

FAQ [MuSaBa.org](http://Musaba.org)

Where is MuSaBa?

MuSaBa (the Museum of Santa Barbara) is located in Calabria, in the south of Italy. It's picturesque landscape is comprised of many small farms dotting the neighboring hills and mountains, along with two rivers flowing across the surrounding territory. Mammola, a small charming village from the year 1000, is only a 1km walk from MuSaBa.

Who should apply ?

MuSaBa is beneficial for anyone who would like a hands-on learning experience. Previous artistic, architectural construction experience is not a prerequisite for participation in our program. Due to MuSaBa's relatively isolated location, people interested in going out in the evenings should not participate. We aim for life at MuSaBa to be peaceful and communal, much like it's original monastic predecessors.

What are the accommodations like ?

In general, accommodations are simple on the grounds of MuSaBa. There are a variety of living spaces that are equipped with electricity, bathrooms, and simple beds. There is neither air conditioning nor central heating, so participants must prepare accordingly. Housing is bordered by our Mediterranean Art Gardens, the river Torbido, and the archaeological site. A Foresteria (residence) is under construction at MuSaBa. By 2004, we will be able to host at least 20 persons.

What is the schedule?

Monday through Saturday mornings.

What is a typical working day like?

Morning

Breakfast at 7.00am. (times vary by 30min - 1hr depending on the season.)

Morning Activities 8:00am – 12:00pm

Lunch: 12:30pm

Afternoon

4:00-6:00pm (times vary by 1hr depending on the season.)

Dinner: 8.00pm

Curfew: 11.00pm.

How much work is done for the maintenance of the Park and Art works?

We manage an olive orchard of 450 trees, orange and lemon trees, a vineyard, and small vegetable garden. Periodically, participants may assist in the care and harvest of these and other crops. Occasional construction and restoration of art monuments and other structures on the MuSaBa grounds.

Do I have to do clean up and chores?

Yes. Everyone is expected to help out. For hygiene reasons we hold high expectations for orderliness/cleanliness of the kitchen/patio, bathrooms and living quarters. In addition, working tools and brushes must be washed thoroughly and kept tidy.

What is the weather like ?

In general, March, April, May (approx. 18-22 C° / 65 – 70 F°)

June, July, August, September (approx. 30+°C / 85+ F°)

October-November (15 –18 °C / 60-65F°)

Please bring clothes that correspond with the season. It can rain, so also be prepared for mud.

What should I bring?

Comfortable work-construction clothes (i.e. work boots and gloves), sleeping bag according to the season, sunscreen, hats, visors, personal hygienic items (soap, shampoo, towels, etc.), flashlight, books, musical instruments, good stories or other sources of entertainment.

Good humor, flexibility, and an open-mind.

What if I have a food allergy or special diet?

Because all meals are cooked for groups, special food diets and allergies cannot be accommodated.



Do I have to speak Italian?

No. As long as you are willing to learn and have patience, communication is not a problem. Italian, English, French, and Dutch are spoken here.

Comunication

Phone/fax and e-mail access only in case emergency, use mail, local phones or bring your mobile.

Pocket money

Bring Euros or International credit card (Visa, Mastercard, Eurocard) (no change or travel cheques in local banks).

Where can I do my laundry?

All clothing other than pants are expected to be washed by hand (the "Foresteria" will be equipped with laundry service).

Do you have any pets?

Yes. We have 2 dogs (Kali & Bubi), 1 cat (Zoe), a few chickens and ducks. All are friendly and harmless.

Policies

Possession or use of illegal substances and excessive use of alcohol is not permitted at MuSaBa. Smoking is allowed only outdoors. Firearms are not permitted anywhere on MuSaBa's property. Workshop participants may not bring pets.

Are there shopping centers or markets nearby ?

The closest shopping center is in a nearby town (Gioiosa Jonica) which can be reached by bus. There is also a large Sunday open-air market in Gioiosa Jonica.

How far are you from the sea?

10km from the Ionian Sea.

There are also many hiking trails nearby.

Confirmation

Participants must confirm participation directly to MuSaBa (email, phone or fax) 6 days before starting date.

Arrival -Departure

ARRIVAL : MONDAY MORNING 8.20 AT GIOIOSA JONICA STATION.

DEPARTURE : FRIDAY EVENING/SATURDAY MORNING

How can I get to MuSaBa

1. Take only flights to Rome. Don't take flights to Reggio Calabria, Lametia Terme, Naples or Sicily.
2. Before taking the daily train (7-8 hrs) from Roma Termini, give us a call.
3. Train to take: direct train **Roma Termini 11.10pm - Reggio Calabria** (Naples, Lametia Terme, Catanzaro, Roccella), arrival at **Marina Gioiosa Jonica 08.30am** (your stop) make sure that you are in the carriages that go to Roccella
4. It is in your best interest to follow these directions, otherwise you will get lost. Please note that we will NOT come to pick at any place other than the station in M.G.J.

If you have any questions about this procedure, give us a call. We'll be happy to help you.

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