

SA634792

Fine C19th Italian marble
'Grand Tour' souvenir
paperweight with inset
micro-mosaic panel.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA634792

Date of manufacture: 1880

Dimensions

Height = 11 cm (4.3")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

Fine C19th Italian marble 'Grand Tour' souvenir paperweight with inset micro-mosaic panel . Cartouche-shaped Nero Belgio black marble paperweight with superb inlaid central oval coloured micro-mosaic panel depicting St.Peters Square, Rome , Italy . The micro-mosaic panel beautifully executed and showing detailed architectural features of St.Peters Square and the Basilica. The detail showing figures in the square visiting the iconic sights , featuring the ancient Egyptian obelisk to the centre of the piazza , Bernini's collonades and fountains. The iconic dome and facade of St. Peter's Basilica shown to the cente rear . The edge of the paperweight with ribbed or moulded profile , which helps provide grip and functionality. The skill and intricate techniques of mosaic inlay employing tesserae (small blocks of tile or stone) to form complex designs using colours , shape , size and shading is a much-admired medium used in the decorative arts in Italy since Roman times and throughout antiquity. Works of this type of micro-mosaic were developed and produced from the time of the Renaissance through the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries on into the late nineteenth centur...

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