

SA828795

C18th Dutch East Indies teak and cedar chest with gilt-brass and bronze fittings.

Price

Sold

Item Reference: SA828795

Date of manufacture: 18th Century

Dimensions

Height = 57 cm (22.4")

Width = 144 cm (56.7")

Depth = 57 cm (22.4")

Description

C18th Dutch East Indies teak and cedar chest with gilt-brass and bronze fittings. Large rectangular Dutch colonial coffer or chest of bold scale, bound with decorative gilded brass strap-work. The front with a decorative brass escutcheon and the interior of the lid with decorative strap hinges secured with dome studs. Each end fitted with an impressive gilt-bronze carrying-handle with a decorative shaped back-plate. The interior fitted to one end with a hinge lidded candle or perhaps lavender box to protect contents of the chest from insects. Fitted with the original lock, though non-functioning as the lugs of the hasp have previously been cut to allow access. (No key) These types of exotic chests were produced in the colonies for employees of the Dutch East India Company (V.O.C) to transport, store and protect garments and possessions. Has achieved an excellent colour and patina with historic and atmospheric wear commensurate with age, use and purpose. An exotic and practical chest with huge decorative appeal and history, ideal for use as storage on a landing or in a hallway. H 23" W 56" D 23"

Dutch East Indies, Batavia c.1760
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