

**SA1217184**

A 19th century conch shell  
cameo table lamp, carved with  
the Bay of Naples with  
Vesuvius behind, In the Grand  
Tour manner

Price

**GBP 575**

| USD \$778 | EUR 673

**Item Reference: SA1217184**

**Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 22 cm (8.7")

## Description

On its original turned ebonised base. The lamp professionally rewired with traditional silk flex, new bulb, plug and PAT safety tested, ready to plug in and enjoy. 22 cm high overall. Occasionally found in a 'Cabinet of Curiosities' or 'Wunderkammer' but also much coveted for the warm soft light they omit. Wunderkammer: A German term that literally translates to "wonder-room" and is widely referred to in English as a "Cabinet of Curiosities". Its origins originating in 16th-century Europe. The Wunderkammer was an encyclopaedic, private collection of extraordinary, rare, and exotic objects often containing items of natural history such as the shell lamp we are selling here. The cabinets ranging in size from a small piece of furniture to an entire room. *Cypraea rufa*: is a marine gastropod mollusc in the Cassidae family. Commonly known as the "cameo shell".

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