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Late 18th Century Balkan
Ottoman Flintlock Holster
Pistol with Brass Mounts and
Silver Inlay. Dating to
c.1770–1790, it places the
pistol firmly in the late Ottoman
cavalry frontier period,
Price
GBP 950

| USD \$1,286 | EUR 1,112

Item Reference: SA1200941**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

Description

A good original example of a Balkan Ottoman flintlock holster pistol, dating from the late 18th century. The pistol is fitted with a long steel barrel measuring approximately 13.5 inches, engraved with decorative scrollwork along the top flat, and mounted with a finely engraved flintlock mechanism. It retains its distinctive brass furniture including an engraved side plate with hunting scene decoration, brass trigger guard and a large flared pommel cap typical of pistols produced in the Balkan regions under Ottoman influence. The walnut stock shows carved decoration to the fore-end and retains traces of silver wire and applied silver ornament to the grip. The pistol measures approximately 20.5 inches overall and features an unusual decorative scroll-form trigger within the guard. The surfaces display attractive age patination and honest wear consistent with use and age. A characterful and well-made example of an Ottoman frontier holster pistol. Condition Report: • Mechanism present and complete, stiff but working. • Barrel with age-related wear and patination. • Stock showing wear and darkening around the lock area from historic use • Silver inlay largely worn or parti...

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