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Ceylonese 19th Century Ebony and Specimen Wood Centre Table Galle District

Price

GBP 12,500

| USD \$16,883 | EUR 14,620

Item Reference: SA1219572

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 72 cm (28.3")

Width = 96 cm (37.8")

Depth = 96 cm (37.8")

Description

An extremely fine octagonal carved Anglo Indian ebony centre table with specimen inlaid top. Ceylonese circa 1840. This outstanding specimen table exhibits all the best characteristics of the Galle District craftsmen of the 19th century using the enviable supply of native tropical timbers. Of octagonal form, this table is executed almost entirely in ebony that has been carved and finished to the highest standard of quality. Beginning at the base, the table stands on three extraordinary feet in the form of crouching lions with flowing manes, their faces highlighted by inlaid ivory eyes which give them a somewhat startled expression and make them utterly charming to look at rather than fierce. The feet support a tripartite platform base with carved apron and the three curving supports leading to the table top are not only highly carved but also fretted. The strength and density of ebony allowing this sort of decoration to be used even on a part of the structure which is so fundamental to the overall strength of the piece. Further fretted carving is used on the apron and frieze of the table top, the decorative scheme here being largely floral with highly naturalistic depi...

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