

**SA591024**

C19th Italian carved alabaster  
'Grand Tour' souvenir model of  
the Baptistery, Pisa , Italy.

Price

**Sold**

**Item Reference: SA591024**

**Date of manufacture: 1880**

Dimensions

Height = 27 cm (10.6")

Width = 18 cm (7.1")

Depth = 18 cm (7.1")

## Description

C19th Italian carved alabaster 'GrandTour' souvenir model of the Baptistery, Pisa , Italy. Intricately carved alabaster scale model of the domed roof Baptistery from the Piazza Dei Miracoli (Field of Miracles) in Pisa. The Baptistery was began in 1153 in a Romanesque style under Diotisalvi and completed in the 1300's in the Gothic style under the guidance of Nicola and Giovanni Pisano. The Gothic dome was added by Cellino di Nese. The Baptistery (Battistero di San Giovanni) in Pisa is the largest in Italy , enclosing important furnishings, including a font and Pisano pulpit . The skilfully carved model with incredible attention to accurate detail. Some historic minor losses and some repairs and cracks to the dome . The lift-off finial top has also suffered some damage and repair , with the cross surmount missing. Possibly designed to take a candle inside which would illuminate the almost translucent and finely-carved alabaster stone. Architectural models such as this were produced by Italian craftsmen and sculptors, for sale to wealthy tourists as souvenirs of their 'Grand Tour' of the sites and sights of classical Europe during the C18th and C19th centuries. Mount...

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