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### (Spice Islands) *Moluccae Insulae Celeberrimae*

**Stock#:** 54440  
**Map Maker:** Blaeu  
**Date:** 1640 circa  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19 x 15.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 475.00



#### Description:

Fine hand-colored example of Blaeu's important and highly decorative map of the Spice Islands.

Wonderful, highly decorative cartouche, which many collectors will recognize as the thematic logo for the Miami International Map Fair. The map features a large inset of the Island of Bachian (Batjan) in an elaborate frame as well as a Moluccan couple in the lower right corner in Europeanized native dress. This is indicative of the area's commercial importance.

Blaeu has filled the seas with both European and local ships, two of which are engaged in battle. Sea monsters and decorative compass roses are also shown.

#### Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color. Minor foxing.