

SA1205157

Chinese amber necklace with eighteen carved luohan heads and figural pendant, c. 1870

Price

GBP 1,200

| USD \$1,624 | EUR 1,404

Item Reference: SA1205157

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Description

A Chinese amber necklace composed of eighteen individually carved luohan heads separated by spherical spacer beads and ending with a sculptural pendant featuring a small figural group. The carving is lively and expressive, with deeply cut features and the slightly grotesque expressions characteristic of traditional representations of the Eighteen Luohan. The amber displays natural colour variation ranging from rich cognac and reddish tones to lighter honey hues, with internal clouding visible within the translucent material. Such amber was widely used by Chinese craftsmen in the late Qing period for devotional and decorative objects. Pieces of this type combine Buddhist symbolism with sculptural amber carving and are appreciated by collectors for the individuality of each carved head and the presence of a figural pendant. Measurements Length folded: 36 cm (14.17?) Length extended: approximately 72 cm (28.35?) Weight: 107 g Condition Good antique condition. No visible major damage or repairs observed in the carved amber elements. Shipping & Packaging Fully tracked and insured delivery. Shipping cost includes labour, packaging and postage. Carefully packed using appropriate materials. Internal Ref: B1678

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