



## Family Fun Guide

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*Venture to a time when great ships, loaded with Chinese tea, silk, spices and porcelain, sailed the seas headed for the ports of Europe and America. For hundreds of years, only the Chinese knew the formula for making porcelain. This made "china" objects seem very exotic and desirable to people in the West. The porcelain objects you see today are some of the finest examples remaining of the vast China Trade. Explore the galleries to discover more!*



### *A fair trade?*

**Take a look at the Pair of Soldier Vases near the entrance of the exhibit.**

In 1717, Augustus the Strong of Saxony traded **600 soldiers from his army** in exchange for 151 pieces of porcelain, including several vases like these, with Friedrich Wilhelm I of Prussia. These large vases came to be called "soldier vases" because of this unusual trade.

### *Personalized Plates!*

**Check out the many examples of dishes featuring elaborate heraldic shields, like this plate.**

Many wealthy families had their dinner plates and other china "personalized" with their own coat of arms, a source of family pride. A coat of arms is a design made of symbols that represent a family's history and distinctions. What would **your family's coat of arms** look like?



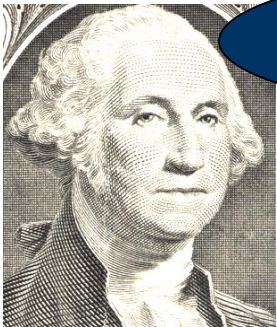
*Oops, you missed a spot!*

**Find this large dish with an unusual cut-out rim.**

Porcelain objects were not just used for drinking or dining. Many things, like this shaving bowl, were for more **personal use**. Can you figure out how a man would use this to shave?



*Does my "mug" look familiar?*



**Search for a jug embellished with a portrait of this fellow.**

Americans became involved in the China Trade in the late 1700's. Some of the pottery was decorated with popular "American" images, like eagles, flags and portraits of important people.

Find the porcelain objects once **owned by this famous American**.

## *Scavenger Hunt*

*Can you find...*

*A "see-through" plate*

**Maps**

Vases salvaged from a ship wreck

*A fox hunt*

A KILN

a man turning a potter's wheel with his FOOT

Men cutting trees with a long saw

**the Eight Immortals**

*fishmongers company coat of arms*

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