

Chinese Export Porcelain Bowl, Circa 1760

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Height: 7 cm (2.8")

Diameter: 15 cm (5.9")

Description

A finely made Chinese export porcelain bowl, dating to circa 1760, during the reign of the Qianlong Emperor. Produced for the Western market, it is a handsome example of the skill and refinement achieved by Chinese porcelain workshops at the height of the 18th-century export trade.

The bowl has an elegant, balanced profile and the luminous quality associated with finely potted Chinese porcelain. Its form was designed for use at the table, yet its restrained sophistication and delicacy also speak to the taste of the European merchants, families, and collectors for whom such wares were made. During the mid-18th century, Chinese export porcelain was prized throughout Britain and continental Europe, often taking pride of place in dining rooms, drawing rooms, and porcelain cabinets.

Objects of this period offer a tangible connection to the remarkable global trade between China and the West. Shipped from the port of Canton and transported by East India Company and private merchant vessels, porcelain bowls such as this became treasured household possessions and important symbols of cosmopolitan taste.

Today, this circa 1760 bowl remains a versatile and elegant decorative piece. It would sit beautifully within a collection of Chinese export porcelain, complement an 18th-century table setting, or bring a note of quiet refinement to a mantelpiece, cabinet, or dining room display.

Chinese export porcelain, circa 1760. Please refer to the photographs for decoration, dimensions, condition, and any signs of age or use.