



LA MERIDIANA

International School for Ceramics in Tuscany

CERAMIC RESIDENCY AT LA MERIDIANA

Explore new ideas in the cradle of the Renaissance

La Meridiana's studios that are busy all year round with workshops taught by internationally renowned artists and attended by students from all over the world. One independent studio and private apartment are reserved for ceramic residents and can be used by one artist at the time.

The Residency program is open for ceramists and potters interested in working independently in a creative environment. Artists, professional potters and ceramic enthusiasts are equally welcome to work in the independent studio and stay in the private apartment, for any length of time from two weeks to two month.

Tuscany with its unique history and culture offers powerful stimulus to explore and experiment new directions. For additional information about costs and for booking please contact us at info@lameridiana.fi.it

Living and Studio space

The living and working accommodation for the resident is situated 20 meters from the main studio and therefore offers the ideal conditions for concentrated work and privacy without isolation.

The completely private apartment has a kitchen with cooking facilities and a comfortable bedroom with a king size bed. The ample bathroom comprises a washing machine.



Kitchen



Bedroom

Independent metered heating is available during the cold season. The traditional, insulating building technique and vans guarantee comfortable living and working conditions in the summer. Sheets, linen and cleaning service once a week are included.

Length of stay

The length of a residency can vary from a minimum of 3 weeks to 9 weeks or more. Time slots are of 3 weeks each. Please contact us about the availability of time slots.

Materials and Equipment

The studio is equipped with a Shimo Whisper. Artists are advised to bring their own personal working tools. Clays available vary from terracotta to stoneware and porcelain. There is full access to La Meridiana's large selection of standard slips and glazes. Firings can range from low to high temperature, oxidation or reduction, gas. Soda and wood firing are possible only in conjunction with someone else firing, due to the size of the kiln. Packing the kiln and firing assistance is included in the firing cost.



The studio



Shimo Whisper Wheel

Assistance

Basic technical assistance for familiarizing with the facilities and materials is included. Artists should then be able to work independently. If needed, extra assistance is available at an hourly cost.

Application

Applications are on-going. Please do send a letter of application including the description of the work you intend to undertake, the materials envisaged to use, a short CV and up to 10 images of your work.

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 one month before your stay.

Cancellations will have the following refunds:

50% of deposits paid, provided that they are made 30 days (at 12.00 CET) prior to the start of the stay.

50% of moneys paid if made later than 30 days (at 12.00 CET) prior to the start of the stay.

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 €.

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.

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

Do not hesitate to contact us about any question you might have at info@lameridiana.fi.it



The private Garden



Aerial View