

“PORCELAIN PAINTING ART TOUR “SPECIALE” – MILANO, ITALY – 2014

XIII CONVENTION AZZURRA – “FROM TRADITION TO DESIGN” – MILANO

After very successful Porcelain Painting Art Tours in Germany and Switzerland, we now want to invite you to another exclusive trip to Italy in May 2014. Centerpiece of this tour is a special event in Milano: XIII CONVENTION AZZURRA – “From Tradition to Design”, the International Meeting for the firing arts: Porcelain Painting, Ceramics, Glass, Enamels. Held in the beautiful Italian Villa “Palazzo Bocconi”, precious pieces of porcelain artwork will be displayed for an entire weekend. Artists of high international renown will provide inspiring demonstrations of traditional and modern designs and techniques. Following the convention, you will attend a customized 2-day porcelain painting class with Donatella Viggiani at the wonderful studio of the Hobbyceram International School of Decorative Arts Milano. We will arrange an elegant social program with special events, sightseeing, authentic Italian food, museum visits, music, entertainment, shopping opportunities, time for individual activities – and some surprises. Another highlight of this tour is a 2-day excursion to the beautiful Tuscany countryside and Florence with a wine tasting, great food and a guided tour.

Travel date: **May 21 – June 01, 2014 (Wednesday – Sunday, 12 days)**
Optional individual trip extensions are possible

Tour price starts at: **\$4,339** (land package, double occupancy, cash payment)*
Minimum of 12 travelers is required (painters or non-painters)
* Based on bankers buyers' exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.34 USD

We offer a \$100 finder's fee for successful tour registration referrals – Bring a friend!

Packages include: 4-star hotel accommodation with daily breakfast (air-conditioned rooms)
XIII Convention Azzurra / 2-day Porcelain Painting Class at Hobbyceram
Sightseeing program / Tuscany – Florence excursion / Wine Tasting
9-10 group meals (partly as special events / with entertainment) / Receptions

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| 01 – Wed, May 21: | Individual departure / Flight to Milano, Italy |
| 02 – Thu, May 22: | Arrival in Milano / Meet at hotel / Tour & Reception at Hobbyceram studio |
| 03 – Fri, May 23: | Guided city tour Milano / Individual museum visits |
| 04 – Sat, May 24: | XIII Convention Azzurra – Day 1 show and demonstrations / Reception |
| 05 – Sun, May 25: | XIII Convention Azzurra – Day 2 show and demonstrations |
| 06 – Mon, May 26: | Guided tour Museum of Firing Arts in Nova Milanese / Individual activities |
| 07 – Tue, May 27: | Porcelain Painting Class – Day 1 / Special evening event |
| 08 – Wed, May 28: | Porcelain Painting Class – Day 2 / Special evening event |
| 09 – Thu, May 29: | Tuscany countryside excursion with overnight stay at a local b&b |
| 10 – Fri, May 30: | Guided tour Florence / Individual activities / Return to Milano |
| 11 – Sat, May 31: | Free day for individual activities in Milano or excursions / Farewell dinner |
| 12 – Sun, June 01: | Individual departure from Milano |

We offer to plan and organize individual trip extensions if you would like to add a few days.

Special offer for a trip extension: Sign-up for a **porcelain painting class “FLOWER POWER”** with the prominent artist **Stephen Hayes** at the Hobbyceram International School for Decorative Arts in Milano prior to the convention. Date for the class: **May 20-22, 2014** (Tue/Wed/Thu).

We also provide alternate programs for accompanying family / friends (“non-painters”) who want to come on the trip but do not participate in the convention or porcelain painting class.

Tentative trip program and land package price are subject to change.

The custom “Porcelain Painting Art Tours” are a joint project of:



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