

LA MERIDIANA

International Centre of Ceramics in Tuscany

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October 2nd – 15th 2016



Outline of the Programme

Changes may occur due to ceramic needs! We'll be flexible

Day	Activities	Notes
Sunday 2	Arrival by 6 p.m. Distribution of rooms	Welcome Dinner in Bagnano A good night rest
Monday 3	Introduction to workshop. Demos	8:30 am Breakfast at La Meridiana. Introduction to the studio, facilities and surroundings 12:30 pm Lunch 2:00 pm Shopping for food in Certaldo Dinner on your own
Tuesday 4	Demos Raku Firing	12:30 pm Lunch After an overview of entire process, students will do a collaborative exercise on bisqueware (provided by Kate & Will) 6:30 pm Visit Barberino medieval town . Wine tasting and light dinner with organic products
Wednesday 5	Making	12:30 pm Lunch 5: pm Cooking lesson and dinner (optiona add on)
Thursday 6	Making	12:30 pm Lunch Studio open late until 9:30 pm – Pizza service available
Friday 7	Making	12:30 pm Lunch
Saturday 8	Making	12:30 pm Lunch 5:30 pm Evening visit to Certaldo Alto . Visit Maiolica studio. Dinner at Certaldo Alto Dinner on your own
Sunday 9	Free day	Free day or independent trip to Florence or Siena . Shuttle to the train station will be provided Lunch on your own

Monday 10	Bisque Firing	Day trip to Impruneta and Chianti region.
Tuesday 11	Glazing/Firing	12:30 pm Lunch
Wednesday 12	Glazing/Firing	12:30 lunch 2:30 pm. San Gimignano and studio visit at Franco Balducci's.
Thu13rday	Glazing/Firing/Painting	12:30 lunch Studio visit to Terry Davies pottery.
Friday 14	Painting/Packing	Farwell pizza dinner.
Sat15urday	Bye bye	Shuttles to Certaldo train station provided r Taxis may be arranged to other locations.

Cost

The total cost of the course is **2300 Euro**; Single price supplement: 280 Euros.

Spouses are welcome. They are entitled to everything offered by La Meridiana as in the agreement except what pertains workshop and ceramic activities. The cost for a non- clay participant is **1500 Euro**.

Price includes

- Tuition
- All materials and firings
- Lodging in double room (*single room on request, add 280 Euro*)
- All lunches on the working days
- Wine and Gourmet tasting
- Coffee breaks
- Welcome dinner, Farwell dinner
- Independent day trips to Siena and Florence
- S. Gimignano and visit studio artist
- Majolica demo and studio visits
- Studio visits to Italian Clay artists
- Ground transportation while at La Meridiana

Not Included

- Airfare
- Insurance

Booking

A booking fee of 400 Euro is requested at booking. For booking procedure please contact info@lameridiana.fi.it

Balance within two month before the beginning of the course

Travel

Arrival 3 - 7pm, Sunday October 2nd. Departure Saturday October 15, within 11 am. Complete travel information will be given after sign up. Meridiana will provide transportation to and from the train station for those taking the train from Pisa or Florence, as well as ground transportation during the workshop. Airport pick up may be arranged at an extra cost.

Accommodation is in the apartments of a Tuscan farmhouse, which has been restored to simple comfort. Double room with shared bathroom and cooking facilities. Towels and Linen is furnished. It is a short 5-minute walk from the studio. Upgraded lodging in private apartments upon request.



morning and afternoon.

Wine tasting We will sample the world- The group will have the benefit of an the fundamentals of wine and gourmet been called *the chocolate valley*; we will make sure to check if this title is deserved.

Food

The welcome dinner at the beginning of the workshop is the opportunity to get to know your fellow group members and to get a first insight in Tuscany's delightful cuisine.



A freshly prepared Tuscan gourmet lunch will keep your energy high and your taste buds happy. There will be also be coffee break with tea, coffee and biscotti (Italian cookies) in the

renowned wines of the area. sommelier to introduce you to tasting. Recently Tuscany has

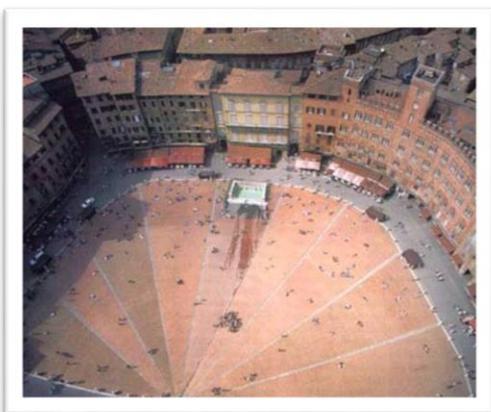
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Extravergin olive oil

No other aliment in the Mediterranean culture represents the concepts of history, culture, reassurance, pleasure, conviviality, respect of traditions all that goes beyond feeding ourselves. It is the local gold, treasured for its nutritional, salutary and culinary virtues. We will discover the virtues and organoleptic properties. Local honey will be a further aliment to learn about.

Certaldo alto, atop of a hill is the birthplace of Giovanni Boccaccio, author of the ironic masterpiece "Decamerone". It's medieval atmosphere is still intact. We will see painting of the traditional Italian Majolic



Siena. There is time for an independent day trip to one of Italy's most enchanting cities. Its profusion of churches and small museums harbor a wealth of artwork, though equally your day can be effectively filled by simply wandering the snarled lanes of the historic center, a Unesco World Heritage Site.

Impruneta A historical ceramic town, sitting on top of the best terracotta clay of Tuscany. The thousands of bricks needed to build Brunelleschi's duomo have been produced here, also the big bellied olive oil terra cotta jars and flower pots. We will visit a historical production place.



Chianti The word conjures up gentle hills clad with vineyards and glasses brimming with good wine. On a day trip we will enjoy the beauty and bounty of the heartland of the Chianti region.



San Gimignano The medieval town is a short drive from La Meridiana. Known for its gelato as well as its stunning towers, the “Medieval Manhattan” is a beautiful setting in which to eat, shop, relax, and explore.



Cooking lesson You may spend a lovely afternoon learning to cook Tuscan and other regional specialities of Italy, right here at La Meridiana. Our well equipped kitchen, the fresh ingredients and first of all Lucia, a born-and bred-Florentine, with her wide experience, skill and friendliness will make this an unforgettable experience, even more rewarding since you will share the exquisite dinner you have prepared, accompanied by a selection of wines.

Studio At La Meridiana the studio is open for working 8am-8pm;

Studio artists We will visit several studio artists who live in the near surroundings.

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