

**SA1182247**

## Monumental Indian Bronze Aftaba with Makara Handle, India c. 1850

Price

**GBP 4,500**

| USD \$6,089 | EUR 5,265

**Item Reference: SA1182247****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 50 cm (19.7")

Width = 54 cm (21.3")

Depth = 27 cm (10.6")

## Description

Monumental Indian bronze aftaba (ewer) of sculptural quality, dating to around 1850. Heavily cast and richly engraved, it has the presence and scale associated with serious mid-19th-century Indian metalwork rather than later decorative copies. The rounded body sits on a strong lotus-petal foot and rises to a tall neck with fluted, domed cover on its original hinge. A long S-shaped spout terminates in a stylised animal head, while the opposing handle is modelled as a powerful makara, the mythological water creature, biting the lid finial. The handle is fully three-dimensional, with carefully worked scales, fins and jaw, giving the ewer a striking outline in profile. The surface is completely covered with hand-cut ornament: foliage, palmette motifs and geometric bands that catch the light across a deep brown and green patina. The underside of the foot and the interior show the gritty texture and small cavities of historic sand casting, not modern machine-ground finishing. This combination of form, detail and patina places the piece firmly within the established corpus of 19th-century Indian aftabas. ? Measurements

• Height approx. 50 cm (19.7?) • Span spout to handle ap...

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