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GALLIVANTING TEAPOTS **Origins and evolution of an art of living** **Musée Ariana, from 21st June 2019 to 13rd September 2020**

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The Musée Ariana's new exhibition *Gallivanting teapots. Origins and evolution of an art of living* highlights the collection of exceptional teapots kept by the museum. The presentation offers the opportunity to discover the formal, stylistic and decorative evolution of this fascinating object over the course of 500 years.

Invented in China in the early 16th century, the teapot was to spread at lightning speed, brought to Europe by the large East India Companies. Not merely a utilitarian object and now a familiar one in our part of the world, the teapot is also testimony of an art of living that developed around the drinking of tea. Over the centuries, this exotic beverage would come to pervade all levels of society.

Composed of a body, spout, handle and lid, each teapot has its own particular characteristics. Evocation of this form and its history allows us to discover the richness of the museum's collections, whose diversity of styles, decoration and added elements are indicative of a constantly-evolving fashionable trend.

This exhibition also appeals to your senses. As well as sight, both smell and taste will be solicited, senses rarely called upon in a museum.

Guided Tours

Sunday 23 June at 2pm; Sundays 13 October 2019, 19 January, 17 May and 13 September 2020 at 11am

Press visits on request

Exhibition preview: Thursday 20 June at 7pm

Visuals downloadable here: <https://vdgbox.ville-geneve.ch/index.php/s/j3cikCCZT3w65sL>
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