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Stock#: 81937
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572
Place: Frankfurt
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG
Size: 19 x 13.5 inches
Price: \$ 750.00



Description:

Striking group of 4 city views, illustrating a trip from Africa to the trading regions of East, from Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*, the most famous and influential book of town plans published in the 16th Century.

The top view shows the important 16th Century Indian trading center Calecut, near Madras, which was then an important Portugese trading post, at a time when the Portuguese made a fortune from trade with the East. It shows the town rising out of a jungle of palm trees. An elephant with a mahout is watching while boats are constructed on the beach, and Asian and European vessels just offshore are shown in some detail. Beneath the view of Calecut are smaller views of Ormuz at the entrance of the Persian Gulf, Canonor in India, and the Portuguese fortress of El Mina in West Africa.

Detailed Condition:

Original hand-color, with some oxidation damage.