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Byzantium Nunc Constantinopolis

Stock#: 32313
Map Maker: Braun & Hogenberg
Date: 1572
Place: Cologne
Color: Hand Colored
Condition: VG+
Size: 19 x 13 inches
Price: SOLD



Description:

Important early map / birdseye view of Istanbul, from Braun & Hogenberg's monumental town book.

The Braun & Hogenberg view is one of the finest and most sought-after views of Istanbul. Viewed from the village of Scutari, the City is shown with all its fortifications, the original Genouse district of Galata on the opposite bank of the Golden Horn to the right. European galleons and Turkish galleys fill the seas of the Bosphorus and Golden Horn. The great buildings of the 16th Century Istanbul during the reign of Suleiman the Magnificent can be clearly seen, including the "Suleymaniye Mosque" and the "Topkapi" palace. The lower center is filled with a parading Turkish horseman and troop of Janissaries.

This is the second state of the view, with the roundel at the right now including the Portrait of Murad III, the first edition being blank.

In 1653 Jansson acquired the nearly 500 plates of the *Civitates Orbis Terrarum* from Abraham Hogenberg, of which 232 were adapted and incorporated into the town books.

Detailed Condition: