



## **Why was Jingdezhen chosen as the site of the imperial kiln factory?**

Jingdezhen was selected due to its abundant resources of fine raw materials, presence of skilled artisans, and its long-established history of ceramic production. There are several reasons why the Imperial Kiln Factory chose to establish itself in Zhushan, Jingdezhen:

**Ceramic resources:** Zhushan has abundant ceramic raw material resources, especially high-quality ceramic clay. The abundance and quality of these ceramic raw materials provide advantages for ceramic production in Jingdezhen.

**Geographical location:** Zhushan is located in the central part of Jiangxi Province, with a superior geographical location. It is close to the Gan River, providing convenient transportation for the transportation of raw materials and the sale of finished products.

**Water source and fuel:** Zhushan has abundant water resources and forest resources, which provide convenience for fuel supply for kilns and water sources during the ceramic production process.

**Craftsmanship inheritance:** Before the Ming Dynasty, the Jingdezhen area had a long history and tradition of ceramic production. As the core area of Jingdezhen, Zhushan has witnessed the inheritance and development of ceramic craftsmanship.

For the above reasons, the Imperial Kiln Factory chose to establish itself in Zhushan, Jingdezhen, to fully utilize the local ceramic resources and craftsmanship tradition, and laid the foundation for Jingdezhen to become the capital of Chinese ceramics.