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## Mexico.

**Stock#:** 96306  
**Map Maker:** De Bry / Merian  
**Date:** 1627  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 7 x 6 inches  
**Price:** SOLD



### Description:

This map of Mexico City drawn in the style of Braun & Hogenberg birdseye views. It depicts the city in the middle of a large lake, drawn from an elevated perspective.

The city's layout is orderly, showing square blocks of buildings. A network of canals runs through the city, with causeways linking it to the mainland.

Mexico City has a rich history that spans many centuries. The origins of the city can be traced back to the Aztecs who, according to legend, established their capital, Tenochtitlan, on an island in Lake Texcoco in 1325. The city became the center of the Aztec Empire, renowned for its complex social, political, and religious structures.

In 1519, the Spanish conquistador Hernán Cortés arrived in Mexico and by 1521, after a brutal campaign, the Aztec Empire had fallen to the Spaniards. Cortés chose the site of the Aztec capital for the new Spanish capital of the region, calling it Mexico City.

The Spanish initiated a comprehensive urban development plan, constructing European-style buildings and infrastructure on the ruins of Tenochtitlan. A grand cathedral, El Zócalo, was built on the site of the Aztec Templo Mayor, symbolizing the imposition of Catholicism on the indigenous people. By the mid-16th century, Mexico City was largely remodeled in the Spanish style, although many indigenous people continued to live there and maintain some of their traditions.

In the latter half of the 16th century, Mexico City continued to grow and prosper. Despite occasional setbacks, such as epidemics and floods, it became an important economic and political hub of the Spanish



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**Detailed Condition:**