

# Accommodation & How to get here

## Location

The pottery courses take place in the Ligurian mountain village of Montecalvo, surrounded by olive groves, with stunning views of the Apennine foothills.

**My pottery on Google maps:** <https://g.page/lisa-meixner-arte-ceramica?share>

Accommodation is offered in partnership with the **B&B // Calderone**, a short distance by car from my studio in the neighbouring village of Ubaga. For most participants - especially for those who are travelling without a car - the **B&B // Calderone** is the best option. **Please note:** the payment for **the accommodation** is separate from the course booking and **is not included in the course fee.**

I will be happy to translate and forward your reservation request to the owners of the B&B. The payment of the accommodation is due at your arrival (Check-In).

For small groups or families I can recommend the **holiday apartment Ca di Fera** in Ubaga.

If you would like to treat yourself to a special stay please have a look at the **boutique hotel // Salotto di Lavina**.

In addition to the road the villages of Ubaga and Montecalvo are connected by a foot path. It takes about 45 mins to walk through the woods from the B&B to my studio.

**There are no shops or restaurants directly in our villages.** From Montecalvo it is a 10-minute drive to the main village of Borghetto d'Arroschia and a 20-minute drive to the traditional market town of Pieve di Teco with bakeries, grocery stores, a pharmacy, bars, cafés, pizzerias and restaurants.

In the valley there are several beauty spots on the Arroschia River with natural pools for swimming and water cascades. The nature park Parco delle Alpi Ligure and the hiking trail 'Highway of the Ligurian Mountains' start in the nearby villages of Rezzo and Colle di Nava.

A forty-minute drive in the direction of the Mediterranean Sea leads to the historic seaside town of Albenga, with relaxed beaches and a medieval old town.



View from the terrace at  
the B&B Calderone

# B&B II Calderone

*Il Calderone* is a small family run B&B situated in a traditional, restored mountain cottage, a short distance away from my studio in the neighbouring village of Ubaga. *Il Calderone* offers comfortable, double rooms with private bathroom and kitchenette.

## Photos of the B&B

Google maps: <https://goo.gl/maps/UEG2qRaiJ22WzwRD8>

- The rooms are equipped with a TV set and **Wi-Fi connection**.
- **certified with three „suns“**, an Italian certification for high standard B&Bs and holiday apartments.
- There are **two large terraces** that offer a beautiful view over the Arroschia Valley towards the sea.
- There are **free parking** places at the B&B
- The B&B Calderone offers a **shuttle service from the train station** in Albenga. One way from the station to the B&B costs 20 Euros.
- **E-Bike rental**

## Where to eat:

- ***Il Calderone serves meals*** for breakfast, lunch or dinner upon request. **Please note:** *Il Calderone* serves only **homemade vegan-organic food!**
- Glutenfree options are available.
- **Each room is equipped with a kitchenette so guests also have the option to prepare their own meals.**
- By car or E-bike it takes about **15 mins to get to the nearest food shops, bakeries, restaurants and pizzerias** in Borghetto, Vessalico and Pieve di Teco.

## Room reservation:

I will be happy to translate and forward your reservation request to the owners of the B&B and send you the booking confirmation and the directions to the B&B.

## Prices for course participants:

**Single room: 57 Euro per night.**

**Double room: 67 Euro per night.**

**Cleaning fee: 20,00 Euro per room**

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# Holiday Apartment Ca di Ferai

Ca di Ferai can be an ideal choice **if you come with a friend, partner or family.** The apartment is situated **a short distance away from my studio in the neighbouring village of Ubaga. It is rented out by another local host.**

## Photos of the Apartment

Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/yRLT2VHF4so86zaf7>

- **2 Rooms with beds for up to 4 persons** (towels and linens are provided)
- Living Room Kitchen, bathroom, balcony, **access to garden with barbecue**
- **No Shuttle Service!** You need to come by car.
- Free parking
- **No meals provided.**

## Prices for course participants:

**70 Euros per night** Cleaning fee: **20,00 Euros**

If you are interested in booking this accommodation I will forward you the landlady's contact.

## Boutique Hotel

### Il Salotto di Lavina

*Il Salotto di Lavina* offers **spacious design suites in a beautifully restored palazzo.** The building is surrounded by drystone terraces with **direct access to a natural swimming pool.**

The owners Dick & Erna also cook for their guests and in the village of Lavina you can enjoy traditional Ligurian food in one of the best restaurants in our valley.

*„Open the window and enjoy the beauty of the green valley. Go for a bath or take a plunge in the river to start your day fresh. Breakfast is waiting for you on the terrace!“*

It is a 25 min drive from *Il Salotto* to my pottery studio.

Google Maps: <https://maps.app.goo.gl/APidnuxBzrk8ERLx5>



## Prices per suite for course participants:

**single occupancy: 150,- Euros per night including breakfast**

**double occupancy: 175,- Euros per night including breakfast**

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# How to reach us:

- Nearby **Airports** are **Nice** and **Genoa**.
- The nearest **train station** is **Albenga**.
- **Please note: My studio and the B&B can only be reached by car.** There are **free parking places** at the B&B Calderone and in front of the church in Montecalvo.
- **In our villages there aren't any shops or restaurants.** By car it takes about **15 mins to get to the nearest food shops, bakeries, restaurants and pizzerias** in Borghetto, Vessalico and Pieve di Teco.
- You can **rent a car at the airport** in Nice or Genoa. Both airports are about 100 km away from our village.
- **The B&B Calderone offers a shuttle service for participants who travel without a car.** Please contact me if you are travelling without a car and would like to book the shuttle service.
- There is an excellent **train connection along the coast from both Nice and Genoa to our local coastal town of Albenga.** The trains run almost every hour from Nice Ville or Genoa Piazza Principe and tickets can be bought at these stations or online beforehand. When travelling from Nice by train, there is one change at Ventimiglia before continuing to Albenga. The trains from Genoa run directly to Albenga.
- **It is not possible to camp or sleep in your car during the courses.** Camping is not allowed in our village. The next camp sites are at the coast in Albenga.

## Frequently asked questions:

### **I am travelling without a car. Can I reach the ceramic studio and the B&B by public transport?**

Our villages are not connected to public transport, but Patrizia and Oscar from the B&B offer a **shuttle service from the train station in Albenga** to the B&B and between the B&B and my workshop. They would be happy to pick you up at the train station in Albenga and drive you to the B&B.

You can also walk between the B&B and my workshop. Participants (even those with a car) often decide to walk at least one way on the foot path through the woods to my studio. It takes about 45 Minutes.

It is possible to **rent an E-Bike from the B&B** to cycle to my studio and to explore our valley.

About a third of my course participants come without a car and book the shuttle service. Joining the course without a car works well, but if you would like to do many trips and visit the coast it is necessary to have a car.