

CASA DE YOKAVIL



CERAMIC RESIDENCY at CATAMARCA, ARGENTINA.

The main objectives of the CASA DE YOKAVIL program are research into Native American ceramics, artistic creation, and education.



Since 2019, it has offered residencies and workshops for national and international ceramists, artists, managers, and archaeologists who wish to learn pre-Hispanic and traditional archaeological ceramic techniques.

Location: The space is located in the Calchaquí Valley, Catamarca Province, Argentina, South America.

The guesthouse and workshop are located on a rural farm, in a valley with native forest surrounded by mountains and rivers, in the heart of northwestern Argentina with views of the Andes mountain range.

This location is strategic due to its beauty and natural resources, with important clay quarries, and the cultural richness of the region, with a tradition of artisans with pre-Hispanic roots.



Proposal: To make pottery using pre-Hispanic techniques, reproducing the complete process of creating a piece, from beginning to end. This involves exploring the landscape, identifying raw materials, collecting them, and processing them in the workshop. Ceramic manufacturing is manual, and colors are prepared by hand using clays and mineral pigments. Firing is done in wood-fired kilns.





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The program includes hikes in natural settings, visits to archaeological sites, and traditional villages.

The program promotes respect for the environment and the pursuit of a sustainable space that embraces the vision and participation of the area's inhabitants, integrating them into social, cultural, and economic activities.



Residencies at CASA DE YOKAVIL provide training in theoretical aspects, technical processes, ancestral burning methods, applied research, and creative work, with personalized instructor support throughout the process. Raw materials, tools, and firing are included.



The workshop or studio has a large workspace with natural lighting and an outdoor area with raw material processing areas and wood-fired ceramic kilns.



Modalities:

Individually creation residency: up to 3 participants. Duration: 2 weeks to 1 month.



Amenities: The resident house is an adobe building, offering three bedrooms with private bathrooms plus an 80-square-meter kitchen and multipurpose space. Wi-Fi is available.

The outdoor recreation and work space consists of a garden area and a 3-hectare (7.5-acre) nature reserve with native forest between the Santa Maria River and the hills.



Resident expectations: to experience training, research, and creation in a space surrounded by nature.

Applications: Those interested are asked to submit a proposal for a specific project to be developed during their stay at CASA DE YOKAVIL.

Applications have been examined and selected for their feasibility, prioritizing projects that engage with the environmental, historical, or cultural context of the Andean region. For more information, please contact us at the following links:

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