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## [Besançon] Vesontio Sequanorum Gallis Bengan son Germanis Byzantz

**Stock#:** 76977  
**Map Maker:** Braun & Hogenberg  
**Date:** 1593 circa  
**Place:** Cologne  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 19.5 x 14 inches  
**Price:** \$ 450.00



### Description:

Important early view of Besançon which appeared in Braun & Hogenberg's *Civitatis Orbis Terrarum*, the most important collection of city views and plans published in the 16th Century.

Besançon is here portrayed from across the Doubs River, where the old part of the city sits on the inner part of a meander. The neck, which allows for access to the city from the southeast, is blocked off by a simple wall structure, as this view predates the construction of the town's famous citadel. As a border town, this city has changed hands numerous times through its history, being conquered and reconquered by the Dukes of Burgundy, French kings, and Holy Roman Emperors.

In the presented view, names are given to important buildings including gates, churches, and squares. The view includes four decorative coats of arms and an attractive cartouche. In all, a very decorative view of this town on the edge of the Jura mountains.

### Detailed Condition:

Drawer Ref: Braun &  
Hogenberg (Misc. 8)

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