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Large Chinese Ming Dynasty Swatow Ware Porcelain Charger Dish c. 1640 AD

Price

GBP 335

| USD \$452 | EUR 392

Item Reference: SA1216731**Date of manufacture: 17th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 6 cm (2.4")

Width = 28.1 cm (11.1")

Depth = 28.1 cm (11.1")

Description

Large Chinese Ming Dynasty Swatow Ware Porcelain Charger Dish c. 1640 AD Brief Description: Late Ming Dynasty, c. 1640 AD, Zhangzhou Prefecture, Fujian Province, China A mesmerising large Swatow (Zhangzhou) ware porcelain dish, beautifully decorated in underglaze cobalt blue with bold, freely painted phoenix birds and floral sprays, encircled by sketchy concentric bands. The painterly execution is vigorous and spontaneous, exemplifying the dynamic brushwork typical of Swatow wares. At the centre, a distinctive bisquited brown band provides contrast and textural depth. The reverse bears a concentric border adorned with small floral motifs. Produced in the coastal kilns of Zhangzhou, particularly around Pinghe County, Swatow ware represents a distinctive body of late Ming export porcelain made primarily for the Southeast Asian trade. Important kiln sites include Da Long and Er Long in Wuzhai, and Huazai Lou in Nansheng. Archaeological evidence suggests production between c. 1575 and 1650, with peak activity around 1620. Swatow ware is celebrated for its rustic charm and expressive spontaneity—often coarsely potted, under-fired, and bearing kiln grit on the glaze foot. Th...

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