

SA1214655

Monumental Pair of Portasanta and Rosso Antico Marble Obelisks, Italian early 20th Century

Price

GBP 11,500

| USD \$15,562 | EUR 13,456

Item Reference: SA1214655**Date of manufacture: 1910**

Dimensions

Height = 102 cm (40.2")

Width = 20.5 cm (8.1")

Depth = 20.5 cm (8.1")

Description

Impressive Pair of Huge Italian Portasanta and Rosso Antico Marble Obelisks Italy circa 1910. Of choice cuts of Portasanta marble, visually supported on spheres carved of Rosso Antico marble, the cubical bases rising from square plinths, also of Rosso Antico marble. Originally utilised in ancient Egypt, obelisks were later adopted by the Romans and during the height of the Grand Tour in the 19th century, some twelve different obelisks remained in Rome itself. Any grand tourist would have been proud to have brought back a pair of marble obelisks as part of their souvenirs of their experience and the workshops that produced these pieces continued to operate in to the 20th century. Although these pieces, and modern reproductions of them, are reasonably common, it is extremely rare to find pieces of this size and quality. The mouldings are crisply carved, the marble chosen is very well figured and the contrasting sections of Portasanta and Rosso Antico provide much more visual interest than is usually encountered in the lesser pieces that one encounters. Sure to provide a talking point in any interior, these obelisks are a decorator's dream and could provide the focal ...

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