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## Il vero disegno della cita di Tunisi e Biserta

**Stock#:** 75164  
**Map Maker:** Camocio  
**Date:** 1574 circa  
**Place:** Venice  
**Color:** Uncolored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 6.2 x 8.6 inches  
**Price:** \$ 575.00



### Description:

Rare first state of Camocio's rare plan of Bizerte in Tunisia, published in Venice.

The map is oriented with South at the top and illustrates the fortified town, harbor and citadelle at Bizerte.

### Bizerte

Arab armies took Bizerte in 647 in their first invasion of the area, but the city reverted to control from Constantinople until the Byzantines were defeated and finally driven from North Africa in 695-98. The troops of Charles V of the Holy Roman Empire captured the city in 1535, but the Ottoman Turks took it back in 1574, as part of the reconquest of Tunis under Kapudan Pasha Uluç Ali Reis. The conquest of Tunis in 1574 marked the final conquest of Tunis by the Ottoman Empire over the Spanish Empire. This was an event of great significance as it decided that North Africa would be under Muslim rather than



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Christian rule and ended the Spanish Conquista of Northern Africa, which started in 1497 under the Catholic Monarchs of Spain. The capture of Tunis in 1574 "sealed the Ottoman domination of the eastern and central Maghreb".

The city then became a Barbary Pirate corsair harbor and struggled against the French and the Venetians.

**Detailed Condition:**