

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

Where is MuSaBa?

It's located in Calabria, in the south of Italy. It's surrounded by mountains and natural areas of beauty. There are many small farms in the area, as well as two rivers which cut across the land. Mammola, a small picturesque village from the year 1000, a 1km walk from MuSaBa - Museo Santa Barbara.

Who should apply ?

MuSaBa is beneficial for anyone who would like a (hands-on) learning experience. Due to MuSaBa's relatively isolated position, people interested in going out in the evenings, should not participate. We aim for life at MuSaBa 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 spaces that are equipped with electricity, 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 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 clothes (i.e. work boots and gloves), sunscreen, hats, visors, personal hygienic items (soap, shampoo, etc.), flashlight, books, musical instrument, good stories or other source 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).

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, guests may assist in the care and harvest of these and other crops. Periodically interventions and restoring of the monumental art works and other structures on the MuSaBa grounds.

Are there shopping centers or markets nearby ?

The closest shopping center is in another 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 clean up?

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 the meals are cooked for groups, special food diets and allergies can not be accommodated.

Do you have any pets?

Yes. We have 2 dogs (Kali & Buby)), 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.

How far are you from the sea?

10km from the Ionian Sea.
There are also many hiking trails nearby.

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).

Confirmation

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

How can I get to MuSaBa

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

BY TRAIN:

Roma Termini: direct train **Roma 11.10pm-Reggio Calabria** (Naples, Lametia Terme, Catanzaro, Roccella), **Marina Gioiosa Jonica 08.20am** (your stop) make sure that you are in the carriages that go to Roccella.

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