

SA767268

Antique Grand Tour Italian Vatican Micro-Mosaic Marble Desk Weight 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA767268****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 10 cm (3.9")

Width = 14 cm (5.5")

Depth = 10 cm (3.9")

Description

This is a superb decorative antique Italian Grand Tour Vatican Micro-Mosaic inset black marble desk weight, in the form of a miniature table, circa 1870 in date. The cartouche shaped table top with a central depiction of Saint Peter's Basilica and Piazza, surrounded by views of the Pantheon, the Capitoline, the Temple of Vesta and the ruined Temple of Vespasian, all in oval reserves; raised on a knopped and waisted pedestal, the circular foot exquisitely inset with sample arrangement of semi precious stones including malachite, agate, onyx, cornelian, porphyry and pink granite. Not only is this desk paperweight very decorative, but it is also an exquisite mineralogical wonder that can be admired by all discerning collectors. Condition: In excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 10 x Width 14 x Depth 10 Dimensions in inches: Height 3.9 x Width 5.5 x Depth 3.9 Micro-Mosaic From the Renaissance micro-mosaics began to be made in Italy, reaching the height of their popularity in the mid 19th century, when Rome was the centre of production; there was a Vatican Mosaic Studio from 1576, set up to create mosaic replicas of the alta...

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