

**2021 "PORCELAIN PAINTING ART & BEYOND" TOUR TO GERMANY**  
**INCLUDES A 04-DAY PORCELAIN PAINTING CLASS AT FÜRSTENBERG**

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

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 King of Poland. In 1708, European porcelain was invented by J.F. Boettger in Dresden. In 1710, white porcelain was manufactured in Meissen, Germany, for the first time in Europe. Many other world-renowned manufacturers of high-quality European porcelain have been founded since then – such as the manufacturers in Fürstenberg and in the regions of Franconia & Thuringia.

Fürstenberg porcelain: <https://www.fuerstenberg-porzellan.com/en/home/>

Porcelain Route in Franconia: <http://www.porzellanstrasse.de/en/home-en.html>

Porcelain Route in Thuringia: <https://www.thueringer-porzellan.de/home.html> (in German only)

Our "Porcelain Painting Art & Beyond" Tour includes a **04-day porcelain painting class** at the prestigious porcelain manufacturer in Fürstenberg in the state of Lower Saxony, Germany. Since the founding in 1747, the name has stood for unique craftsmanship and exclusive manufacturer's porcelain. Over the course of time, renowned designers, modelers and porcelain painters have shaped the history of the manufactory founded by Duke Carl I. of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel. Whether tableware series, gift items or individual designer pieces – porcelain from Fürstenberg has all the qualities it needs to become a classic.

We will visit the prestigious porcelain manufacturer in Fürstenberg as well as smaller traditional porcelain manufacturers in Franconia and Thuringia. You will also have plenty of time to discover Germany's historic towns, castles & palaces, scenic landscapes and, last but not least, the many authentic local culinary delights Germany has to offer. This tour takes you to the more rural scenic countryside and to charming small towns in Germany in the pleasant early spring season.

Travel date: **October 21<sup>st</sup> – November 03<sup>rd</sup>, 2021 (Thu – Wed, 14 days / 12 nights)**

Tour destinations: Frankfurt – Weimar – Fürstenberg – Coburg – Selb – Bayreuth – Frankfurt

Tour price starts at: **\$4,383** (ground package, double occupancy, cash payment)\*  
 Based on a group size of either 04-05 or 07-10 travelers (max. 08 painters)  
 \* *Based on bankers buyers' currency exchange rate 1 EUR = 1.14 USD*  
 Add \$610 single supplement (twin bed rooms to share available but limited)

Package includes: Hotel accommodation with daily rich breakfast  
 Private van/bus with driver / airport transfers / bilingual tour guide throughout  
 Admission for group activities as stated in the itinerary  
 04 -day porcelain painting class with lunches and refreshments  
 09 additional group meals (limited beverage consumption)

**We offer individual trip extensions if you want to add a few days in Germany or Europe. We also provide alternate sightseeing programs for accompanying family / friends and other "non-painters" who would like to join the group but who do not want to participate in the porcelain painting class.**



## Basic trip itinerary for the 2021 “Porcelain Art & Beyond” Tour in Germany:

### Day 01 – Thu, October 21<sup>st</sup>: Travel day

Individual departure from the U.S. / Flight to Frankfurt, Germany

### Day 02 – Fri, October 22<sup>nd</sup>: Arrival / Weimar

Individual arrival at Frankfurt airport / Pick-up by guide / Transfer to Weimar, Thuringia / Option: Stop in Eisenach or Gotha / Welcome group dinner in Weimar / Overnight: Weimar

### Day 03 – Sat, October 23<sup>rd</sup>: Weimar & Region

Guided Weimar tour in the morning with free time & shopping / Belvedere Palace & Park with porcelain collection in the afternoon / Group dinner in Weimar / Overnight: Weimar

### Day 04 – Sun, October 24<sup>th</sup>: Fürstenberg

Transfer to Fürstenberg, Lower Saxony / Guided tour at Fürstenberg porcelain manufacturer & sale / Group dinner / Overnight: near Fürstenberg

### Day 05 – Mon, October 25<sup>th</sup>: Porcelain Painting Class – Day 01

Class from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with 1-hour group lunch break / Late afternoon: free time for individual activities or group excursion (optional) / Individual dinner / Overnight: near Fürstenberg

### Day 06 – Tue, October 26<sup>th</sup>: Porcelain Painting Class – Day 02

Class from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with 1-hour group lunch break / Late afternoon: free time for individual activities or group excursion (optional) / Individual dinner / Overnight: near Fürstenberg

### Day 07 – Wed, October 27<sup>th</sup>: Porcelain Painting Class – Day 03

Class from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with 1-hour group lunch break / Late afternoon: free time for individual activities or group excursion (optional) / Individual dinner / Overnight: near Fürstenberg

### Day 08 – Thu, October 28<sup>th</sup>: Porcelain Painting Class – Day 04

Class from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. with 1-hour group lunch break / Late afternoon: free time for individual activities or group excursion (optional) / Individual dinner / Overnight: near Fürstenberg

### Day 09 – Fri, October 29<sup>th</sup>: Collect final pieces / Coburg

Collect final pieces at Fürstenberg manufacturer / Transfer to Coburg, Franconia / Group dinner in Coburg / Overnight: Coburg

### Day 10 – Sat, October 30<sup>th</sup>: Coburg

Kaiser porcelain outlet & guided Coburg tour in the morning with free time & shopping / Coburg Fortress in the afternoon / Group dinner in Coburg / Overnight: Coburg

### Day 11 – Sun, October 31<sup>st</sup>: Franconia / Selb

Travel along Franconian Porcelain Route to Selb / “Porzellanikon” porcelain museum & shop / Group dinner in Selb / Overnight: Selb

### Day 12 – Mon, November 01<sup>st</sup>: Bayreuth / Selb

Travel along Franconian Porcelain Route to Bayreuth / Bayreuth with New Palace & miniature painting collection / Bayreuth Ducal Opera House / Group dinner in Selb / Overnight: Selb

### Day 13 – Tue, November 02<sup>nd</sup>: Bamberg / Frankfurt

Travel to Frankfurt via Bamberg / Guided Bamberg tour with Cathedral & historic town center / Free time for museum or shopping / Farewell dinner in Frankfurt / Overnight: Frankfurt

### Day 14 – Wed, November 03<sup>rd</sup>: Travel day

Transfer to Frankfurt airport / Individual departure / Return flight / Individual arrival in the U.S.

*Trip itinerary and ground package price are subject to changes.*



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