Driving in Italy: the ZTL checklist

How to avoid the fines that arrive at your home months after the trip

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Before you leave

- [ ] Check if your hotel is inside a ZTL (ask them directly).
- [ ] If it is: send the hotel your exact plate number at least 24–48 h before arrival, so they register it with the city.
- [ ] Rental car? Get the plate from the booking and send it as soon as you pick up the car.
- [ ] Look up a car park just outside each historic centre you plan to visit.
- [ ] Check the official ZTL hours of each city on its comune website.
- [ ] Save this checklist on your phone.

On the road



The ZTL sign: a white circle with a red border and the words "Zona Traffico Limitato". Below it, a light panel: VARCO ATTIVO = zone active, do not enter · VARCO NON ATTIVO = open.

- [ ] Don't trust your GPS: navigation apps can route you straight through an active gate.
- [ ] If your destination is inside the old town, stop outside the walls and walk.
- [ ] Entered by mistake? Note the time and place. In a few cities, an emergency entry can be reported to the local police within 48–72 h.

Hours in the most visited cities (checked November 2026)

City	When the main ZTL is active
Florence	Mon–Fri 7:30–20:00, Sat 7:30–16:00; summer nights Thu–Sat 23:00–3:00
Rome	Centro Storico Mon–Fri 6:30–18:00, Sat 14:00–18:00; nights Fri–Sat 23:00–3:00 (not August)
Milan	Area C Mon–Fri 7:30–19:30, €7.50 daily ticket
Bologna	Every day 7:00–20:00, including weekends
Turin	Mon–Fri 7:30–10:30
Naples	Several zones; most central gates every day 9:00–17:00 or 9:00–18:00
Siena · Verona · Pisa · Lucca	Treat the historic centre as closed unless your hotel registers your plate

Hours change with seasons, holidays and events. Always confirm on the city's official website. Full map: ricorsovelox.it/ztl-map.html

After the trip

- [ ] A ZTL fine can arrive up to a year after your trip, often 6–12 months later. Keep the envelope: its date matters.
- [ ] Don't pay straight away if you think the fine is wrong. In Italy, paying usually ends your right to appeal.
- [ ] Got several fines for the same zone on the same day? Since December 2024 the law allows only one per day.

Got a fine from Italy? Send us a photo at **ricorsovelox.it**. Within 24 hours we tell you what Italian law says about your case and prepare your appeal if there are grounds. From €19.90.

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