

# FAQ MuSaBa.org

## Where is MuSaBa?

MuSaBa (the Museum of Santa Barbara) is located in Calabria, in the south of Italy. Its 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. We request that any and all seriously motivated artists apply for this unique opportunity to be stretched and challenged. All interested candidates should be prepared to do hard work that may be physically demanding. Such work might include the following types of manual work: tool operation, construction activities, and natural stone building and/or carving. Painters must be familiar with working on large surfaces. Artists may bring assistants to better facilitate the orchestration of their artistic creations.

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 its 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 22 persons.

## 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 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: 12:30 – 1.00pm

Afternoon

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

Dinner: 8.00pm

Curfew: 11.00pm.

## What should I bring?

Comfortable work-construction clothes (i.e. work boots and gloves), sleeping bag, 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.

## 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).

## 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.

## 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 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 you have any pets?**

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

#### **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.

#### **Communication**

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).

#### **How far are you from the sea?**

10km from the Ionian Sea.

#### **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**

Airports: Lametia Terme, Reggio Calabria (rent a car)

By train:

1. Before taking the daily train (7-8 hrs) from Roma Termini, give us a call.
2. 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
3. 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.*

**[More info at www.musaba.org](http://www.musaba.org)**