

SA803722

C19th Italian 'Grand Tour'
souvenir cartouche-shaped
marble paperweight with
micro-mosaic central panel .

Price

GBP 1,600

| USD \$2,165 | EUR 1,872

Item Reference: SA803722

Date of manufacture: 1870

Dimensions

Height = 12 cm (4.7")

Width = 19 cm (7.5")

Depth = 2 cm (0.8")

Description

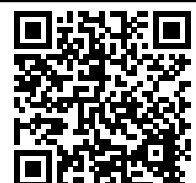
Late C19th Italian 'Grand Tour' souvenir cartouche-shaped marble paperweight with micro-mosaic central panel. Finely executed micro-mosaic decorated paperweight with an oval central panel depicting the ancient Roman Forum in Rome, later known as the 'Campo Vaccino' or Field of cows, as the ruined public space in central Rome was used for grazing. . The cartouche shaped black marble body with a band of marmo Rosso red marble surrounding the central scenic panel . . The micro-mosaic panel showing the ancient column ruins of the Temple of Vespasian to the centre and flanked by the Arch of Constantine and the ruined remains of The Temple of Jupiter. The scene displaying a skilfully-worked perspective with good depth, showing further ruins beyond the foreground including the Column of Phocas . A fine quality paperweight of the type produced to satisfy the demands of rich tourists for souvenirs when completing the 'Grand Tour' of the classical sites and sights of Italy and Europe. In excellent original condition with no damage or repairs. Very minor chips to edges of the black marble body commensurate with age and use . H 5" W 7.5" D 1" Italy, Rome c.1870

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