

SHOW REVELS IN THE COLOURFUL WORLD OF SÈVRES PORCELAIN

Just steps from the River Seine on the western outskirts of Paris, the Sèvres Cité de la Céramique has one of Europe's most extensive collections of ceramic art. Until 2 April, the focus is on colour for its *L'Expérience de la Couleur* exhibition.

About 400 works of art show the way colour has shaped the identity of the famous Sèvres porcelain, with its factory creating more than 1,000 varieties since 1740 – among them *bleu de Sèvres*, *rose Pompadour*, *bleu céleste* and *vert Hyber*.

The curator, Frédéric Bodet, has taken the concept of the exhibition beyond the confines of the Sèvres laboratory, and broadened it to include textiles, paintings, glass design and photography.



ABOVE: See Sèvres porcelain and more at an exhibition in Paris

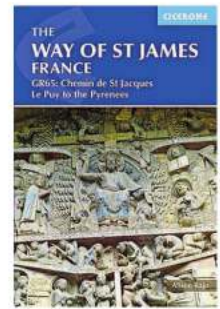
Works by ceramic artists and potters such as Théodore Deck, Ernest Chaplet and Edmund de Waal mingle with paintings by artists renowned for their bold use of colour, including Yves Klein, Sonia Delaunay and Gérard Fromanger. One of the most striking works is the surreal ceramic sofa in the shape of lips created by Bertrand Lavier.

About 50 works were

lent by the Musée National d'Art Moderne in the Centre Pompidou, and the display formed part of the centre's 40th anniversary celebrations last year.

If you are visiting with children aged five to 12 on 17 February, 10 March or 24 March, enrol them in a workshop where they can paint their own Sèvres vase frieze.

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Mary Novakovich
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