



The Transferware Collector's Club

Presents a Special
Tenth Anniversary Ceramics Tour to England & Wales
October 10 – 15, 2009 *

Our tour begins in the Potteries, that area of England where pottery and porcelain manufactories proliferated with the advent of the Industrial Revolution. Our visits to museums and private collections will emphasize bat printed and underglaze printed porcelains, underglaze blue-printed earthenwares, early transfer printed tin-glazed tiles, rare transfer printed cream wares, and outline-printed and enamel-painted earthenware and stone china. Then we head south to Ironbridge to learn about that area's production including Caughley porcelain, best known for blue-and-white printed designs imitating the fashionable Oriental porcelains imported into Britain at that time in the 18th century. We will end in South Wales, known for production of high-quality underglaze blue printed earthenwares to rival the wares of any other pottery-making region.

TOUR LECTURER, Deborah Skinner, was a ceramics curator at the Potteries Museum in Stoke-on-Trent for more than 22 years, specializing in 19th century Staffordshire ceramics, architectural ceramics and art pottery. She was also a curator consultant for the new museum and visitor center at the Spode factory in the 1990s, and curator for the new tiles gallery at the Gladstone Pottery Museum. Since 2002, Deborah has lectured in Museum & Heritage Management at post-graduate level. She is secretary of the Northern Ceramic Society and a trustee of the Raven Mason Collection at Keele University.

ITINERARY

Friday, October 9: DEPART HOME

Evening Depart the U.S. no later than today.

Saturday, October 10: STAFFORDSHIRE

Arrive in the U.K. Transfer to Stoke-on-Trent on your own. *Transport services from area airports and train stations can be pre-arranged, or you may arrive by taxi.* Check in to the **Premier Inn Stoke at Trentham Gardens**, a newly built hotel on the former estate owned by the Duke of Sutherland, which has been re-developed to include magnificent Italian gardens, woodlands, and even a monkey forest. In the afternoon meet Tour Lecturer **Deborah Skinner**--a local authority of

R, D



Staffordshire ceramics

will be at the Six Arches, a buffet-style carvery located on Trentham Estate.



Staffordshire ceramics; and **Meg MacDonald**, Tour Director for the duration of the tour. Our tour officially begins with a visit at **Keele Hall**, the ancestral home of the Sneyd family now located on the campus of Keele University. See the **Raven Mason Collection** of made by the Mason family, famous for their ironstone china. Dinner

Sunday, October 11: STAFFORDSHIRE / CHESHIRE / STAFFORDSHIRE

B, L R



Our morning begins at **Rode Hall** where owners **Sir Richard and Lady Anne Baker Wilbraham** will collection of British porcelain and lunch. Afternoon at the **Potteries** houses the world's greatest Staffordshire ceramics. Evening at **Holdway**, a collector and master demonstrate the remarkable



show their extensive ceramics, followed by **Museum**, which collection of the **home of Paul** engraver, who may process of bat printing.



**This special anniversary tour will precede the Transferware Collector's Club Tenth Annual Meeting in Bristol, October 15th – 18th, 2009. Registration and fees for the TCC Annual Meeting are separate and forms are available on the club site at: <http://transferwarecollectorsclub.org/>.*

PROGRAM PRICES

Land-Only Tour Cost: \$1,995 per person, double occupancy
Single Supplement: \$295

Includes: Five nights' first-class accommodation; breakfast daily; four lunches with water and coffee included; three receptions; three dinners with beer and wine included; transportation by private coach; entrances to sites featured in the itinerary; tips and taxes for included services; Tour Lecturer to provide commentary; Tour Director to manage logistics; gratuities for the coach driver; and \$100 contribution to the Transferware Collector's Club.

Excludes: Round-trip airfare to Manchester and from Cardiff, Bristol or elsewhere; airport transfers; portage at the Stoke hotel; meals and beverages not otherwise included; items for personal use, including phone, fax and e-mail charges, minibar, and laundry services; passport fees, in any.

For early arrivals: Extra nights at the Premier Inn in Stoke are per room, per night at a rate of £60 (approximately \$90) double or single, plus buffet breakfast at £7.95.



GENERAL INFORMATION

AIR TRAVEL

The tour cost excludes airfare. Travel Muse recommends booking online or through Tim Hennigan at agency affiliate Travel Collaborative. Tim can be reached at (617) 497-8134 or 1-800-370-7400 ext. 34 or tim@tvcoll.com. If you wish to travel using frequent flyer miles, Tim will assist for a per person booking fee of \$75 for upgrades and \$200 for free tickets.

AIRPORT TRANSFERS

Airport transfers are at additional cost. Information will be provided about independent and pre-arranged transfers closer to the tour.

