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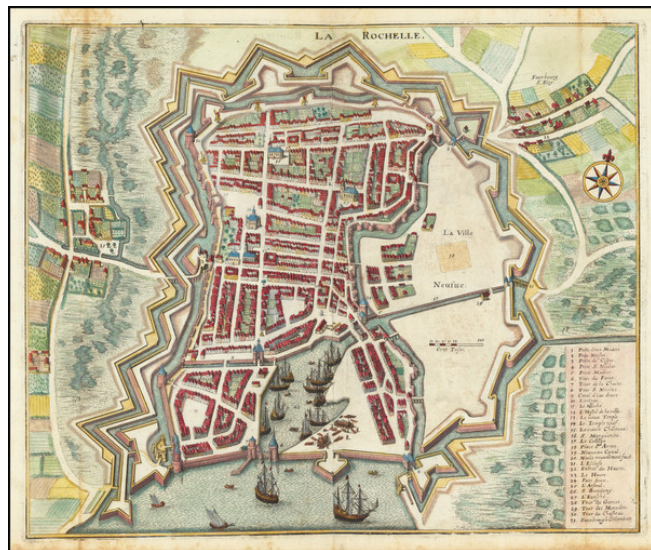
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## La Rochelle

**Stock#:** 67714  
**Map Maker:** Merian  
**Date:** 1638  
**Place:** Frankfurt  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 13.5 x 11.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 295.00



### Description:

Striking birdseye view of the French town and fortress of La Rochelle in Charente-Maritime. This work originally appeared in Merian's *Neuwe Archontologica Cosmica . . .*, an atlas containing numerous city plans and views published in 1638.

The plan shows the harbor, ships, detailed town plan, fortified walls, churches, bridges, and the neighboring region. The map includes a compass rose and a key naming 31 places.

La Rochelle is located on the Bay of Biscay, immediately facing the upscale Ile de Re. Originally a small port town, the town's economy grew when the Knights Templar established a base there in the 12th century. Later, closer to the time when this plan was made, the city acted as a Huguenot center in the French Wars of Religion.

### Detailed Condition: