



## 18th Century Dutch Delftware Blue & White Chinoiserie Tea Caddy



400 EUR

Signature : Delft

Period : 18th century

Condition : Etat d'usage

Material : Ceramic

Length : 7 cm

Width : 5.7 cm

Height : 13.3 cm

### Description

This antique Dutch Delftware tea caddy presents a classic blue-and-white palette, executed in underglaze cobalt on a tin-glazed white ground. Its rectangular silhouette with bevelled shoulders is both elegant and architectural, and the chinoiserie decoration--figures, birds and stylised flora--evokes the 18th-century European imagination of the East.

Tea was a high-value imported commodity in 18th-century Europe, and the tea caddy became a discreet symbol of refinement: it protected precious tea leaves and also served as a decorative statement within the ritual of tea drinking. Delftware is prized for exactly this combination of bright tin glaze, expressive cobalt painting and a direct link to the domestic culture of the period.

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**Material/Technique:**

Tin-glazed earthenware (Delftware); underglaze cobalt-blue decoration.

**Date/Origin:**

Dutch Delftware, 18th century (working dating: c. 1760-1790).

**Condition:**

The caddy body is in excellent antique condition with well-preserved decoration and attractive age craquelure. The lid has been broken and glued (restored); please study the photographs. The caddy itself remains highly displayable.

**Dimensions & Weight:**

Height 13.3 cm (including lid)

Width 7 cm

Depth 5.7 cm

Weight 303 g

Please study the accompanying photographs carefully as they form an integral part of this description.

If you have any questions, we will be happy to answer them.