HOTELS AND SINGLE SUPPLEMENT

The hotels are first class, based on two persons sharing a queen or twin-bedded room with private bath and/or shower. The right is reserved to substitute hotels when necessary. Although Travel Muse will endeavor to arrange for congenial travel companions, this cannot be guaranteed and a single supplement will be charged when necessary.

MEALS

Only those meals indicated are included in the cost of the tour. (B = Breakfast; L = Lunch; R = Reception; D = Dinner.)

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Although Travel Muse and ground operators will make every effort to adhere to the itinerary, on rare occasions it may be necessary to adjust arrangements due to circumstances beyond our control. Should any activities not be available, substitution will be made to the best of our ability and no refund will be made. Any additional costs necessitated by such changes are the responsibility of the tour member.

TOUR COSTS

Prices are based on a minimum of 18 paying participants and a currency exchange rate of \$1.50 to the British Pound. At the time of final payment, Travel Muse reserves the right to add any increased amounts arising from changes in foreign exchange rates and taxes and from changes instituted by suppliers or caused by market conditions. All local/government taxes on hotels, meals, and services in the itinerary are included in addition to normal gratuities to porters, waiters, and local guides. Rates are based on group participation, and there can be no refund for services or portions of the tour not taken. It is also understood and agreed that all excursions are optional and refunds cannot be made to tour members who do not participate or complete the tour, for any reason.

PHONE OR E-MAIL

For questions, please call Meg MacDonald at Travel Muse in Boston, MA: (617) 469-7370 or toll-free 1-877-716-1776. Or send an e-mail to: meg@travelmuse.net

RESERVATION FORM

Please complete this Reservation Form and send it with your deposit of \$500 per person (by check payable to Travel Muse) to: TRAVEL MUSE, 25 Montclair Avenue, West Roxbury, MA 02132. New registrations are still welcome, however deposits will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. An invoice will be sent to you for the final balance, which is due **August 28th**.

This tour is for current Transferware Collectors Club members. If you are not a current member, please include \$50 for the year's US membership dues. International dues are \$60. Membership entitles you to all current and past bulletins, full use of the club's web site, and access to the Pattern Database with over 3,600 distinct patterns. Dues will activate your membership until June of 2010.

Name(s): _____
(Include preferred titles: Mr., Mrs., Ms., or Dr.)

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Day Telephone: (____) _____ Evening Telephone: (____) _____

Fax: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

ACCOMMODATIONS

____ We would like to share a room: _____ Twin beds _____ Queen Bed

____ I would like to have a single room at the supplemental cost of \$295.

____ Please assist me in finding a roommate. *(If none can be found, I will pay the single supplement.)*

____ I/we would like to have a ____ non-smoking room ____ smoking room.

WAIVER OF LIABILITY

__ I (we) have read the details of this brochure, including the Terms and Conditions, and agree to abide by all stipulations contained therein.

Signature(s) _____ Date _____

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

LIMIT OF LIABILITY

Travel Muse and all its agents act only as agents for the passenger with respect to transportation, hotels, and other arrangements of this tour, and exercise every care possible. However, we cannot assume liability for accident, illness or injury, delay, loss, damage or expenses incurred, of or by clients and/or tour members and their property, alleged to have occurred as a result of strikes, riots, public disturbances, terrorism, war, quarantine, acts of God, or other causes beyond our control. All such losses or expenses will have to be borne by the passenger, as tour rates provide for arrangements only for the time stated. Travel Muse disclaims any and all responsibility for changes in air, coach, boat and other transport services and for any consequences of such changes. Travel Muse also reserves the right to cancel any tour prior to departure in which event the entire payment will be refunded with no further obligation or liability on its part, though exceptions may be made for unforeseen circumstances such as acts of terrorism in which case refunds will be made based on monies recovered from suppliers. The right is also reserved to decline to accept or retain any person or group, without any liability either to such person or group or agent/organizer/client or any other party connected to this service. The right is reserved to substitute accommodations, carriers or any other qualified leader; or to alter the itinerary of the program at any time when deemed appropriate or advisable without penalty or liability. The sole responsibility of any airline used for this tour is limited to that set out in the passenger contract evidenced by the ticket.

PAYMENTS

We encourage receipt of deposits by **June 1st**. An invoice will be sent to you for the final balance, which is due **August 28th**.

CANCELLATION POLICY

All cancellations must be made in writing to Travel Muse, 25 Montclair Avenue, West Roxbury, MA 02132.

Cancellation Penalty

- Cancellations received prior to July 10th, 2009: \$200 *
- Cancellations received from July 10th to August 27th, 2009 \$500 *
- Cancellations received on or after August 28th, 2009,
and up until the day of departure: **Total tour cost ****

• *Cancellation fee covers administrative and operational costs and any penalties assessed by suppliers.*

** Travel insurance information will be sent to you upon receipt of your deposit.