

SA616110

Fine C19th Chinese export
decorated leather and
brass-bound camphor trunk.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA616110

Date of manufacture: 19th Century

Dimensions

Height = 48 cm (18.9")

Width = 95 cm (37.4")

Depth = 50 cm (19.7")

Description

Fine C19th Chinese export decorated leather and brass-bound camphor trunk . Highly decorative Chinese dark green leather-covered trunk painted with vignettes and scenes of Chinese life and trailing floral and leaf decoration . The whole with brass bindings , studs and fitted with carrying handles to the ends . The unlined interior revealing the well-figured and perfumed camphor wood construction, fitted with a hinged brass stay . The front with the original square brass escutcheon plate and brass ring handle to the lid and fitted with it's original lock (key lacking) . The highly decorative and hand-painted decoration with some atmospheric wear and loss . The leather with some marks , scratches and wear commensurate with age , use and purpose. Leather and brass-bound camphor trunks of this type of varying sizes and decoration , were produced in the Canton area of China for export to the West to serve as both coaching or travelling trunks and storage chests , the perfumed aroma of the camphor being repellent to insects and infestation thus protecting the contents. This example still retaining a particularly fragrant scent when opened . In good original condition w...

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