

LA MERIDIANA

International School of Ceramics in Tuscany

Forma - Ceramic Residency

Application

Applications are on-going but must be presented at least three months before the start of the stay. Please do send a short letter of application, a short description of the work you intend to undertake, a short CV and up to 10 images of your work to claudia@lameridiana.fi.it

Length of stay

The time of a residency can vary from a minimum of 3 weeks to 8 weeks or more.

Costs

Studio and Apartment

Cost of initial 3 weeks	2000 €
Cost per any extra week	500 €

The cost includes the following:

- Private Studio space
- Private Lodging
- Basic transportation services
- Weekly cleaning of the apartment
- Basic technical assistance

Not included:

- Clay
- Firings
- Heating cost
- Personal insurance

Clays

	by kilogram	size bag
Low fire clays (Terracotta, Maiolica, Galestro)	1€	20 Kg
Two high fire clays	1,50€	
Raku clay	1,50€	20 Kg
Porcelain	3,00€	20 Kg

Glazes

The cost is included in the firing costs.

Firings

The cost is determined considering costs for fuel, maintenance and technical assistance. When possible, kilns may be shared.

Gas Kilns

Laser Bisq (370 litre)	€ 100
Laser High-fire	€ 180
Icaro Bisq (180 litre)	€ 60
Icaro High-fire	€ 100
Raku	€ 40
Soda	€ 300

Electric kilns

Small (100 litre)	€ 100
Larger (190 litre)	€180

Other

Wood firing	to be agreed
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Additional Information

Payment and Cancellation Policy

When your Residency space has been confirmed you will be requested to pay a 30 % deposit. The balance will be due at the beginning of the stay. Cancellations will have the following refunds: 50% of deposits paid, provided that they are made 30 days prior to the start of the workshop. No refunds of deposit after 30 days cut-off date.

Safety and Insurance

Although La Meridiana has a general insurance you are advised to take an international health and accident insurance during your stay. As a guest of La Meridiana you will be responsible for your own personal safety. If you cause damage to the facilities or equipment you are required to sustain the costs of it

Food

A complete, delicious lunch with wine and dessert is freshly prepared on all working days by our chef. Residents may choose to participate to these lunches sharing good company and excellent food with the participants of the workshops. The three course lunches include also wine and coffee, cost for the five meals of one week is of 100 euros. Local grocery shopping for breakfast and evening meals is available in Certaldo. One restaurant is at walking distance and many other nearby restaurants or pizzerias are good options for exploring the Tuscan cuisine.

Getting around

Many artists find this valuable time to experiment and investigate new directions in their work. Visiting the near surroundings and taking field trips to art towns like Florence, Siena, Rome and many others will provide additional stimulus. Our staff will be able to help arrange transfers by taxi and train. Occasionally there may be the possibility to join field trips of the workshop groups. Shuttles to nearby town Certaldo, for shopping or from where to take the train will be provided two times a week, at agreed times. For complete liberty of movement you may consider to rent a Vespa or a car for a few days.

Shipping La Meridiana will help to make arrangements for shipping work home through Mailboxes Shipping company. An average cost for shipping a box of 50 x 50 x 50 cm (1,5 feet x 1,5 feet x 1,5 feet) to the US is of about 80 – 120 euro, to Europe of about 50 – 80 €. To other countries an estimates can be provided.

Money

You will be able to pay or withdraw cash with your Visa or Mastercard.

Climate

Tuscany has the good fortune of Mediterranean climate, with each season offering a different aspect of weather. Winters are short and the temperatures rarely drop below freezing point. Spring and fall do have many sunny days with a pleasant and mild climate. July and August are the hottest month, due to the geographical position in the hills, there is almost always a breeze to make the climate absolutely bearable.

Visa

For those coming from countries that do request a Visa, we advise to apply for a Tourist Visa, which will allow you to stay in Italy and/or Europe up to 90 days. For detailed information you

should check with your in-country embassy. La Meridiana will provide documentation of your payments including the lodging and address, but may not assist otherwise in the Visa process.