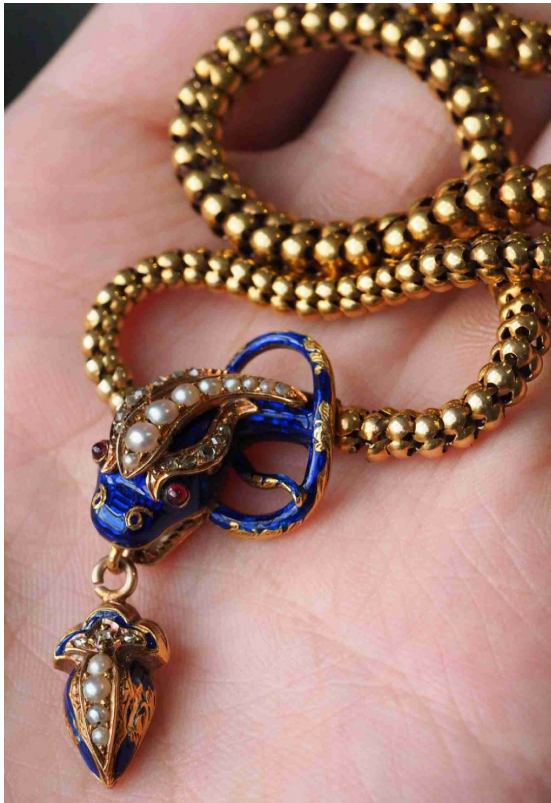


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Antique Victorian Snake Serpent Necklace 18K Gold, Diamond & Enamel - c.1860

Price

GBP 8,500

| USD \$11,502 | EUR 9,946

Item Reference: SA1219852

Date of manufacture: Victorian

Description

We are delighted to offer this fabulous Victorian 18ct gold reticulating snake necklace made c.1860. Captivating, stylish and a marvel of fine jewellery making, Victorian snake necklaces present some of the finest and most impressive goldsmithing of the era, making it an iconic and classical statement piece of the period. Throughout history, the snake motif has served as a regal or symbolic imprint, from Cleopatra to Roman beliefs of love. This piece being made in the Victorian era, would have been very much in vogue as Queen Victoria was very fond of serpent jewellery, being gifted an engagement ring from Prince Albert in 1839. As a result, many forms of jewellery of the Victorian era, whether it be a ring, bangle or necklace, were often inspired and featured snake designs. This particular necklace presents some of the most desirable and impressive traits of Victorian goldsmithing - its entirety is crafted from 18ct gold, which has a lovely, rich and warm antique gold tone. The reticulating design imitates a lifelike snake and also allows for a very smooth and comfortable wear, truly coming to life upon wearing and movement. The craftsmanship in order to make a gradua...

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