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**MEISSEN**

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The „Willkomm“ ( German = Welcome ) is a part of MEISSEN Manufacturer's earliest „key experiences“. Created by Johann Jakob Irminger, a pioneer of porcelain design, Saxonian King Augustus the Strong is said to have drunk from this myth-enshrouded porcelain-key on the occasion of visiting Albrechtsburg in Meissen - according to an entry in the guestbook dated 1714. Until 1864 Albrechtsburg was the place where the „white gold“ was being manufactured and the secret formulas of the Meissen alchemists were being guarded. The „Willkomm“ was the king's MEISSEN-Sceptre. Like a magical key it granted a symbolic entry to the world of MEISSEN'S art. The 40 cm large original key had been staged in rather a pompous and downright fanciful manner during celebrations at court in the Baroque and Rococo age. A part of such celebrations was a little ceremony, popular since the 17th century: to offer guests a „Willkomm“ communal drink. Since the middle of the 18th century MEISSEN manufactures such keys from the highly treasured, precious „white gold“.

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at Burg Schlitz  
and experience an exceptional dinner.