

SA1194772

Mid-17th-Century Dutch School, Mountainous Landscape With Wood, River & Figures - Antique Oil Painting

Price

GBP 2,400

| USD \$3,248 | EUR 2,808

Item Reference: SA1194772

Date of manufacture: 17th Century

Dimensions

Height = 54 cm (21.3")

Width = 71 cm (28.0")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

Description

This mid-17th-century Dutch landscape painting, executed in oil on canvas, depicts travellers moving through a broad river valley beneath dramatic mountainous peaks. Set within an expansive panorama, the scene combines a dark wooded foreground with a luminous middle distance and a hilltop fortress. On the left, a dense curtain of trees frames the composition and creates a strong 'repoussoir effect', guiding the eye towards the meandering river and the small figures scattered along its banks. Riders pause beneath the canopy while other travellers progress along the winding path. Beyond them, a church spire rises gently from a modest town, and further still, a pale stone castle crowns a rocky eminence. Above, billowing clouds drift across a vast sky, their shifting forms lending the scene a sense of movement. The composition is carefully constructed to draw the viewer into depth, employing the classic Dutch device of alternating zones of light and shadow. Subtle tonal transitions lead from the earthy browns and greens of the foreground to the cool blues and greys of the distant mountains, demonstrating a confident understanding of atmospheric perspective. The handling is ...

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