

SA438452

Late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir marble paperweight with inlaid micro-mosaic panels depicting scenes of Ancient Rome.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA438452

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 12 cm (4.7")

Width = 17 cm (6.7")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir marble paperweight with inlaid micro-mosaic panels depicting scenes from Ancient Rome. Good cartouche-shaped 'Nero Belgio' black marble paperweight inset with 7 micro-mosaic oval scenes, each surrounded with a malachite-banded border. The largest central scene depicting "St. Peter's Square". Clockwise, the scenes depict "The Roman Forum", "The Temple of Hercules", "Castello di Angelo", "The Colosseum", "Arch of Constantine", and "The Pantheon". Skilful and expensive souvenirs such as this were produced from the C18th onward by the likes of the Vatican workshops and others, to supply the demand for souvenirs from rich tourists visiting the Eternal City. All in excellent original condition with no losses, repairs or damage. Minor nicks and small chips to the edges of black marble. H 5" W 6.5" D 1" Italy, Rome c.1870

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