

## **“PORCELAIN PAINTING ART & BEYOND” TOURS TO GERMANY**

### **2013 - TOURS WITH PORCELAIN PAINTING CLASSES AT THE DRESDEN MANUFACTURER AND THE SOHR / KUGELMEIER STUDIOS, BAVARIA**

**Germany is the birthplace of European porcelain. Until today the tradition of artful handcrafted porcelain is very much alive at many local porcelain manufacturers.**

In the early 18th century endeavors were made in Germany to unlock the secret of porcelain manufacturing. The orders were given by Augustus II "the Strong", the Electoral Prince of Saxony and the King of Poland. In 1708, white porcelain was manufactured for the first time in Europe under the leadership of E.W. von Tschirnhaus and J.F. Boettger.

The **“Saxon Porcelain Manufacturer of Dresden”** was founded in 1872 and is still keeping alive the long tradition of European porcelain art. Few skillful shapers and painters are manufacturing delicate porcelain items purely by hand. In 1708, the European porcelain was invented in Dresden being the baroque royal capital of Saxony.

The **“State Porcelain Manufacturer Meissen”** was founded in 1710 and is Europe's first porcelain manufacturer. Table services, figurines, accessories are still hand-crafted. The "Crossed Swords" is the oldest trademark in the world to have been used without interruption since their creation.

In 1757, G.H. Macheleid from Thuringia independently developed a technique to make porcelain. Since then, many small manufacturers along the so called **“Porcelain Roads in Thuringia and Bavaria”** have made their ways creating an exciting diversity of local designs: decors featuring native flowers, birds, landscapes, portraits, herbs...

Founded in 1751, the **“Royal Prussian Porcelain Manufacturer KPM”** stands for the very finest porcelain and one of the leading luxury brands in the world. The legendary King of Prussia, Frederick the Great, gave the company its name and trademark in 1763.

The **“Nymphenburg Porcelain Manufacturer of Munich”** has been handcrafting finest porcelain services, figures and objects of the greatest quality and purity for 260 years. Its history is inseparably associated with the famous royal Wittelsbach dynasty in Bavaria.

“Porcelain Painting Art & Beyond” Tours include **two 2½-day porcelain painting classes** with experienced professional instructors – one at the **Dresden Porcelain Manufacturer** and one in **Lenggries, Bavaria at the Sohr / Kugelmeier studios**. We will visit prestigious porcelain manufacturers as well as precious porcelain collections at historic places and royal palaces. We organize encounters with local porcelain painters.

You will also have time to discover Germany's historic castles and palaces, parks, gardens, traditional small towns and villages, scenic landscapes and, last but not least, the many authentic local culinary delights Germany has to offer throughout the year.

**We offer to plan and organize individual trip extensions in case you want to add a few days in Germany or Europe. We also provide alternate programs for accompanying family / friends and “non-painters” who would like to join the group but who do not want to participate in the porcelain painters' hands-on workshops.**

The custom “Porcelain Painting & Beyond” Tours to Germany are a joint project of:



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Travel dates: **June 21 – July 04, 2013 (Fri – Thu, 14 days)**  
**August 30 – September 12, 2013 (Fri – Thu, 14 days)**  
**September 20 – October 03, 2013 (Fri – Thu, 14 days)**

Tour price starts at: **\$3,984** (ground package, double occupancy, cash payment)\*  
Based on a group size of either 5-6 or 8-14 travelers (max. 12 painters)  
\* Based on exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.35 USD  
Add \$550 single supplement (twin bed rooms to share available)

Packages include: Hotel accommodation with breakfast (air conditioned if available)  
Private van/bus with driver and bilingual travel escort throughout  
Admission fees for tour-related trips, museums, galleries, castles etc.  
Two 2 ½ -day porcelain painting classes with lunch snacks  
6 group meals including beverages (limited consumption)

**Day 01 – Friday: Individual departure from the U.S. or elsewhere**

**Day 02 – Saturday: Individual arrival in Germany’s capital Berlin**

Welcome at the hotel – Classic sightseeing tour on a boat through central historical and modern Berlin – Brief walking tour in the historic district Berlin-Mitte – Welcome group dinner – Overnight: Berlin.

**Day 03 – Sunday: Berlin – KPM and more**

KPM porcelain manufacturer with demonstration – Individual lunch – Flea Market Berlin – Time for individual excursions in Berlin (personal tips and maps will be provided) – Individual dinner – Overnight: Berlin.

**Day 04 – Monday: Meissen – Porcelain Painting Class “Dresden style” Introduction**

Meissen Porcelain Manufacturer with demonstration and group lunch – Dresden Porcelain Manufacturer with Painting Class (welcome, introduction, demo, select pieces – Overnight: Dresden.

**Day 05 – Tuesday: Porcelain Painting Class “Dresden style”**

Dresden with individual lunch – Porcelain Painting class – Dresden group dinner – Overnight: Dresden.

**Day 06 – Wednesday: Porcelain Painting Class “Dresden style”**

Guided tour through Dresden Porcelain manufacturer – Porcelain Painting class with group lunch – Excursion to Weesenstein Castle or Moritzburg Palace – Individual dinner in Dresden – Overnight: Dresden.

**Day 07 – Thursday: Erfurt – Medieval town in Germany’s green heart**

Pick-up of final pieces – Walking Tour Erfurt / Individual lunch – Individual activities/ dinner – Overnight: Erfurt.

**Day 08 – Friday: Porcelain in the Thuringian Forest – Romantic Road – Bavaria**

Porcelain manufacturers Volkstedt / Kaemmerer – Rothenburg – Group dinner – Overnight: Rothenburg.

**Day 09 – Saturday: Rothenburg – Porcelain Painting Class “Bavaria” (Sohr / Kugelmeier) Introduction**

Walking tour in Rothenburg – Porcelain Painting Class at Sohr / Kugelmeier studios (welcome, introduction, demo, select pieces) – Group dinner – Overnight: Bad Toelz/Lenggries.

**Day 10 – Sunday: Porcelain Painting Class “Bavaria” (Sohr / Kugelmeier)**

Porcelain Painting class (Sohr / Kugelmeier) with group lunch – Bad Toelz – Overnight: Bad Toelz/Lenggries.

**Day 11 – Monday: Porcelain Painting Class “Bavaria” (Sohr / Kugelmeier)**

Porcelain Painting class with group lunch – Excursion (castle & countryside) – Overnight: Bad Toelz/Lenggries.

**Day 12 – Tuesday: Nymphenburg porcelain manufactory Munich – Erding**

Pick-up of final pieces – Visit Nymphenburg Palace in Munich – Individual dinner – Overnight: Erding.

**Day 13 – Wednesday: Bavaria’s royal capital Munich – Erding**

Walking tour in Munich (optional) – Individual activities – Erding – Farewell group dinner – Overnight: Erding.

**Day 14 – Thursday: Transfer to airport MUC - Individual departure from Munich**

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Itinerary and accommodation is subject to change. \*Tour price is subject to change due to currency fluctuations. Tour price does not include airfare, travel insurance, shipping costs, credit card payment, personal expenses.

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**Please contact us for further information and tour registration.**

