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C19th Italian 'Grand Tour'
souvenir bronze after the
antique of " Augustus Caesar
Prima Porta"

Price

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Date of manufacture: 1880

Description

C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir bronze after the antique of " Augustus Caesar Prima Porta". Well-cast and sharply detailed bronze copy of the iconic marble antique original of the Imperator , the first of the Roman Emperors 27 BC- 14 AD. In this study Augustus is depicted as commander-in-chief of the Roman army , dressed in military attire , posed with his arm raised as an orator probably addressing his legions , and carrying a consular baton. The elements combining to portray both the martial and political characteristics of the great leader. The 2m high original 1st Century AD marble statue was discovered in 1863 in the grounds of the Villa of Livia at Prima Porta near Rome, and is now shown in the 'Braccio Nuovo' of the Vatican Museums. The 'cuirass' or breast-plate, is finely detailed with bas-reliefs featuring diverse Roman deities including Mars the God of war, Diana, Apollo and Sol the sun god. The design also features symbolism and personifications of conquered territories and celebrates his victories in Hispania, Gaul, Germania and Parthia, and the return of the lost Roman legionary eagles , as well as Augustus's establishment of Pax Romana. The sphinxes on ...

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