

SA949029

Antique French Ormolu Casket Turquoise Carnelian & Tigers-eye 19th Century

Price

Sold**Item Reference: SA949029****Date of manufacture: 19th Century**

Dimensions

Height = 14 cm (5.5")

Width = 23 cm (9.1")

Depth = 11 cm (4.3")

Description

This is a truly magnificent and substantial antique French luxury ormolu casket, circa 1880 in date. This exceptional casket is rectangular in shape with a domed top and features multiple inset turquoise, carnelian and tigers-eye jewels, with Gothic revival decoration. The hinged lid opens to reveal a spectacular interior lined in purple silk. It is an impressive casket which apart from its functionality is also a highly attractive and valuable item. Complete with working lock and key. Condition: In really excellent condition, please see photos for confirmation. Dimensions in cm: Height 14 x Width 23 x Depth 11 Dimensions in inches: Height 5 inches x Width 9 inches x Depth 4 inches Ormolu - (from French 'or moulu', signifying ground or pounded gold) is an 18th-century English term for applying finely ground, high-carat gold in a mercury amalgam to an object of bronze. The mercury is driven off in a kiln leaving behind a gold-coloured veneer known as 'gilt bronze'. The manufacture of true ormolu employs a process known as mercury-gilding or fire-gilding, in which a solution of nitrate of mercury is applied to a piece of copper, brass, or bronze, follo...

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