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Rare 19th Century Indo-Persian
Matchlock Musket strikingly
covered in Mother-of-Pearl
Inlay.

Price

GBP 1,550

| USD \$2,097 | EUR 1,814

Item Reference: SA1196991**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A visually striking early 19th century Indo-Persian matchlock musket, the long forged steel barrel measuring approximately 105 cm, secured by hand-forged iron barrel bands and retaining its original sighting pin. Overall length approximately 154 cm. The full-length stock is extensively decorated with geometric and rosette-pattern mother-of-pearl inlay, arranged in dense repeating panels along the butt, wrist and fore-stock. The decoration displays consistent age-related wear, minor losses and shrinkage commensurate with period manufacture. The musket retains its traditional matchlock mechanism with serpentine arm and pan, reflecting continued Indo-Persian use of match ignition for prestige and presentation arms well into the mid-19th century. The barrel and ironwork show an even aged patina throughout, with no evidence of modern manufacture. The form, materials and decoration are consistent with Indo-Persian workshop production, possibly from a northern Indian or Persian-influenced region, produced as a high-status or presentation firearm rather than utilitarian military issue. Condition: Good antique condition overall. Expected age-related wear to metal and inlay, with...

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