



Sleeve Vase

China, Jingdezhen kilns

Ming dynasty (transitional period), dated by inscription to autumn 1637

Porcelain with underglaze cobalt decoration

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Known in the West as a '*rolwagen*' or 'sleeve vase,' this type of shape was popular in Europe during the seventeenth century. The same year this vase was made, Peter Mundy, a traveller from Cornwall, arrived in Canton. He was probably the first Englishman to send back drawings of China.

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