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Ottoman Miquelet "Rat-Tail" Holster Pistol, Brass & Mother-of-Pearl Mounted, Bosnian Sarajevo Region, c.1780–1810

Price

GBP 1,250

| USD \$1,692 | EUR 1,463

Item Reference: SA1201087**Date of manufacture: 18th Century**

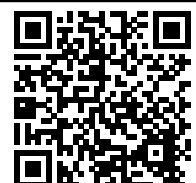
Description

A very decorative Ottoman Balkan miquelet holster pistol dating to the late 18th or early 19th century, most likely from the Bosnian gunmaking workshops of the Sarajevo region. Pistols of this distinctive form were widely carried throughout the Ottoman Balkans and Greece and were designed to be worn tucked into a sash or belt as part of traditional dress. The pistol is fitted with the robust miquelet ignition system, recognisable by its external mainspring and long steel frizzen, a lock form widely used throughout the Mediterranean and Ottoman world from the 17th century onwards for its strength and reliability. The curved "rat-tail" or rail-butt stock is almost entirely clad in engraved and embossed sheet brass, decorated with stylised foliate and geometric designs and set with mother-of-pearl roundels. This decorative treatment is typical of Balkan Ottoman pistols produced in Bosnia during the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The original hand cut steel ramrod is present. The barrel measures approximately 30.5 cm and retains engraved decorative panels at the muzzle and breech. The pistol measures 45.5 cm overall and is fitted with a steel ramrod. Such pistols were...

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