

**SA760684**

## Antique Italian Marble Profile Plaque of Roman Emperor Claudius 19th Century

Price

**Sold****Item Reference: SA760684****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 26 cm (10.2")

Width = 20 cm (7.9")

Depth = 4 cm (1.6")

## Description

This is a beautiful Italian white Carrara marble profile bust of the Roman Emperor Claudius, dating from the mid 19th Century. The sensitively carved Grand Tour plaque depicts the profile of Claudius with a laurel wreath in his hair on an oval dark grey fossil marble back plate. The attention to detail throughout this item is second to none. Condition: In really excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 26 x Width 20 x Depth 4 Dimensions in inches: Height 10.2 x Width 7.9 x Depth 1.6 Claudius I was the emperor who added Britain to the Roman Empire. Claudius was born on 1 August 10 BC in Gaul (now France) into the Roman imperial family. Tiberius, the second emperor of Rome, was his uncle. Claudius suffered from physical disabilities, including a limp and a speech impediment and was therefore treated with disdain by his family, and not considered as a future emperor. When Tiberius's successor Caligula was assassinated in January 41 AD, the Praetorian Guard found Claudius in the palace and acclaimed him as emperor. The senate held out against Claudius for two days, but then accepted him. Relations between Claudius a...

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