg) 1, 1511MA Oostzaan

Phone: +31 (0)20 820 7600

<https://www.hoteloostzaan-amsterdam.nl/en/>

Group rate: EUR163.50 (Approx. USD180) includes breakfast, service tax and VAT, excludes city tax.

To guarantee reservation in the room block, use booking code IODP2023 at <https://www.hoteloostzaan-amsterdam.nl/en/discount-page/iodp/book-now/>. The dates for the room block are 9 December – 11 December.

Availability is very limited. Please reserve your room as soon as possible.

Check-in time from 2 PM - 6:00 PM. If you are planning to arrive after 5:30 PM, please contact the property in advance using the information on the booking confirmation. Early check-in depends on room availability, and the only way to guarantee early check-in is to reserve the night before. Checkout is 12 PM.

NOTE: Valk Hotel Oostzaan will be the meeting location for the shuttle transport to the ship on 11 December.

HOTEL INFORMATION

NAPOLI, ITALY – FEBRUARY 2024

To be determined.

GROUND TRANSPORTATION

Airport to hotel: Transfer from the airport to the hotel is your responsibility. We recommend a taxi rather than public transportation.

The hotel is 15.5 miles from Amsterdam Schiphol Airport and the journey takes approximately 20 minutes by taxi. Taxi fare costs around US \$75-90.

Hotel to ship: On the morning of 11 December, the JRSO will provide a group shuttle from the Valk Hotel Oostzaan through immigration and to the JR. Departure from the Valk Hotel Oostzaan will be at 10 AM unless further notice closer to the port call.

Ship to hotel: Upon arrival in Napoli on 9 February, the JRSO will provide a shuttle through immigration (if required) and to the group hotel.

Hotel to airport: Transfers from the hotel to the airport are your responsibility.

FLIGHT INFORMATION

IODP is required to provide the Port Agent with a complete Travel Manifest. This is mandatory for Immigration Notification. Without advance notification, entry may be denied. Once your flight arrangements are confirmed, please provide an electronic copy of your flight itinerary for both port calls to:

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