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Indian Dowry/ Marriage Chest From Jaisalmer, Circa 19th Century

Price

GBP 780

| USD \$1,063 | EUR 910

Item Reference: SA1183872

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 57 cm (22.4")

Width = 120 cm (47.2")

Depth = 62 cm (24.4")

Description

This Jaisalmer dowry or marriage chest, colloquially known as a stick chest, is a testament to the resourcefulness and artistry of the desert – dwelling tribes of West Rajasthan. Crafted from the sticks harvested from the arid desert landscape, this chest is meticulously riveted together with robust iron fittings, creating a durable and secure container for the precious dowry items. Over the years, the surface of the chest developed a pale, dry patina, a visual narrative of its history and the hands it has passed through. This patination is not merely a sign of age but a badge of honour, showcasing the chest's resilience and the life it has witnessed. The chest's utilitarian design, coupled with its aesthetic wear and character, makes it an ideal piece for modern homes. It can serve as a unique storage solution in a bedroom, holding linens or personal items. Alternatively, its flat surface and sturdy construction allow it to be repurposed as a distinctive coffee table, sparking conversations and evoking the mystique of its origins. This Jaisalmer dowry chest is not just a piece of furniture; it's a slice of history, a functional work of art that bridges the gap between...

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