

SA1232017

Antique Qing Chinese Export Rosewood Inlaid Centre Table by Edwards & Roberts

Price

GBP 3,650

| USD \$4,976 | EUR 4,259

Item Reference: SA1232017

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 76 cm (29.9")

Width = 135 cm (53.1")

Depth = 135 cm (53.1")

Description

An impressive mid-19th century Qing period (1644-1912), Chinese export centre table, made in Chinese rosewood and retailed by Edwards & Roberts. The table is richly inlaid with ivory and contrasting woods, and represents a high-quality example of Chinese decorative furniture produced for the Western market during this period. The tabletop is finely inlaid with a detailed scene depicting daily life along a southern Chinese river. Using contrasting woods and ivory set into a rosewood ground, the composition shows boats on calm water, figures travelling and working, riverside buildings, and birds in flight. Interwoven throughout the scene are traditional Chinese auspicious symbols, including bats (happiness), phoenixes (peace and harmony), and dragons (strength and protection). Rather than illustrating a single narrative, the scene presents an idealised vision of harmony between people, nature, and symbolic creatures, reflecting themes of prosperity and balance. The table is supported by an octagonal central column, also inlaid, which rises from a square base. From the column extend four carved supports, each decorated with phoenixes and floral carvings, providing both ...

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