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[Crete / Corsica / Sardinia] Corsica [and] Sardinia [and] Creta . . . [and] Insulae Mari Ionii

Stock#: 87918
Map Maker: Ortelius
Date: 1603
Place: Antwerp
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19.5 x 13.5 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

A fine example of Ortelius's decorative set of four maps of Mediterranean islands. Showing Corsica, Sardinia, Crete, and the Ionian Islands, this is a very nice map of the region. This map was originally published in Ortelius's *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*, the first world atlas.

The map includes a number of elaborations, especially in the map of Crete. Here, a sailing ship and two sea monsters are visible. Mountains are shown pictorially, and cities are highlighted.

The maps are based on a variety of sources. In the maps of Corsica, Sardinia, and the Ionian islands, Ortelius only cites his use of classical sources. For his map of Crete, Ortelius mentions an earlier Francesco Soranzo map.

Detailed Condition: