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## [ Bergen, Norway ] Berga Noorwegiae

**Stock#:** 93728  
**Map Maker:** Jansson  
**Date:** 1657  
**Place:** Amsterdam  
**Color:** Hand Colored  
**Condition:** VG+  
**Size:** 18.5 x 12.5 inches  
**Price:** \$ 1,200.00



### Description:

Full original color example of Jansson's rare view of Bergen, Norway.

Includes a key locating about 20 points of interest in the view.

The view is based upon a view drawn by Hieronymus Scholeus, who, in 1581, drew the first known prospect of Bergen and the oldest known depiction of a Norwegian city. The view first appeared in the fourth volume Braun & Hogenberg's atlas *Civitates Orbis Terrarum*,

Several authors have doubted that Scholeus really was in Bergen, but a letter from Governor Henrik Rantzau to King Frederick II in 1585 confirms that the drafter was indeed in the city when he drew the picture. Rantzau reports that Georg Braun in Cologne had asked him for a picture, and he had then ordered and sent a copy of an older picture in the Bergenfarers' guild in Lübeck. But Braun had rejected it as a hundred years too old and therefore had someone who had been on the spot to draw the city.

Henrik Rantzau (1526-1598) was a Danish royal governor in Schleswig and Holstein. He had contact with Braun and Hogenberg in Cologne and helped them with the publication of the atlas by providing a map of Denmark and images of several cities in the duchies and Jutland. The contact with the publishers of the atlas led the Swedish author L.M. Bååth to believe that Rantzau himself had drawn the templates for the Scandinavian city prospects under the pseudonym Hieronymus Scholeus.

The engraving shows, among other things, the now-lost Nikolaikirken and Martinskirken.

### Detailed Condition: