

SA554260

Finely carved Italian late C19th alabaster 'Grand Tour' souvenir model of the Temple of Castor & Pollux .

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA554260

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 40 cm (15.7")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 6 cm (2.4")

Description

Finely carved Italian late C19th alabaster 'Grand Tour ' souvenir model of the Temple of Castor & Pollux. Located in The Forum , the Temple of Castor & Pollux constituted a key landmark in every visitor's 'Grand Tour' of Ancient Rome. Dedicated to the twin sons of Jupiter and Leda , also known as the Dioscuri, the temple was first erected to commemorate the Roman Republic's victory at the Battle of Lake Regillus in 496 BC , where the twins were said to have appeared on the battlefield. This scale model of the ruined Temple remains , presents fluted columns and capitals of the Corinthian order supported by a high podium . The entablature consists of a three-step architrave , decorated with acanthus motif , a plain frieze, and a cornice with modillions framing recessed rosettes. Skilfully and precisely carved from alabaster , stained and veined to resemble valued 'Giallo Antico' yellow marble . This is an accurate architectural scale-model representation of the Temple ruins , not to be confused with other inferior alabaster versions . Raised on a block base which bears the inscription "Foro Romano" . The production of these high-quality expensive souvenirs for sale to...

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